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ST. GILES AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ORSETT
ST. MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH, BULPHAN

OCTOBER 2025

SERVICES – October 2025

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Thursday 2 nd October			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 3 rd		9-11.30am Oasis Café 9.30-11am Edward Bear Toddler Group At Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 4 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
Sunday 5th October <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 6 th	11am Horndon School Harvest Festival service		Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 7 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Wednesday 8 th		1.30pm Orsett School Harvest Festival service	9.30am Bulphan School Harvest Festival service
Thursday 9 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 10 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café 9.30-11am Edward Bear Toddler Group At Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 11 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 12th October <i>17th Sunday after Trinity Harvest Festival</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 13 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 14 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	2pm Holy Communion Service at The Whitecroft	
Thursday 16 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 17 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café 9.30-11am Edward Bear Toddler Group At Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 18 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 19th October <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	4pm Refresh Service		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service
Monday 20 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 21 st	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 23 rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 24 th		School holiday no Oasis Café or Edward Bear Toddler Group	
Saturday 25 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 26th October <i>Bible Sunday</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service 4pm Commemoration of the Departed Service		
Monday 27 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 28 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	12noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 30 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 31 st		School holiday no Oasis Café or Edward Bear Toddler Group	
Saturday 1 st November	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		4pm Forest Church
Sunday 2nd November <i>4th Sunday before Advent</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 29 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments

Open Church means that the Church is open for private prayer, refreshments are available at all sessions except Thursdays at Bulphan.

Sue's Last Hurrah

A selection of pictures taken at the party held for Revd Sue on Saturday August 30th and her last service on Sunday 31st August. The couple of abiding comments from Sue relating to the Saturday night event are, "I didn't expect as many to turn up" and "I wasn't expecting the entertainment". How she failed to understand how much people loved her and will miss her, was baffling. She was instrumental in making services more musical. It was nice to see so many old friends at both events



Thank you Sue
For all the love and support
For all "Sun Days"
Goodbye Sue I hope you have a lovely
time Emily
Thank you for your time
with us Love Anwar
Dariusz
Thank you for welcoming us making
us feel so welcome Hugo





THE PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN

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Baptisms

24 Aug	Jax Morgan	(H)
14 Sep	Chloe Rose Jackson and Harry Jay Jackson	(H)

Weddings

30 Aug	Darren Goodwin and Wioletta Jankowski	(O)
13 Sep	Tommy Broderick and Alex Brampton	(O)
14 Sep	Shaun Lewis and Tilly-Mae Brandon	(B)

Wedding Blessing

31 Aug	Neil and Johanna Dibell	(O)
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Interment of Ashes

19 Aug	Florence Ivy Smith (91)	(H)
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Wedding Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a wedding at:
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Forthcoming Baptism Preparation Dates:

Monday 13th October - 7.30pm at Orsett Church
Saturday 8th November - 12 noon at Horndon Church
Monday 8th December - 7.30pm at Orsett Church

For more information, please contact:
Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485
c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk



Churchwarden's Musings St. Peter and Paul Horndon on the Hill

Hello all

It was with much sadness we said goodbye to our Rector Sue at a farewell party on 30th August and her last service on Sunday 31st. I am sure there are many photos in this issue of the celebrations. We will miss her terribly but wish her God Speed into her new position in Norfolk being near to her son and family.

We now move into the time between rectors where we realise how much work there is to keep the parish ticking along. Please do support the church in this interim phase as it is a lot of work for the Churchwardens.

We would love to see as many of you as can make our Book Fayre on Saturday 4th October between 10 - 12 in the church. We have a plethora of books on all subjects for you to browse. There will of course be our free tea and coffee. Also cakes to buy and a raffle to enter.

On a Wednesday now, we welcome students from a local college who come along with Alastair to help keep our grounds and building looking good. Thank you so much Alastair for arranging this, and of course, thank you to the students who are doing a marvellous job.

Well, that's about all from me.

Looking forward to seeing you very soon

Sonia Ward

ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS REPORT



What a busy end to August we had – A wedding on the Friday, a wedding blessing on Saturday closely followed by Sue and Phil’s leaving do in the evening, finishing with a wonderful last service led by Sue on the Sunday. Although the weekend was hectic it was a pleasure to be involved in events which carried so much hope, joy and love. Our personal thanks go to all those who helped in any way to make Sue and Phil’s departure a happy and joyous occasion.



“What now?” is the question that is on everyone’s lips. To be honest, most things carry on as before, just a few different faces to look at on a Sunday morning. Communion services will be led by either Max or a visiting priest, with many of the Family Services being overseen by churchwardens. We all ask that you bear with us as we travel through the interregnum together and as we seek to find a new incumbent.

With that in mind, the churchwardens are in the process of compiling a Parish Profile which forms the basis of a job advertisement. We have met with Sue Lucas, the Archdeacon of Southend and David Rollins, the area dean, who will assist us through this process. This is not an easy task and may take some time before we see the fruits of our labour, but with careful planning and thoughtful prayer we feel confident that we will come through this and move forward into the future with renewed vigour.

We ask that you pray for the parish during this time and that we will find a suitable incumbent who can fill the empty space that Sue’s departure has left in our lives.

God Bless

Christine and David Mortimer

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replacement games and low attendance weeks. Thank you.



Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

It was wonderfully fitting that both the celebration of Reverend Sue's time in our parish and her last service at the parish (both held at Orsett church) were so well supported and enjoyed. I think it showed to Sue, Phil and Thomas how members of the parish and the wider community held Sue in high regard. We wish Sue all the very best for the future in her new parish in Norfolk.

As the parish has entered interregnum we will be relying on visiting clergy to conduct a number of our services. We have already welcomed Reverend Dawn from Warley and Reverend Kate from the Chadwell team to Bulphan and Horndon respectively. We hope to make all clergy visiting us over the next few months very welcome to the churches in our parish.

At St. Mary's we have applied for and are waiting for confirmation of a faculty regarding repairs to the flooring by the door and in-depth investigation of the condition of the entire flooring in the main body of the Church. We will advise of progress in subsequent reports in your HobNob.

Work experience students from Castledon School in Wickford have started work at St. Peter & St. Paul's Church in Horndon. The group have so far trimmed a number of the lime trees to tidy up their appearance. They will be at the Church every Wednesday during term time. It is anticipated that the group will be visiting all three Churches in the parish to help with keeping Church grounds in good order.

God Bless

Alastair

Forest Church with pet blessing

**St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett
on Saturday 4th October at 4pm**

Encounter God in the great outdoors: in the sky, the earth, the trees and the wildlife. This service is for all, old and young and includes outdoor fun activities on a Biblical theme and worship around a fire.

The theme this month is a St Francis Pet Service, and you are welcome to bring your pet along to be blessed.

All God's
Creatures



The service will carry on even if it is raining so please dress appropriately.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Knowing and sharing the love of Jesus in the Church and community

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Commemoration of the Departed Service

**4pm - Sunday 26th October
at**

**St Peter and St Paul Church,
Horndon on the hill**

**All are welcome to come and light a candle
in memory of a loved one**

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PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

October 1st	For the victims of natural disasters throughout the world
October 2nd	For those we love but see no longer
October 3rd	For those living in Lodysons Close, Orsett
October 4th	For neighbours we do not yet know
October 5th	For those living in York Road, Horndon
October 6th	For those living in Brentwood Road, Bulphan
October 7th	For the Christian community in the Middle East
October 8th	For those living in Daltons Shaw, Orsett
October 9th	For those living in Bloomfield Walk, Orsett
October 10th	For members of the Deanery Synod
October 11th	For Whitecroft's, those who live and work there
October 12th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
October 13th	For patients in St Luke's Hospice today
October 14th	For those living in Victoria Road, Bulphan
October 15th	For those living in Kirkham Road, Horndon
October 16th	For our Bellringers
October 17th	For the work of all retired clergy
October 18th	For Pleshey and all retreat houses throughout the land
October 19th	For those living in Shelford Close, Orsett
October 20th	For those who will die this month
October 21st	For those living in Hew Watt Close, Orsett
October 22nd	For those living in Cassell Close, Orsett
October 23rd	For those who are seeking employment
October 24th	For those struggling with great transitions
October 25th	For our Clergy
October 26th	For His Majesty's Forces serving overseas
October 27th	For those living in Church Close, Horndon
October 28th	For all carers
October 29th	For the work of the Diocese in Europe
October 30th	For the homeless
October 31st	For those living in Brentwood Road, Orsett

Who are you, God
and who am I?
St Francis of Assisi



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Services October 2025

Sunday 10:30am Worship unless stated otherwise

5th October
12th October
19th October
26th October

Revd Fiona Smith
Mr Steve Burton
Local Arrangement
Local Arrangement

Holy Communion

Harvest Festival

By the time you read this article we hope to have held our Harvest Festival Service and lunch after the service on 21st September. More on this in the November edition.

Cycle of Faith

Since the article in September's HOBNOB we decided to make our cycle rides more frequent and on 30th August a slightly larger group again completed a cycling circuit encompassing Methodist Churches in Thurrock and Horndon and Orsett parish churches. By the time you read this article we also hope to have held a ride on 27th September. Our October ride is planned for **Saturday 25th October**.

The leisurely ride is led by a qualified British Cycling ride leader and first aider and takes around three hours with a number of brief stops. Under 18's are welcome but must be accompanied by parent/guardian or responsible adult. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Bell at jeff3bell@gmail.com for further details.



A well earned rest at Grays Methodist Church

Coffee mornings and lunch

All are welcome to our weekly Community Cuppa and Chat in the Methodist Church Hall. We meet on Thursdays between 10:00 – 12:00 noon for the coffee morning with drinks, savouries and biscuits and a soup and a roll between 12:00 noon - 13:00.

Bible Month

In recognition of the Bible Month we are providing materials for a daily study on the Gospel of John. There will be a Bible meeting on a Monday afternoon (location to be advised) and a weekly email group. Anyone is welcome to join in the study. Contact Maureen McPherson at (mail@south-fields.com)

Monthly Email Reflections

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October 5 th	6:30 pm	Rev Fiona Smith	Harvest Service
October 12 th	6:30 pm	Chris Binstead	Pioneers Arab World
October 19 th	6:30 pm	David Raj	
October 26 th	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby	

We have our **Harvest Service on 5th October**, a service where we focus on God's continuing provision to us for our daily sustenance. For the service we decorate the chapel with flowers and produce and the service has proved to be popular in recent years. We extend a particular invitation to come to share in this time of thanksgiving and celebration.

On 12th October we look forward to having Chris Binstead from Pioneers Arab World take our service. This is a great opportunity to hear Chris share about Christian ministry and God's moving in the Arab world.

If you live locally and would like to come along to a service but need transport, or for any other information on our Church or our services please contact the Secretary:
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The Orsett Show

Again, this year the Deanery tent was at the Orsett Show.

This year it marked Revd Sue Mann's last event in the parish and many people turned up to say goodbye. After the show she wended her way to Norwich to join husband Phil and start at her new parish.

For the second year Bishop of Bradwell Adam Atkinson joined us and this year Archdeacon of Southend of Sue Lucas came.

We once again had activities for children of all ages; glitter tattoos, decorating biscuits and wooden dinosaurs to paint, courtesy of New Life Wood a Christian charity, (based at Wat Tyler Park, Pitsea) who provide work placement opportunities for people who find it difficult to access the job market and often fall into poverty, especially those with learning difficulties, mental health problems and a history of offending. To find out more scan the QR code. Our refreshment area manned yet again by Chris and Kim from St Catherine's, East Tilbury, offered a place to rest for a chat, with tea, coffee, squash and biscuits.



Another thing making a comeback for a second year were the 10-minute micro services devised by Tom Rout, Vicar of St Margaret's, proved popular. It was good to have a number of clergy from across the Deanery to offer prayer and if required someone for people to talk to.



Like with so many events like this it wouldn't happen without the veritable army of helpers who spend time preparing in the days running up to Saturday and then running the activities. A special thanks to Frank, Edward and John who on Friday travel the Deanery getting things to the showground and then the group that come along later on the Friday to put up the tents and then 'break camp' on the Saturday after the show. Returning all the components to the various points around the Deanery, before going home.



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This year we relaunched our Pupil Parliament; following training that Mrs Lucas attended at the Houses of Parliament. This year we have taught the children about the Houses of Parliament, the roles of MPs and the democratic process of elections. At the end of the week, we held our first elections in the hall to elect our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. Children also voted in classes for their Members of Pupil Parliament (MPPs). We are looking forward to what our new groups of pupils will achieve this year.



Unbelievably, we are already advertising our tours for the next class in Sept 26 (please see the flyer below) ...so if your child or someone you know is looking for a Reception place in September 2026, come and take a look around our friendly school!

We have already taken part in 4 different sporting events in Thurrock, and always, we are so proud of the children for the sportsmanship and good behaviour at these events. For a smaller school, we always do well at these events, and our Christian Value of perseverance really shines through.

We are refocusing our courageous advocacy this year to focus on supporting a singular charity with our fund-raising efforts over the year. So far, parents and teachers have nominated and voted of a range of charities we could support. This week (Wk beginning 22nd Sept) our children will be voting too, in a formal ballot to select our main charity for the year. We will still take part in other events such as the Harvest celebrations and charitable events throughout the year.

We're looking forward to going to St Giles' in the coming week for Harvest, to celebrate the season and give to those in need.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'J Dickson'.

Mr J Dickson
Head of School



RECEPTION TOURS 2025



Thursday 9th October @
2pm

Thursday 20th
November @ 9.30am

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Water Assisted Disabled Exercise & Rehabilitation Scheme
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Exercise in water for people with mobility difficulties
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Tuesday:

Laindon Pool
SwimMania, Stannetts,
Laindon North Trading Estate,
Basildon, S15 6DN
7.30pm-8.10pm
8.20pm-9.00pm

Tuesday:

Impulse Leisure Blackshots
Teaching Pool
Grays RM16 2JU
8.00pm – 9.00pm

Friday:

Corringham Leisure Centre
Swimming Pool
Corringham S517 7NB
11.15am-12.10pm
12.20pm-13.15pm

Please contact a Committee Member before attending your first session
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Sharon: 07792 827638 for Laindon
Kay-Anne: 07899 745020 for Corringham
Dawn: 01375 461885 for Blackshots
Email: ask-waders@hotmail.com

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The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Edward Bear Toddler Group

Edward Bear welcomes his little friends and
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There is no charge for this Toddler Group

Every Friday during term time
9.30 am – 11.00 am

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Every Friday during term time
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The dates of Edward Bear and Oasis Cafe are on our website www.hobnob.org.uk, on the 'What's on' page

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Ecology and Social Justice Action Group

World Rivers Day: A Call to Protect England's Waterways

This year, World's River day fell on 28th September. It's an annual event that falls on every fourth Sunday of September, and reminds us of the vital role rivers play in our ecosystems, communities, and climate. It's also a moment to reflect on the growing threats facing England's waterways — and what we must do to safeguard them.

Public concern over river pollution has surged in recent years, with storm overflow discharges and water company practices drawing national attention. As we mark this global event, it's time to assess the health of our rivers, celebrate progress, and confront the challenges ahead.

Key Sources of River Pollution

- **Water Industry (36%)**
Sewage treatment works, wastewater discharge, and storm overflows continue to degrade water quality.
- **Farming Runoff (40%)**
Nutrient-rich fertilizers used to boost crop yields often wash into rivers during rainfall, disrupting aquatic ecosystems.
-  **Urban & Transport Runoff (18%)**
Rainwater carries pollutants from roads, gardens, and industrial areas — including oil, litter, and chemicals — straight into our rivers.
-  **Abandoned Metal Mines (3%)**
Historic mining sites still leak contaminated water and waste, harming wildlife and habitats.
-  **Emerging Pollutants**
PFAS — synthetic chemicals found in firefighting foam, landfills, and industrial waste — pose a growing threat to water safety.

What's Next?

While awareness is rising and some progress has been made, much more is needed. From stronger regulation and investment in infrastructure to sustainable farming and urban planning, protecting our rivers demands collective action.



MOTHERS' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU):



For many years there was a Mothers' Union branch in Orsett and as we head towards the Mothers' Union 150th anniversary, we will bring you some snippets from the Orsett MU archive in future Hobnob editions. Did you know that you could become a Diocesan MU member? Membership is open to anyone, male or female, single or married. As a Diocesan member you will receive regular information as well as our MU printed magazines – and you'll be a member of an amazing worldwide organisation, working at a local level! For more information, just get in touch with me.

Don't forget that you can join Midday Prayers on the MU Facebook page every day. Lucy will be leading on Wednesday 29 October.

Celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union



In 2026, we will celebrate 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded in the small parish church of Old Alresford, Hampshire, by Mary Sumner a young vicar's wife with a bold vision. She believed that women, regardless of class or status, could come together in faith to support one another and strengthen family life within the Church.

From that single spark of an idea, a global movement was born – and Mothers' Union has grown to 4 million members across 84 countries. As we look to the future our members will continue working to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities around the world. At the heart of everything we do will remain our unwavering belief that faith and compassion can transform lives. The key anniversary events planned are:

- **150th Celebratory Service** - St Paul's Cathedral, London. 10th June 2026 at 5:00 PM
- **Annual Gathering** - The Emmanuel Centre (next to Mary Sumner House). 11th June 2026, 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM
- **Global Gathering** – South Africa, October 2026

Prisons Week, 12 – 18 October

Did you know that Mothers' Union are one of the sponsors of Prisons Week? For 50 years, Prisons Week has encouraged Christians everywhere to pray for prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities and those working or volunteering in the criminal justice system. The prayer campaign this year is based on 2 Timothy 2:9 'God's word in not changed'.

Prayer Diary 2025: October



The theme for October in our 2025 Prayer Diary is 'Keys of the Kingdom': During a World Day of Prayer service, we were asked to look at our house key, and ask, 'What does it say to you?'. The most frequent response was 'security and safety' as well as a scattering of 'home, love and peace.' One person wrote, 'Keys of the Kingdom.' How do we hold the 'Keys of the Kingdom' for ourselves and for others, especially people who have no place of safety and for the imprisoned in body, mind or spirit?

Monthly Prayer: *'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'* Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)

As we focus on prison ministry, we pray that we too would respond to Jesus' call. We give thanks for the Mothers' Union members who support prisoners, their families and later when the sentence ends, help them establish new beginnings. Amen

Creative Prayer: Prayer doesn't have to use words, so why not use some paper clips to build a prayer? As you add each clip, you begin to form a chain and with each new link on your chain, pray a different prayer.

Give thanks for the work of MU and give thanks for our work in prisons. Pray that each individual would encounter the love of God and that lives will be transformed. Pray for our criminal justice system. Pray for the families and loved ones of individuals in prison. Pray for the mental health of those imprisoned.

Lucy Bubb, Mothers' Union contact



COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR HORNDON - ORSETT - BULPHAN

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Bulphan

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It's been a wonderful first month at Bulphan! We have come back to school with enthusiasm and excitement for our new classes and learning. Our new Reception class have settled in quickly to the school. They are a lovely group of children who we can't wait to get to know and see them flourish and shine with us.

We have relaunched our Pupil Parliament with Mr Hughes supporting the children in leading the school. The children had lessons for a couple of days to understand how British Parliament works; democratic voting and how their voice can have an impact on our lives. At the end of the first week, children put themselves to either be Members of Pupil Parliament, or even the roles of Prime Minister or Deputy Prime Minister – Then they all took part in a democratic vote, set up like formal voting as we take part in as adult. Our new Pupil Parliament is now in place, and we look forward to seeing what impact they will have on our school this year.

We have been voting as a community to select a single charity to focus our courageous advocacy work on this year. This week our children will look at the short list of charities nominated by parents and staff and vote for the one we will focus on this year. We have already completed our sponsored walk organised by the PTA to raise money for the school, which is a great event that creates core memories for the children. We're so proud of all of those that took part the walk!





Bulphan C. of E. Academy



Unbelievably, we are already advertising our tours for the next class in Sept 26 ...so if your child or someone you know is looking for a Reception place in September 2026, come and take a look around our friendly school!

We're looking forward to going to St Mary's Church later this month for our Harvest Service, to celebrate the season and give to those in need. We will be collecting donations on behalf of Thurrock Foodbank.



Flourishing on our journey
'God's word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path' Psalm 119:105

RECEPTION TOURS 2025



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@ 9.30am

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Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025

Horndon-on-the-hill

10.45am Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial

11.00am Remembrance
Family Service in the Church

Orsett

10.00am Family Service in the Church
followed by Act of Remembrance
at War Memorial

Bulphan

8.45am Holy Communion Service

2.00pm Act of Remembrance
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