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The parish magazine for
St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Horndon on the Hill
St. Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett
St. Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan

NOVEMBER 2025

SERVICES – November 2025

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Saturday 1st November	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		4pm Forest Church
Sunday 2nd November *4th Sunday before Advent*		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 3rd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 4th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 6th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 7th		9-11.30am Oasis Café 9.30-11am Edward Bear Toddler Group At Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 8th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 9th November *Remembrance Sunday*	10.45am Act of Remembrance 11am Family Service	10am Family Service	8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 2pm Act of Remembrance
Monday 10th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 11th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	2pm Holy Communion Service at The Whitecroft		
Thursday 13th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 14th		9-11.30am Oasis Café 9.30-11am Edward Bear Toddler Group At Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 15th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 16th November *2nd Sunday before Advent*	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service 4pm Refresh Service		
Monday 17th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 18th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 20th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 21st		9-11.30am Oasis Café 9.30-11am Edward Bear Toddler Group At Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 22nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 23rd November *Sunday before Advent*		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 24th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 25th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments 12noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 27th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 28th		9-11.30am Oasis Café 9.30-11am Edward Bear Toddler Group At Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 29th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 30th November *1st Sunday of Advent*			10am All Together Holy Communion Service
Monday 1st December			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 2nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 4th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 5th		9-11.30am Oasis Café 9.30-11am Edward Bear Toddler Group At Orsett Churches Centre	

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28 Sep	Charlie Budge	(H)
28 Sep	Haille Phillips	(H)
28 Sep	Reggie Phillips	(H)
12 Oct	Ember Hammond	(O)
12 Oct	Kai Merritt	(O)

BURIAL

06 Oct	Alan Nicholls	(H)

INTERMENT OF ASHES

26 Sep	Russell Ludlow	(O)
06 Oct	Ruby Nicholls	(H)

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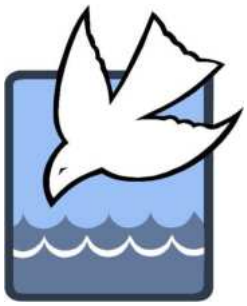

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Forthcoming Baptism Preparation Dates:

Saturday 8th November	12 noon at	Horndon Church
Monday 8th December	7.30pm at	Orsett Church
Saturday 10th January	12 noon at	Horndon Church
Monday 9th February	7.30pm at	Orsett Church
Saturday 14th March	12 noon at	Horndon Church
Monday 13th April	7.30pm at	Orsett Church

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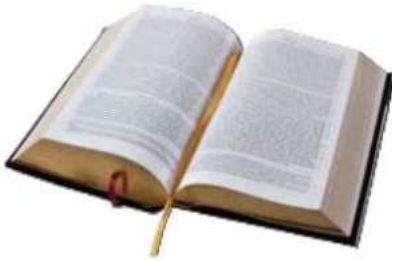

PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

November	1st	For the All the Saints we remember today
November	2nd	For the victims of recent natural disasters
November	3rd	For those living in Church Road in Bulphan
November	4th	For the youth of our Benefice
November	5th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
November	6th	For Reverend Max Blake
November	7th	For the wonder of our planet
November	8th	For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon
November	9th	For Remembrance Day services around the country
November	10th	For those living in St Giles Close in Orsett
November	11th	For those living in Baker Street in Orsett
November	12th	For members of our congregations who live in Grays
November	13th	For humanitarian organisations working around the world
November	14th	For those living in The Spinney in Orsett
November	15th	For those living in Albert Road in Bulphan
November	16th	For Christians in lands where the church is being persecuted
November	17th	For those living in Prince Charles Avenue in Orsett
November	18th	For Post Office and shop staff in Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon
November	19th	For those living in the High Road in Horndon
November	20th	For those living in Church Lane in Bulphan
November	21st	For those living in Penn Close in Orsett
November	22nd	For those living in Orsett Road in Horndon
November	23rd	For our farming community
November	24th	For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon
November	25th	For those living in Victoria Road in Horndon
November	26th	For those in hospital
November	27th	For the hospitals in Orsett, Basildon, and Long Lane.
November	28th	For those living in Mill Lane in Horndon
November	29th	For those living in The Green in Orsett
November	30th	For those living on Doesgate Lane, Bulphan

Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when thou art near
O king of night and day? More safe am I within thy hand
Than if a host did round me stand.

St Columba

ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

On 29th September, Christine, accompanied by Lynda and Sandra journeyed to Norwich for Sue's service of induction at St Mary's, Hellesdon. To get some idea of our two days away imagine a cross between 'Thelma and Louise' and 'Driving Miss Daisy'. After a start which involved returning to retrieve some much needed hearing aids we made our way north and a stop for lunch in the town of Thetford. The town centre itself didn't appear big or very busy but we counted at least five car parks, more importantly we found a very nice café serving large portions of home-made cakes!

We had booked ourselves into a comfortable B&B not far from St Mary's but with a former B&B award winner in our party, was it going to be good enough? Upon our arrival, one point was deducted as the owner was not available to greet us and another couple lost because he had forgotten that we required three separate rooms. Having finally sorted everything we made our way to St Mary's for Sue's service.

And what a wonderful service it was. Sue was pleased to see us and other members of our parish who had made the journey, but more importantly, and to her surprise, both of her parents were in attendance. The church was exceptionally warm, being heated by electric panels attached to the back of all the pews. So warm that people were removing coats and jumpers left, right and centre. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Norwich who, with a very warm and comforting voice, gave an insightful address.

Refreshments were served after the service, which gave us the opportunity to catch up with Sue, Phil and Thomas. There appears to be a lot going on in the parish of Hellesdon, lots of groups for Sue to get to know and work with.

Up until this point it has felt as though Sue was just away on another pilgrimage walk but the realisation that she has another congregation to minister to, has finally hit home – a realisation that it is time for our parish to move on.

By the time you read this, the churchwardens will have had another meeting with Archdeacon Sue Lucas and, hopefully, be in a position to let you know what this move forward will look like. But in the meantime, please continue to pray for our parish during this uncertain time.

God Bless

Christine and David Mortimer

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

Autumn has arrived with surprising speed this year. Thanks to the tireless efforts of three dedicated gardening teams, our church and graveyard have been raked, mown, trimmed, and tidied into a beautifully managed state. Back in January, neither Sonia nor I could have imagined just how stunning they would look today. To everyone who contributed—thank you.

And thankyou to everyone who supported both the Table Top Sale over in Orsett Churches Centre and The Book Fayre here at Horndon, between both we raised over £800 for church funds.

Over the past few Saturdays, I've been attending the Pastoral Care Part 1 course at the Diocese Library in Chelmsford. Initially, the prospect of small groups and role play felt daunting. But I was pleasantly surprised by the camaraderie among fellow participants from across the diocese.

Among us were churches navigating interregnum and one welcoming a new vicar. Despite our varied circumstances, one message rang clear: with teamwork, remarkable things are possible.

All six churchwardens continue to meet regularly with Archdeacon Sue and Father David Rollins, who are guiding us through the interregnum. Together, we've completed the Parish Profile and now await the outcome of their recent discussions with Bishop Adam regarding the appointment of a new incumbent. We will continue to keep all informed on our progress.

God bless

Bev

Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

The parish is in Interregnum. This means we are in the period when our priest Sue Mann has left and the time before we are able to appoint a new one.
Currently The Wardens are taking all the steps necessary to be able to advertise the position, this involves approval of a Parish Profile (effectively a job advert), part of which requires meetings with Archdeacon Sue Lucas and Bishop Adam, that have already started. This moves towards gaining permission from Chelmsford Diocese to appoint a new priest.

The Diocese has calculated that Thurrock Deanery can only afford 8 paid priests, at present there are 10. The reason behind this is that The Parish Share which is charged to each of the 10 areas in Thurrock is not being paid in full. Our Parish has been allocated a Family Purse of about £68000 which goes towards the cost of a priest, it is estimated that we are going to be about £18000 short. Thurrock Deanery is a large area and includes Tilbury, Grays, Stanford le Hope, Corringham etc some areas pay their Family Purse in full and many like ours do not. Sadly, reducing the numbers of paid priests will have serious consequences, the idea of one parish priest per parish is long gone at present. On 14th January 2026 Archdeacon Sue and Bishop Adam will be at the next Deanery Synod meeting at St Margarets Church Stanford Le Hope to outline the proposals going forward, it starts at 6.00pm and all are welcome.

There are some advantages in being in Interregnum, besides Max our volunteer priest we have had support from visiting Deanery priests and our wardens who have been trained have led some of the Family Services. So we are seeing different styles of leading worship. We do not however have a parish priest we can speak to if we need advice or help, however the wardens are available to help.

Sorry to go on but with Bulphan Church we have not that much to report. We open The Church on Monday and Thursday mornings.

There was a well-attended and Bulphan School Harvest Festival service led by Sharen from The Grays Team.

We hosted a service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the 20 American Servicemen who lost their lives when two American planes collided over Bulphan during the Second World War. Clive Russel from Grays North led the service which was organised by Janet McCheyne. Very moving with both National Anthems being sung and last post and Reveille from Steve Johnson and Piper Jo Goddard leading us out and many other contributions.
We await approval for inspection of Church floor.

We thank Bulphan in Bloom for all their work in The Churchyard plus this month we had a bonus visit from Alastair's school students who also worked in The Churchyard.

Prayers are asked for Ron and Traudi who are now home but still unwell.

Frank Woollard

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Services November 2025
Sunday 10:30am Worship in the Chapel unless stated otherwise

1st November	Revd Fiona Smith	Memorial Service **3pm**
2nd November	Revd Brenda Gutberlet	
9th November	Joint service with HOB Parish **at St Peter and Paul's, Horndon**	Remembrance Sunday **10:45am**
16th November	Revd Fiona Smith	Holy Communion
23rd November	Ian Brown	
30th November	Colleen Weedon	

Harvest Festival On 21st September we had a well attended Harvest Festival Service with the chapel beautifully decorated with flower displays and produce. A very enjoyable Harvest lunch was held in the hall afterwards.

Memorial Service: 1st November 3pm – we will be holding a service where we remember our loved ones who have died and pray for those who mourn. If you would like a candle lit for a loved one during the service please contact Rev Fiona. Fiona.smith@methodist.org.uk 07521 653211

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 29th November we will be joining with HOB Parish to have a Community Christmas Fayre in the Methodist Hall. There will be a cake stall and hopefully preserves, a book stall, jigsaw stall and the offer of bacon, fried egg and sausage sandwiches.

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2nd November	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake
9th November	6:30 pm	Lee Woodward
16th November	6:30 pm	Rev Pholani Ncube
23rd November	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
30th November	6:30 pm	David Raj

The following gives an insight into Zion Hall Mission. Below are details of some of our services in the last few weeks.

Worshipping God through Art

On 28th September Lee Woodward came and shared his personal journey in worshipping God through his own works of art. These were of mixed media and in a semi abstract style and Lee talked us through the various symbols he had painted and I think we all grew in our appreciation of seeing God through this form of worship.

Harvest Festival

Rev Fiona Smith from the local Methodist Church kindly took our Harvest Service on 5th October which was well attended. The chapel was decorated with flowers and produce for the occasion some of which was home grown. From the sale of the Harvest goods at that service we raised £110 which was donated to the RNIB and we also gave some goods to the Thurrock Food Bank.

Pioneers Arab World

On 12th October we welcomed Chris Binstead of Pioneers Arab World. Chris took us through the changing names of this Christian missionary organisation to the peoples of North Africa starting from 1881 through to its merger with the Pioneers family of missionary organisations operating across the world. Pioneers Arab World continues to reach out to the peoples of the Arab World and Chris showed us a map of where they have a presence which encompasses North Africa the Middle East and Arabian Peninsula. This area contains five out of six of the world's countries where Christians are most persecuted in the world.

Throughout its long history and the changing politics of the area the organisation's aim has always remained the same. Chris preached on 2 Corinthians chapter 5 v11-21 focussing on the compulsion workers have to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to unreached peoples. He stressed that prayer is the bedrock of the part we can play in supporting the mission and ways in which we can be ambassadors for Christ.

Getting to Zion Services

If you live locally and would like to come along to a service, everyone is welcome. However, if you need transport, or for any other information on our Church or our services please contact the Secretary: Ian Blackburn at the e mail above or on 01375 891522.

THE PARISH OF
HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN

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
at the War Memorial
in the Churchyard

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

LIVING WITH CANCER

Many people these days live with cancer and in an aging population the likelihood is all the greater, but this still seems to be a taboo subject shared with relatives, whispered behind closed doors. My own view is very different; relatively recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer I wanted all my friends to know. My cancer is both aggressive and untreatable. From my perspective, being open and frank enabled me to talk to people in an unguarded fashion, which I found to be most cathartic. We could talk of shared memories and experiences, things that made us laugh, things that made us cry, more profound feelings about what we meant to each other.

I have become more reflective and if anything deeper in faith, not blaming God for my predicament; nearer to "the confession", an awareness of the things I ought not to have done and those things I should have done but have not.

The most surprising and valued outcome is the overwhelming response of friends, something I neither sought nor indeed expected. My question was "why are you doing this?". The answer was always similar - at such and such a time you did this or that for me, (events I don't even remember). Sometimes it was simply - you listened when no one else did. This for me is the greatest reward, one that I would not have had if I had not made my situation public. This is why I share this with you. Take it all with a pinch of salt or hear what others have to say.

For too many years to mention, I have joint edited the Hobnob and The Fen magazine before it. I am not certain that I can now take an active role in this and Lynda Robertson and David Mortimer will I am sure carry the flag. So without being maudlin this may well be my last input. God bless you all.

Ron Porter

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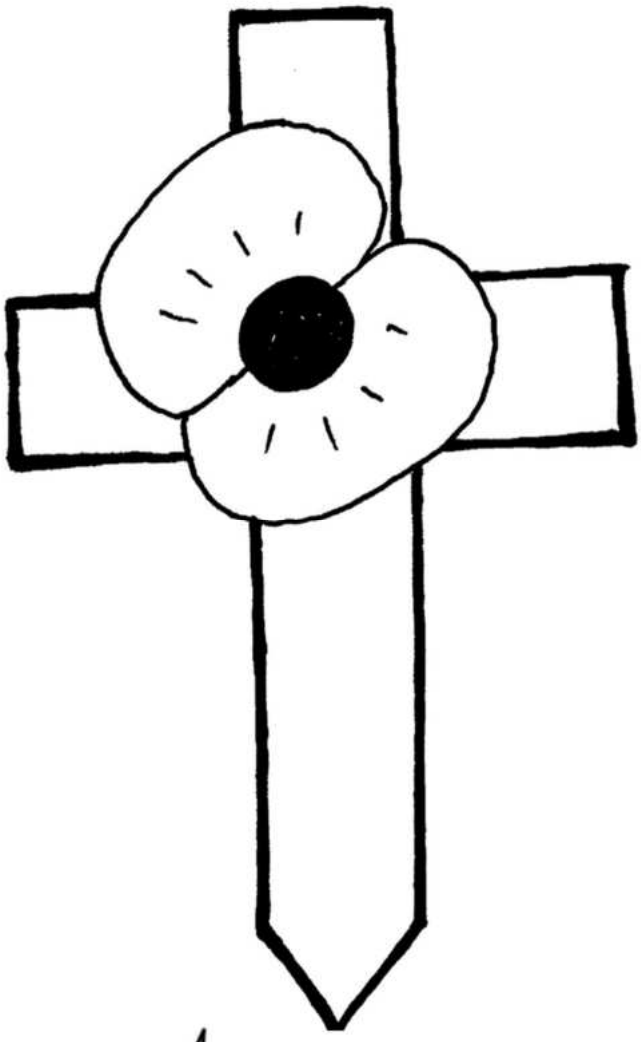
Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
John 15:13



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Bulphan C. of E. Academy

School life is never quiet; it's been really busy since we last wrote about the start of year!

We were really excited to get down to St Mary's Church for our first service of the year. We are very grateful to Rev Sharon, and to Janet McCheyne for leading us in worship and song. The children shared Harvest poems and prayers, and Lower School treated us to their rendition of 'The Dingle-dangle Scarecrow'. We are extremely grateful to our families for their generous donations to go towards the work of the Thurrock Foodbank. Once again, showing generosity of heart and being examples to all of courageous advocacy.

In school we had a week of Bikeability across the year groups. Year 1 and 2 took part in scooter training to help them gain confidence on 2 wheels. Year 4 took part in bike training on the playground and Year 6 went out on the local roads learning how to be safe on the roads. A huge thanks to the team from Thurrock in supporting our children in learning these important life skills.

Our Year 6's also spent a week away at Windmill Hill PGL and had an amazing time! They were so brave and worked so hard!

Bulphan C. of E. Academy

Last time I wrote, I told you about the school's effort to select a single charity to put our fund-raising efforts towards this year – it was a close race, but we are excited to announce that this year Bulphan will be support the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. We are looking forward to our first fund-raising event, and hopefully soon, a visit from the charity to tell us even more about their work.

We welcomed a group of new parents to our first tour of the year! The current Reception children were brilliant at selling the school…so much so at one point, I wasn't needed at all and just enjoyed the tour! We have another date after half term if you, or someone you know, is looking at Reception places for next year.

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Inspired by Psalm 119:105

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Horndon Feast and Fayre
27th & 28th June 2026

The 2025 Feast and Fayre was a huge success as we celebrated the 500th anniversary of the iconic and much loved Woolmarket. There wasn't the drama which curtailed the 2024 event, much to the relief of the organisers.
We are in November and the plans for the 2026 are being made. As with many events the organising group is small one, however come the weekend more people are needed. If you can spare an hour or two over the last weekend of June 2026 (27th and 28th) and would be willing to help and be part of this weekend steeped in history please contact chair.feastandfayre@gmail.com for more information.

WOOLMARKET MUSIC

We had a most marvellous recital on Thursday 9th October.

Mitzi Marley Clarke and Benjamin Carnell treated us to some brilliant playing of the violin and cello. They played pieces by Bach, Beethoven, Breval and finished the first half with the Meditation by Thais.
The second half was totally different, yet left the audience spellbound with their versatility – with pieces by Franck, Joplin, Einaudi, Elisondo and even compositions by Cold Play.

All in all, a fantastic evening's entertainment.

This month we're in St Peter & St Paul's church for a concert by CDOT Voices, a popular local choir.

Please come along to support them on Saturday 15th November at 7.30pm.

Admission is £10, free to under 18s and if you wish to become a member and enjoy every concert throughout the year, at a reduced price, it's just £75.

MOTHERS' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU):

This month we have our AGM and Members Meeting – the date has moved around a bit but its definitely taking place on Monday 24 November from 10am in St Cedd's Hall, Chapter House, Chelmsford. Tea and coffee will be available, but members are asked to bring their own lunch. The latest edition of our CDMU magazine 'Roundabout' will be available. Everyone is welcome.

If you were a member of the Mothers' Union branch in Orsett before it closed, have you become a Diocesan MU member? If not, why don't you re-join and become 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 Saturday 22 November.

Celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union

The first tranche of tickets have now been released for the 150th Celebratory Service, with a second tranche coming in February. The tickets for the Annual Gathering will be released on 16 November. If you are interested in joining the Global Gathering, you can sign up for more information. Check out all the links below:

150th Celebratory Service - St Paul's Cathedral, London. 10th June 2026 at 5:00 PM Tickets via Eventbrite here.
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. Sign up for updates, click here.

Mothers' Union Annual Review

Why don't you take some time to read our Annual Review 2024, which is a celebration of faith in action, unwavering support from our members and beyond, and transformational impact. There are stories that have shaped our year: from local initiatives making a difference in local communities to international campaigns addressing gender-based violence and poverty. You'll also find insights into our strategic progress, financial stewardship, and the collective voice of over 4M members united in faith and service.

Prayer Diary 2025: November

The theme for November in our 2025 Prayer Diary is 'Spreading Our Wings': During November the nights are long and cold. We start to look towards Advent and as members of Mothers' Union, we also look towards the 16 days of Activism Against Gender- Based Violence. In a season when we want to be warm and cosy, let us remember that we need to spread our wings and RISE UP to speak out about domestic abuse. We know how powerful and far reaching the RISE UP campaign has been so let us pray this month that our witness can help grow our membership and also, in turn, grow the Kingdom of God.

Monthly Prayer: *' Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' Isaiah 40:31 (NIV).*

Restore our faith in your eternal purposes; renew in us the hope that never fails; lift our eyes to the things that are unseen and eternal; that we may discern and embrace the new things that you have prepared for us, in Christ's name. Amen.

Creative Prayer: In Origami, the two basic folds are known as Valleys and Mountains. When making a RISE UP dove, we use both of these folds. As you fold the paper carefully and slowly to make a valley fold, think of the times the Lord has held and supported you whilst you may have felt as though you were at the bottom of the deepest valley. Then fold the paper the opposite way to make a mountain peak and think of the times the Lord has brought you out of the valley and helped you climb the highest mountains. Scan the QR code for instructions or go to www.mothersunion.org/wp-content/uploads/Origami-Dove-Instructions.pdf

Lucy Bubb, Mothers' Union contact

FOREST CHURCH

The October Forest Church was a St Francis of Assisi service and included a pet blessing. The passing through of storm Amy, meant the windy conditions weren't the best for people to bring their pets. Normally we hold the service on the west side of the churchyard at Orsett, but to provide a little bit of shelter, we moved to the north side of the church. However, Scout brought Revd Max, and we had some very loved cuddly animals in the shape of Bruno and two generations of Lambie. We had an activity relating to pets we have or have had and what people liked best about them. After which, all the animals were blessed by Revd Max and all those who had animals blessed received a certificate . The fire pit, generously given to the parish by Revd Sue and husband Phil, received its first use.

Who was St Francis of Assisi?

Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone (c.1181–3rd October 1226), known as Francis of Assisi, was an Italian mystic, poet and Catholic friar who founded the religious order of the Franciscans. Inspired to lead a Christian life of poverty, he became a beggar and an itinerant preacher.

One of the most venerated figures in Christianity, Francis was canonised by Pope Gregory IX on 16th July 1228. He is commonly portrayed wearing a brown habit with a rope tied around his waist, featuring three knots symbolising the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

In 1223, he arranged for the first live nativity scene as part of the annual Christmas celebration in Greccio.

St Francis is associated with the patronage of animals and the environment. It became customary for churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of 4th October, which became World Animal Day. Which made our Forest Church on the 4th of October a little more poignant.

The next Forest Church is at 4pm on Saturday 1st November at St Mary's, Bulphan

Remember we hold Forest Church regardless of the weather, so please come dressed appropriately

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

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Orsett Church of England Primary School

Its lovely to be writing to you again to share the news and learning that has been going on at Orsett over the last month!

Our Year 6 class had a successful residential to Windmill Hill PGL, with members of Bulphan, where they took part in a wide range of physical, adventurous and team building activities. The children showed real bravery, especially going as high as possible on the Giant Swing…or even just getting on it! From experience it is pretty terrifying! The children were brilliantly behaved and a real credit to their families and the school. Since returning they have written letters of thanks to their groupie sharing their favourite parts.

Last time I wrote, I told you about the school's effort to select a single charity to put our fund-raising efforts towards this year – it was a close race, but we are excited to announce that this year Orsett will be support the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. We are looking forward to our first fund-raising event, and hopefully soon, a visit from the charity to tell us even more about their work. We have also signed up to the SuperKind Award…this is an award we can work toward that celebrates all the different ways that our community is kind and helpful. Part of this also allows us to track our progress in supporting our charity!

This half term we have been taking part in a huge number of sporting events for children across the school, such as Cross Country and Football both in Girls and Boys We've been so proud of all of our sports persons! They have taken part with great enthusiasm, perseverance and good sportsmanship! We especially want to highlight Savannah who came first in the cross country out of 120 runners which is amazing! We also won both our football matches with the girls winning 2-0 and the Boys winning 3-1!

Orsett Church of England Primary School

We were all very excited to get back to Church for our Harvest Festival. As always, the school community was so generous with their donations…we had to use 3 filler hymns to allow time for all the donations to be brought to the front of the church. Huge thanks to Christine and Rev Matt for opening the church and leading us in our worship. It was also lovely to have so many family members join us! We are already planning and looking forward to our Christmas service!

Below you can see our flyer for new Parent Tours. Our first tour was really well attended and it was lovely to be able to welcome new families to the school and take them around the school. A group of our Year 6 children helped on the tours, sharing their experiences and views about the school. Well done to them! If you, or someone you know is looking for a school for next September please do book on our next tour to come and have a look around at all we do!

Yours,

Mr J Dickson
Head of School

Orsett Church of England Primary School

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Inspired by Psalm 119:105

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Thursday 9th October @ 2pm

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Anonymity is something that can keep us protected. When the internet first arose to mass popularity, it was commonplace for 'internet safety' to be taught to children, with one of the rules being to not share your personal information with strangers – thus remaining anonymous and your information being private to public access. Privacy is also not exclusive to the digital world, as we should be allowed to exist anywhere on Earth without a need to prove who we are should we not wish to.

Our human right to freedom is essential to our lives. Freedom to do as we see fit, say as we see fit, without fear of being oppressed or punished unjustly. Of course there are moral limits to this, we shouldn't actively try to harm others with our words or actions. But we, as individual human beings, should be trusted to make those decisions of our own accord, not live under laws that chain our tongues and remove our right to our own voice.

These rights are for all, regardless of gender, creed, ethnicity, status or any other metric used to differentiate us. We are all human, and for a just world to be born, that is all that should matter.

Unfortunately, there are many peoples all around the world who are not living with the freedom to anonymity, speak their mind or even exist because they do not fit what those in power deem 'adequate'. People have lived under oppression and restriction in the past and will continue to live like that in the future – unless the minds of those in power are changed for the better.

If you feel that freedom to privacy, speech and action are rights of humanity, not just the privileged, then please send word to your MP and let your voice be heard. Enough small acts can create big changes.

Edward Mortimer
Ecology and Social Justice Action Group

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HORNDON - ORSETT - BULPHAN

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LOCAL MP	**James McMurdock**	Email: james.mcmurdock.mp@parliament.uk House of Commons London SW1A 0AA	
SCHOOLS	Horndon C of E Primary	Headteacher: Mrs. D. Bradley.	01375 673 260
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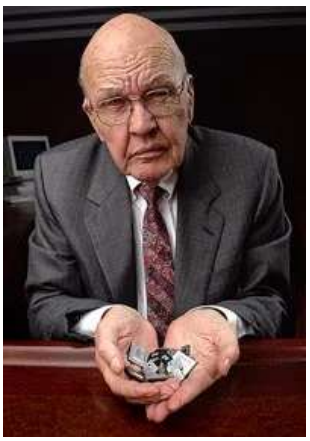
Famous Person for November

Jack St. Clair Kilby

November 8th 1923 – June 20th 2005



Jack Kilby was an American electrical engineer who, along with Robert Noyce of Fairchild Semiconductor, realised the first integrated circuit while working at Texas Instruments (TI) in 1958. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics on December 10th 2000.
Kilby was also the co-inventor (with Jerry Merryman and James Van Tassel) of the handheld calculator and the thermal printer, for which he had the patents. He also had patents for seven other inventions.
Jack Kilby was born in 1923 in Jefferson City, Missouri, to Hubert and Vina Freitag Kilby. Both parents had Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Illinois. His father was a manager at a local utility company. Kilby grew up and attended school in Great Bend, Kansas, graduating from the Great Bend High School. Today road signs at the entrances to the town commemorate his time there, and the Commons Area at Great Bend High School has been named The Jack Kilby Commons Area.
Jack Kilby was modest, soft-spoken man with a dry sense of humour. He married his wife Barbara in 1948, they had two daughters Janet and Ann. He died of cancer in 2005, his wife died in 1981.

Kilby received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he was an honorary member of Acacia Fraternity. He enlisted in the Army 1942, where he served in the Signal Corps and the Office of Strategic Services, a forerunner of the CIA. In 1947, he received a degree in electrical engineering. He earned his Master of Science in electrical engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Extension in Milwaukee.

Kilby was vital to the invention of the integrated circuit. In mid-1958, as a newly employed engineer at Texas Instruments (TI), he did not have the right to a summer holiday and spent the summer working on the problem in circuit design that was commonly called the "tyranny of numbers", and he finally came to the conclusion that the manufacturing of circuit components en masse in a single piece of semiconductor material could provide a solution. On September 12th 1958, he presented his findings to the company's management. He showed them a piece of Germanium (11mm long *1.5mm thick) with an oscilloscope attached, pressed a switch, and the oscilloscope showed a continuous sine wave, proving that his integrated circuit worked, and thus that he had solved the problem. The US Patent for "Miniaturised Electronic Circuits", the first integrated circuit, was filed on February 6th 1959. It was notable for having different components (transistors, diodes, resistors, capacitors, etc.) on one single substrate. Along with Robert Noyce (who independently made a similar circuit a few months later), Kilby is generally credited as co-inventor of the integrated circuit. Robert Noyce co-founded Intel in 1968.
Jack Kilby went on to pioneer military, industrial, and commercial applications of microchip technology. He headed teams that created the first military system and the first computer incorporating integrated circuits.

In 1970, he took a leave of absence from TI to work as an independent inventor. He explored, among other subjects, the use of silicon technology for generating electrical power from sunlight. From 1978 to 1984, he held the position of Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering at Texas A&M University. He retired from TI in 1983, although stayed as a consultant with them until his death.

Today we take microchips for granted. One the early recognisable things to come from the work of Jack Kilby is handheld digital calculators which like so many things now reside somewhere on a mobile phone. However, in 1973 the red LED digital display calculator was a business tool. A basic function Texas Instrument calculator sold for £42 (c.£700 today) and scientific £62 (c.£1000 today).
The average salary in 1973 was around £25 per week.
As with all technology, prices came down as competition came in to play and within a few years the business tool was in schoolbags.

Bulphan WI

Usually the committee organise the speakers and events at our monthly meetings, but in September the members organised the meeting, and we had a very amusing and interesting talk from Riya, a pelvic health physio from Basildon hospital plus an overview of the work and future plans of the Lady McAdden charity from CEO Esther and Natalie who is a breast awareness nurse.

Eleven of us set off for a day at Audley End on 16th September to celebrate 110 years of the Women's Institute in the UK. We met up with members from Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and West Suffolk as well as others from WIs in Essex. The sun shone, the M25 had no delays and English Heritage put on guided tours of the house and gardens, as well as information about women who had influenced the site.

On the 27th September the memorial service for the US airmen who lost their lives over Bulphan in WW2 was held at the parish church. We had decorated the church with some Remembrance poppies and helped provide refreshments to the attendees.

At our October meeting we heard from Hannah, who with other family members set up Love Grace in memory of, her late cousin Grace Millane. They collect handbags and fill them with useful items for women in need. Members filled her car with donations as the picture of Hannah and our programme secretary Sally shows.

We have had two new members join over the past couple of months and are always happy for women to come along to a meeting and see whether they would like to join us. First visit is free; we just ask for a donation for refreshments. Unfortunately, our 12th November meeting is for members only, but guests are welcome at our 10th December meeting, which is a Christmas social bring and share evening, with a raffle, entertainment and much more.

Lesley Crisp

Woolmarket Ladies Meeting
October 2025

Our meeting this month was a fashion show with a twist. Ladies were invited to buy an item of clothing from a charity shop for £5 or less. The rest of the Ladies then had to guess the item and how much was spent. The winner would then receive a prize. This proved more difficult than it was thought so there had to be a tiebreaker question. Two winners then won a bunch of flowers each.

Elaine then informed us that our Macmillan coffee morning had made a grand total profit of £450. Thank you for those members of the village who helped to make this event so successful.

Our next meeting will be held on 4th November at 8pm in the Woolmarket. Our guest speaker will be Danielle, who will be talking to us about the magic and traditions of Christmas. Don't forget new members are always welcome. Come along for an evening and give it a try.

A reminder that we don't meet in December or January.

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