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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

September 2026



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Submit articles to magazine@hobnob.org.uk

Please note to guarantee inclusion in the current month, articles must be submitted by the 21st of the preceding month.

If you would like a print copy of the Parish Magazine please contact the Parish Administrator

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To arrange Weddings, please contact Lynda Robertson:
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SERVICES – September 2026

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Tuesday 1 st September	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 3 rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 4 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear 9.30-11am Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 5 th	Open Church 10am to 5pm with refreshments	No forest Church	
Sunday 6th September <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 7 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 8 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 10 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 11 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear 9.30-11am Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 12 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 13th September <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 14 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 15 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 17 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 18 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear 9.30-11am Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 19 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 20th September <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service
	4pm Refresh Service		
Monday 21 st			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 22 nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	12noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 24 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 25 th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear 9.30-11am Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 26 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 27th September <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service		
Monday 28 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 29 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 1 st October			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 2 nd		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear 9.30-11am Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 3 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		4pm Forest Church
Sunday 4th October <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	

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or
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Baptism

26 Jul 26

Iris Annabelle Batley

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Wedding

01 Aug 26

Chelsea Morrison & Daniel Jater

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Funeral

21 Aug 26

Catharina Rate

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Interment of Ashes

14 Aug 26

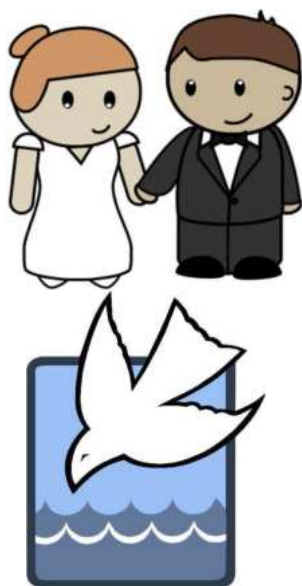
Alfred Gittoes

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15 Aug 26

George Brown

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Wedding Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a wedding at:
Horndon, Orsett or Bulphan churches, please contact:
Lynda Robertson: 07974 803471 l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk

Baptism Enquiries

To arrange a baptism, you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting, where we will discuss the meaning of Baptism, the responsibilities of parents and Godparents, go through the Baptism service and give you the opportunity to ask questions. At the end of the meeting, we can check the diary, and you will be able to book your Baptism.

Forthcoming Baptism Preparation Dates:

Saturday 12th September	12 noon at	Horndon Church
Monday 12th October	7.30pm at	Orsett Church
Saturday 14th November	12 noon at	Horndon Church
Monday 14th December	7.30pm at	Orsett Church
Saturday 9th January 2027	12 noon at	Horndon Church
Monday 8th February	7.30pm at	Orsett Church

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

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Beverley on 01375 671474**





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

A Year Without a Vicar – But Never Without a Shepherd

"It's a year since we had a Vicar."

"I can't believe we're still on our own."

"Do you know if we're anywhere near getting a Rev Sue replacement?"

These are all comments I've heard from parishioners over the past year – and, if I'm completely honest, probably thoughts that have crossed my own mind too!

But hold on a minute... are we really *on our own*?

Yes, we have been without our own resident Vicar for a year, and there is no denying that things feel different. A vacancy naturally brings uncertainty, and we all miss the presence of our own priest and the familiar rhythm that comes with having someone leading our church community.

But when I stop and think about it, we have actually been incredibly fortunate.

We have someone who officiates at nine out of ten of our Communion services, as well as baptisms and interments. Someone who is there at Open Church, quietly on hand should anyone need a listening ear, a moment of contemplation – or, as one parishioner wonderfully put it, "someone with a dog collar!"

We have someone who can lead our more traditional services, but who is equally happy to embrace Refresh, producing and accompanying creative pieces of art. Someone who will go over to Zion Church and deliver a 30-minute sermon, taking the time to really *deep dive* into the Scripture and help us look at familiar passages in a new way.

And this person is not a recent arrival.

He is part of the human chain that has been supporting our church for many years – certainly since the days of Vanessa Cato. He has seen us through Rev Ed, Canon Glyn and Rev Sue, and when COVID arrived and so much of our normal church life stopped, he stepped up in an extraordinary way, providing daily online services from his artist's studio.

So, no prizes for guessing who I'm talking about...

It's our dear friend **Max**.

And Max isn't only to be found in church. You might spot him in Horndon Church with his band on a Friday, enjoying a coffee and a chat with Nick the butcher, or walking Scout around the village. He is, in so many ways, woven into the fabric of our community.

Perhaps the lesson of this past year is that, although we may not currently have a Vicar of our own, we have not been abandoned or left to manage alone. We have been supported, guided and encouraged by someone who has quietly and faithfully been there through many seasons of our church's life.

Of course, we continue to hope and pray for the right person to come and join us as our next Vicar. But while we wait, perhaps we should also pause and recognise what we *do* have.

So, Max, on behalf of all of us – thank you.

Thank you for turning up, stepping up, preaching, praying, creating, listening and, quite simply, being there. And thank you for proving that sometimes the person holding a church community together isn't necessarily the one with the official title.

Although, having said that... **a dog collar certainly helps!**

God bless

Bev Macrae



Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

We are fast approaching the first anniversary of when Rev Sue left us on 5th September 2025. Thanks to the hard work of all the wardens, PCC members, safeguarding officer, administrator, treasurer and, of course, Rev Max, we have managed to keep the church moving along.

Over time, it will become harder for Thurrock Deanery to provide priests for the services that we cannot fill. The Area Dean, Father David Rollins, recently noted that when he came to Thurrock some 20 years ago there were 16 paid priests. Today, we are working towards having just seven.

The number of priests available is linked to the amount of Parish Share paid by the churches in Thurrock, which helps to fund the priests. Our parish, along with very many others nationally, is not currently paying its full Parish Share. At present, with the cost of living rising so much, it is very hard to expect people to increase their giving, or even for villagers to start donating on a permanent basis.

Thanks to Alastair, who organised for Public Clocks to visit on Tuesday 18th August and service the clock, which had stopped some while back.

We had the lightning conductor tested in June and were issued with a certificate. We are still awaiting DAC approval to enable us to proceed with the replacement of the timber flooring where it has suffered wet rot.

Personally, I seem to be at an age where I put things off, and I am grateful to Lynda and Christine, who makes sure that we attend to all the items that are required. Sometimes it seems as though it is just one thing after another! We wardens became aware very quickly of just how much Sue had to deal with, judging by the almost constant emails and phone calls on variety of topics.

We have not been able to provide a sermon for all of our non-Eucharistic services because as wardens we do not have a licence to preach. We have, however, been able to give a secular talk giving the congregation something to ponder for the rest of the week.

Our Sunday School children continue to amaze us with their understanding of the passages they have listened to. My own experience is that the children tell us more at the end of the service than we tell them!

We continue to do our best to keep St Mary's open and serving the village, and I would like to thank everyone who helps, in so many different ways, to make this possible.

God Bless
Frank Woollard



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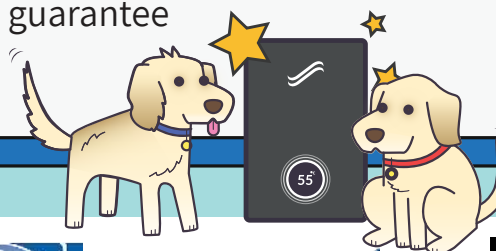
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Last month gave us a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience a solar eclipse without the need to travel very far. Our family attended an eclipse party held at Linford Methodist Church to see the wonders of our universe in all its glory.



The Methodists had gone to great lengths to make this an event to be remembered, with many craft activities for both young and old, lots of information about our universe, opportunities for prayer and reflection, not forgetting the array of food on offer. The excitement was tangible as we all waited for the first nibble away at the sun. We had been given special glasses upon our arrival but others had brought their own equipment. There were a couple of home-made telescopes, some colanders and someone even turned up wearing an adapted welding mask! The eclipse was a wonderful thing to experience and it made one realise how small we are in our universe.

Another opportunity for reflection came a couple of days later, as we commemorated the end of WW2 and remembered all those who served in the Far East, with a service at the Burma Star Memorial Garden in Orsett led by Fr David Rollins.

The Burma Star standard was laid up a few years ago and currently stands in a corner of Orsett church. We are looking to hang this on a beam in the north aisle of the church which will place it with the other standards that have been laid up.

God Bless

Christine & David Mortimer



HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL METHODIST CHURCH

4, High Road. Horndon-on-the-Hill

Minister: Reverend Fiona Smith

Senior Steward: Mr Graham Hodgson

<https://www.southessexmethodist.org.uk/>

All are welcome to our services and other activities.

Services September 2026

**Sunday 10:30am Worship in the Chapel
unless stated otherwise**

6th September	Rev Brenda Gutberlet	
13th September	Rev Fiona Smith	Holy Communion
20th September	Mr. John Annim	
27th September	Mrs. Suzanne Stubbs	Harvest Festival and lunch

Bible month

Through September we will be using a 30 day booklet to study the book of Philippians. We will be meeting at the chapel on Mondays at 2pm through September to reflect together in person on what we have read. The booklet is available in pdf format at https://media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/Bible_Month_2026_Reading_Guide_web.pdf and hard copies are available at any of our Sunday services or Monday sessions. All are welcome to share in this time of learning and fellowship.

Harvest Festival and lunch

All are welcome to our Harvest Festival and lunch on 27th September. If you are planning to come to the lunch please let Maureen McPherson know at mail@south-fields.com

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.

Monthly email reflections

You can receive a Monthly Bible Reflection written by Maureen McPherson at mail@south-fields.com by sending her your email. Hard copies can be handed out if you don't have email but would be interested in receiving the monthly reflection.

Cycle of Faith

Our series of bike rides continues with rides planned for 3rd October but please keep an eye out in the HOBNOB for any changes. The leisurely ride is led by a qualified British Cycling ride leader and first aider. Under 18's are welcome but must be accompanied by parent/guardian or responsible adult. Please contact Jeff Bell at jeff3bell@gmail.com for further details.



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8.20pm-9.00pm

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

Friday:
Corringham Leisure Centre
Swimming Pool
Corringham SS17 7NB
11.15am-12.10pm
12.20pm-13.15pm

Please contact a Committee Member before attending your first session
so you know what to expect.

Sharon: 07792 827638 for Laindon
Kay-Anne: 07899 745020 for Corringham
Dawn: 01375 461885 for Blackshots
Email: ask-waders@hotmail.com

A Service to Commemorate United States Airmen who lost their lives in a WWII mid-air crash that happened over Bulphan/West Horndon



The service will be held on Saturday 26th September commencing at 10am at the bench at West Horndon Park. Here, wreaths will be laid as usual, with prayers and respect being paid to the sacrifice of the airmen.

This will be followed by a church service at approximately 10.30am in St Francis Church in Thorndon Avenue.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards in the Christabella Wing next to the church.

By kind permission of the land owner, should anyone wish to visit the crash site, they will be able to do so. We anticipate going there at about 12.00 to 12.30am

All are welcome to attend.



The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Edward Bear Toddler Group

Edward Bear welcomes his little friends and
their accompanying adults in the
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There is no charge for this Toddler Group

Every Friday during term time
9.30 am – 11.00 am

For further details
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Knowing and sharing the love of Jesus in the Church and community

Horndon-on-the-Hill Society & Community Forum

Meets at 7pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month downstairs in The Woolmarket, High Road,
Horndon-on-the-Hill (no meeting in August)

If you wish to be added to Horndon's Forum email circulation list, please email the chairman at
horndonchair@thurrockforums.org or phone 07724 848069

Minutes of meetings can be found under the 'files' tab on our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/groups/954323667945399

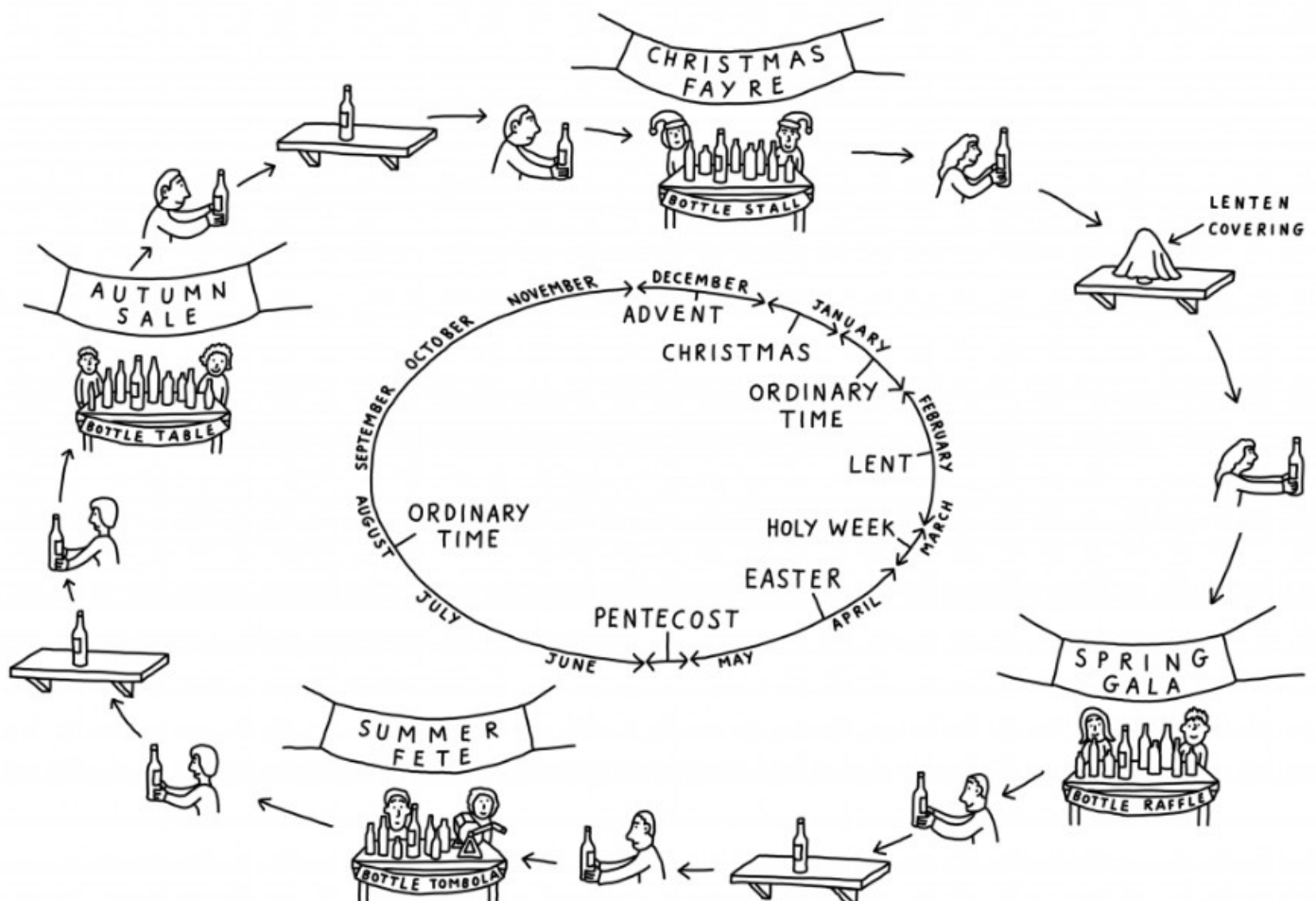
Bulphan Village Community Forum

Meets in Bulphan Village Hall RM14 3RU from 7.30 - 9pm on the 4th Wednesday of
alternate months (Jan, March, May, July, September, November)

If you wish to be added to Bulphan's Forum email circulation list, please email the chairman at
bulphaninfo@thurrockforums.org or phone 07752 836902

Minutes are available on request

THE CHURCH YEAR





Zion Hall Mission, Bulphan

Interdenominational Church Church Road, Bulphan



<https://zhm100.wixsite.com/zionhallmission>
zionhallmission@outlook.com

Who are we? We are a group of a dozen or so Christians who meet on Sunday evenings at 6.30pm.

Where do we meet? Zion Hall Mission Chapel is on Church Road in Bulphan between the village hall and St Mary's church, look out for the green gates as the building itself is set back from the road.

What happens in our services ? We have different preachers every week and our services typically have about 5 hymns interspersed with readings, preaching the word and a time for prayers.

We enjoy meeting every Sunday evening and extend a warm welcome to all to our services. Please feel free to drop in and join us for worship and fellowship.

The services for **September** are as follows:

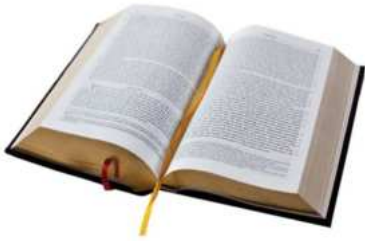
6th September	6:30 pm	David Raj	
13th September	6:30 pm	Rev Pholani Ncube	
20th September	6:30 pm	Chris Binstead	Pioneers Arab World
27th September	6:30 pm	Lee Woodward	

On **16th September** we look forward to having Chris Binstead from Pioneers Arab World take our service. Chris's talks are always informative and engaging and this is a great opportunity to hear him share about Christian ministry and God's moving in the Arab world.

As an advance notice we will be holding our traditional Harvest Service at 6:30pm on Sunday 4th October. The Harvest Service has proved to be popular over the years and we extend a particular invitation to all to come to share in our time of thanksgiving and celebration

For those who earlier in the year followed the series on the history of Zion Hall and would like to see inside our building and view at first hand items illustrated in the series of articles, please let me know, and I'd be pleased to show you around. Better still, come along to one of our Sunday services to see the building and experience the life of the church.

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: Ian Blackburn on 07880 235140 or at zionhallmission@outlook.com



PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

September 1 st	For Feast day of St Giles
September 2 nd	For those starting at new schools
September 3 rd	For those living on Brentwood Road, Bulphan
September 4 th	For those living on Fen Lane, Orsett
September 5 th	For the Orsett Show
September 6 th	For those living on Pump Street, Horndon
September 7 th	For those living on Welling Road, Orsett
September 8 th	For those living on Medbree Court, Orsett
September 9 th	For the Deanery of Thurrock
September 10 th	For the Church of England schools in our villages
September 11 th	For those living on Hillcrest Road, Horndon
September 12 th	For those living on Lower Dunton Road
September 13 th	For those living on Parkers Farm Road, Orsett
September 14 th	For those living on Heath Road, Orsett Heath
September 15 th	For the lonely
September 16 th	For those living on Conway Road, Orsett
September 17 th	For those living on Fen Lane, Bulphan
September 18 th	For those living on Bonham Drive, Orsett
September 19 th	For those in hospital
September 20 th	For those living on Wingfield Drive, Orsett
September 21 st	For our own prayer lives
September 22 nd	For members of our congregations who live outside the Parish
September 23 rd	For those living on Rowley Road, Orsett
September 24 th	For all those dealing with major transitions in their lives
September 25 th	For those living on The Parkway, Orsett
September 26 th	For those living on Oxford Road, Horndon
September 27 th	For those living on Fordham's Row, Orsett
September 28 th	For our Methodist and Congregational brothers & sisters
September 29 th	For those living on Herga Hyll, Orsett
September 30 th	For our Rural Dean, David Rollins

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

Parish Giving Coordinator Appointed



The PCC is pleased to announce the appointment of Richard Player as our new Parish Giving Coordinator. We hope this will be a helpful new role designed to support and strengthen the many ways people contribute to the life of our Parish.

Richard will work on behalf of the Parish to encourage, coordinate, and record the various ways people support our church community and its wider ministry.

What the role involves

Parish support takes many forms, and Richard's role is to help us see the full picture and make it easier for everyone to take part. This includes:

- regular giving
- one-off donations
- legacies (remembering the Parish in a will)
- giving time and talents, including helping with fundraising events and community activities

Richard's first steps

Richard will begin by introducing himself to those who currently give regularly, to say thank you and to ensure our records are up to date. He will also be in touch with church members and friends who are not currently recorded as givers, simply to make sure everyone has the opportunity to be included if they wish—whether through giving, volunteering, or supporting particular events.

Looking ahead: a wider parish approach

Over time, Richard will help develop a wider strategy to contact people across our villages who may not be churchgoers, but who value an active church at the centre of village life and may wish to support it. Many people care deeply about having a church that is open, welcoming, and available for worship, pastoral care, and community events—and this work will help us offer clear ways to contribute and stay connected.

Making the ask—and saying thank you

Richard's aim is to help the Parish make the “ask” of everyone in an appropriate, friendly way, while also enabling us to say “thank you” more personally. Just as importantly, he will help ensure we can keep everyone informed of overall progress, so that the whole Parish can see how support—of every kind—sustains our shared life and mission.



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MOTHERS' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU):



There were so many wonderful services held around the diocese on Mary Sumner Day (9 August). Did you listen to the BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship programme at 8.10am that day? It focused on Mary Sumner and Mothers' Union and is still available on BBC Sounds – it's definitely worth a listen!

We had a wonderful afternoon tea fundraiser, and a children's teddy bears' tea party on 22 Aug. It was lovely to see so many members and young families joining in the fun.

Maxine, our Diocesan President, is continuing her fundraising challenge to lead midday prayers in a historic place around the diocese each month. This month, she will be leading midday prayers, live on our Facebook page, from the end of Southend Pier (Friday 11 September)! Why don't you pop along and join in person at 12 noon?

Who remembers the 1977 Silver Jubilee Procession in Orsett?



Orsett Mothers' Union branch entered a float into the procession that went around the village to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The scene on the float depicted the first Mothers' Union meeting in 1876 as the centenary had just been celebrated. The float won 2nd prize! Do you recognise anyone in the photo?

The banner was carried by Ann Argent. The children on the float were yours truly, Claire Spice and Katie Allan, with their mums (Di, Gill, and Iris) walking alongside. We think Heather Simpson is on the float but who else is there? If you recognise anyone or have stories or photos, please contact me Dm.rep@muchelmsford.org.uk

Prayer Diary 2026: September

The theme for September in our 2026 Prayer Diary is 'Peace and Reconciliation': Each September, Mothers' Union celebrates its strong connection with the Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN) – a worldwide network of churches and peace-building organisations, inspired by the Coventry story of destruction, rebuilding and renewal. The concepts of forgiveness, healing, development, shared understanding and, of course, peace lie at the heart of all the work we undertake in Mothers' Union and are at the core of our Christian faith. As we pray especially this month for peace, reconciliation, hope and unity in our world and in our lives, let us reiterate the prayer central to CCN worship – 'Father Forgive'.



Monthly Prayer: *God of mercy and love, we come before You seeking peace and reconciliation. Heal the wounds of division within our hearts, families, and communities. Teach us to forgive as You forgive, to speak with kindness, and to listen with compassion. May Your Spirit guide leaders toward justice and unity among nations. Calm our anxious thoughts and renew our spirits with Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Help us to become instruments of Your love, building bridges where walls have stood. May Your light shine through us, bringing healing, hope, and harmony to a hurting world. In Your name, we pray. Amen*

Creative Prayer: Make a colourful shell bead bracelet and, with each shell you add, pray for a person/group that you know needs God's reconciling love. Perhaps make it international by praying for a different part of the world where conflict needs transforming. Each shell will symbolise your love and desire for a more Christ-like world. Wear your bracelet and tell anyone who notices it that each shell means a different prayer. Seashells are also a Christian symbol of protection and rebirth.

Time to join (or re-join) Mothers' Union?

If you find the Mothers' Union article each month interesting, why not join as a member? Or re-join, if your membership has lapsed? You could be a diocesan member, like me, and be part of this amazing global movement, making a difference at grass-roots level. It costs £34 per year (equivalent of 65p per week!). To join, either contact me or email Judith on Dm.rep@muchelmsford.org.uk and mention this Hobnob article.

Lucy Bubb, Mothers' Union contact

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Commemoration of the Departed Service

4pm - Sunday 25th October

at

**St Giles and All Saints Church,
Orsett**

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

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Forest Church

St Francis Pet Service

- 3rd October 2026 -

4pm at St Mary's Church, Bulphan

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

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Ecology and Social Justice Action Group

Fairtrade: Who They Are and What They Do



We've all seen the Fairtrade logo on our bananas, chocolate, coffee and other commodities. We know it as it a trusted icon, but why?

The Fairtrade Foundation is an organisation dedicated to ensuring those who work to provide humanity with sustainable food are treated fairly. To achieve this goal, the foundation focusses their efforts on three major sectors: People, Planet and Pay.

In a world where greed can easily consume the corporate front, there are far too many workplaces that exploit the health of others for profit. Fairtrade aims to do the opposite, ensuring that the people come first. They take an ethical approach to ensure that farmers have the voice they need to live and work at their best, that they can work in safe conditions and have more control. Farmers and workers with Fairtrade are represented across the governing of their work, having 50 percent of decision-making power, creating a fair democratic process for the acquisition and selling of produce.

Our planet is at risk, as is evident by recent heatwaves drying out land and water. If action is not taken, farming will become far more difficult and may become impossible. Fairtrade supports farms in their efforts to adopt climate-conscious practices/methods for acquiring, packaging and distributing their crops, to both provide for humanity and do what is best for the planet at large. The healthier our planet, the healthier our food quality becomes, and the healthier we will all be as a result. Aiding farmers in tackling the climate crisis will aid in the longevity of sustainable life. Additionally, Fairtrade seeks the aid of local experts who can provide knowledge they have learnt in the field, to better farming practices.

Farming has its risks, one major risk being monetary gain. With so much depending on the weather and the climate, harvests will vary, and there is no guarantee that farmers will receive enough money to live comfortably. One safety net that Fairtrade has created for farmers is a minimum price, protecting workers when market prices fall, still allowing them to earn the correct amount. Alongside this, the Fairtrade Premium has been set up: extra money for farmers and workers to invest in that which many of us may take for granted, like schooling, healthcare or workplace improvements.

As a Fairtrade parish, we are helping farmers by purchasing their products, allowing them to afford a sustainable life. And we can do even more for these farmers by extending parish practices into our homes, by looking out for the Fairtrade logo in our weekly shop. They deserve the same as us, so let's do our part for them.

Find this information and more at: <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en.html>

Edward Mortimer
Ecology and Social Justice Action Group



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Please feel free to come along and find out more or ring Lesley on 07766 505755

TUESDAY SESSIONS: Tuesday 1.45 - 4.15pm

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COMMUNITY RECYCLING

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Chairman stuart.prinn@gmail.com

For all Poppy Appeal supplies contact
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Bulphan WI

On a very hot August night we welcomed Katie Vale, a local milliner, to our meeting. She explained that worldwide millinery has always been based in Luton because of the raw materials that grew in the area, and that many of the blocks around which hats are made were destroyed in the 60s and 70s

when the wearing of hats went out of fashion. She showed us some hats she had made, including for Royal Ascot, and the photograph shows members and Katie, on the right, wearing some of her creations.



The WIs in Thurrock often celebrate their formation, known as their birthday, with a party. Sharon gave a report of a Summer Party she attended with Dot at West Tilbury where they won 9 raffle prizes. Party invitations have been received from two other Thurrock WIs, and we look forward to our members' feedback on their raffle hauls!

We entered a team of six for the Essex Federation quiz and came within 3½ points of the winning team, finishing fifth overall. It was really enjoyable and we hope to knock that winning team, for the third consecutive year, off the top spot next year.

Our next meeting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9th September is about Mudlarking. Mudlarking is the act of searching river muddy banks and foreshores for historical and valuable items, and we will learn more from Bolly May about the treasures she has discovered.

Visitors are most welcome; first visit is free apart from a donation for refreshments.

Lesley Crisp

Secretary Bulphan WI

The Weather!!! – Bev Macrae

When you live in Britain, the weather isn't just a topic of conversation. It's practically a member of the family.

We talk about it when we meet people.

We talk about it when we leave people.

We talk about it when we have nothing else to say.

And at the moment, we have a slight problem; there's been no rain.

Now, normally, in Britain, we complain about rain. We complain when it rains on a bank holiday. We complain when it rains on a Saturday. We complain when it rains just after we've washed the car. But give us a few weeks without it and suddenly we become very concerned.

"Has anyone seen a cloud?" "The grass looks a bit brown." "I never thought I'd say this, but I'm actually looking forward to a rainy day." We're very difficult to please. And then there's the heat.

British people are not really designed for hot weather. We spend nine months of the year wishing it was warmer, and then, when it finally happens, we spend three weeks lying on the sofa saying, "It's far too hot." We open every window. We close every curtain. We stand in front of the fridge with the door open. Eventually someone says, "I think we need rain."

Which brings me to something a little more serious. We often don't appreciate ordinary things until they disappear. Rain is a good example.

When it's raining, we see it as an inconvenience. But when the ground is dry and the plants are struggling, we realise just how precious it is. Perhaps life is a bit like that. We can get so used to the ordinary blessings around us that we hardly notice them.

A cup of tea, a conversation with someone we love. a good old laugh, a familiar face in church, a quiet moment, a roof over our heads. Even the things that sometimes annoy us can be things we would miss if they weren't there. We tend to notice what is wrong much more quickly than what is right. If ten things go well and one thing goes wrong, guess which one we talk about? The one that went wrong. Perhaps we could practise noticing the good things a little more. Not pretending that everything is perfect, as it clearly isn't. But stopping occasionally and thinking, "Actually, there is quite a lot that is good here."

Sometimes we simply need to pause, breathe, and look around. Laugh, be grateful and remember we don't have to have everything sorted out today. Sometimes it can be as simple as getting out of the normal rush of life and spending a little time with other people.

Maybe, after all this talk about rain, there's a lesson in that too. We don't control the weather. We can't make the rain come. We can't make the sun shine. We can't control every circumstance in our lives either. But we can decide how we respond. We can grumble, or we can smile. We can focus entirely on what's missing, or notice what's already here. We can spend the day wishing things were different, or make the most of the day we've been given.

So, when the rain does come, and it will!!! we might try not to complain quite so much. Although, being British, I wouldn't want to make any promises.

Sometimes we simply need to stop, look around, appreciate what we've got, enjoy the company of others, and remember that even an ordinary day can contain something worth being thankful for.

And if we get a little rain this week, let's welcome it. Just don't let it rain on a Saturday.....There are limits!!!

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- Fill in a gift form at church
- Or call PGS on 0333 002 1271 and they will take you through it, step by step.

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by email: l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk or by phone on 07974 803471

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Third Sunday of the month, 10am–12 noon

First Wednesday of the month, 1–2pm

We'd love to have you on board, even if you can only spare a little time. You're also very welcome to pop down and garden at another time.

To borrow the gardening cupboard key, email vicechairhothvhc@gmail.com and I'll arrange to get it to you.

Next Hall Projects

Next on our list are painting the hall ceiling and getting the clock working. The ceiling itself will be done professionally – no volunteers falling off ladders! Once that's complete, we hope to hold some painting work parties to freshen up the hall.

Four Seasons of Socials

We're planning four Village Hall social events each year, one for each season. These will be about getting together and having fun rather than fundraising.

Our proposed second Saturday dates are:

Autumn: 10th October

Winter: 9th January

Spring: 10th April

Summer: 10th July

More details to follow!

Nell Edwards, Vice Chair and Bookings

Find out more or book the hall: www.vhhorndononthehill.co.uk



The hosepipe ban has made watering much more labour-intensive, so we are incredibly grateful to our team of waterers, who are working so hard to keep everything looking its best.



A Busy Day of Volunteering

A small group of volunteers were out on 23rd August, spending time helping around the village. We worked at the village hall, litter-picked, deadheaded plants around the village, watered the plants at the school, and finally finished the day by tidying up the churchyard.

A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time and energy to help.

Our next clear-up day is on Sunday 13th September.

We will meet at 9.30am at St Mary's Church, Bulphan.

We invite you to join us and help keep Bulphan looking its best.

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

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SEPTEMBER IN HISTORY

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| 1 st | 1951 | The Premier supermarket opened in Earl's Court, the first supermarket in Britain. |
| 2 nd | 1666 | The Great Fire of London begins in Pudding Lane and rages for 5 days, but kills only 9 people. |
| 3 rd | 1939 | Britain and France declare war on Germany. |
| 4 th | 1962 | The Beatles start their first recording session at EMI's Abbey Road Studios. |
| 5 th | 1959 | The first trunk dialling system from a public phone box was launched during a ceremonial phone call from Bristol to London. |
| 6 th | 1879 | The opening of Britain's first telephone exchange, at Lombard Street in London. |
| 7 th | 1665 | The death of George Viccars, the first plague victim to die in the village of Eyam in Derbyshire. After 14 months of plague, out of a population of 350 people, only 80 survived. |
| 8 th | 1944 | The first V2 flying bombs kill 3 people in London. |
| 9 th | 1911 | The launch of the first airmail service in England, between Hendon and Windsor. |
| 10 th | 1224 | The Franciscans, founded in 1209 by St. Francis of Assisi, first arrived in England. They were originally called Grey Friars because of their grey 'habits'. |
| 11 th | 1836 | Register Office marriages were introduced in Britain. |
| 12 th | 1609 | English explorer Henry Hudson sailed his ship 'Half Moon' into New York harbour and 150 miles further inland to Albany, along the waterway now called Hudson River. |
| 13 th | 1902 | Harry Jackson becomes the first person in Britain to be convicted on fingerprint evidence. |
| 14 th | 1752 | The first day of the Gregorian calendar in Britain. |
| 15 th | 1830 | MP William Huskisson becomes the first rail fatality at the opening of the Liverpool Manchester Railway. |
| 16 th | 1485 | Yeomen Warders, the bodyguard of the English Crown (popularly known as 'Beefeaters') was established by King Henry VII. |
| 17 th | 1827 | 'Wides' in cricket were first scored in the Sussex v Kent game at Brighton. |
| 18 th | 1911 | Britain's first twin-engined aeroplane, the Short S.39, was test flown. |
| 19 th | 1879 | The Blackpool illuminations were switched on for the first time, a month before electricity was generally available in London. The first display was known as 'Artificial sunshine', and consisted of eight Arc lamps which bathed the Promenade. |
| 20 th | 1258 | Consecration of Salisbury Cathedral. |
| 21 st | 1962 | University Challenge, hosted by Bamber Gascoigne, was screened for the first time. |
| 22 nd | 1735 | Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole moves into 10 Downing Street. |
| 23 rd | 1848 | Chewing gum is produced commercially for the first time. |
| 24 th | 1776 | The first St. Leger horserace is run at Doncaster, Yorkshire. |
| 25 th | 1818 | First transfusion of human blood is performed at Guy's Hospital, London. |
| 26 th | 1580 | The Golden Hind arrives in Plymouth harbour having sailed round the world under the captaincy of Sir Francis Drake. |
| 27 th | 1888 | First use of the name, 'Jack the Ripper' in an anonymous letter to the central news agency. |
| 28 th | 1745 | 'God Save the King' is sung for the first time at London's Drury Lane Theatre. |
| 29 th | 1793 | Tennis was mentioned for the first time in an English sporting magazine. |
| 30 th | 1938 | Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain says, after meeting Hitler in Munich, 'I believe it is peace for our time'. |



The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

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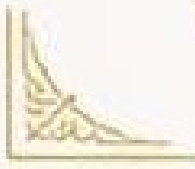
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Orsett & Bulphan	West Horndon Surgery	01375 892082
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		01277 811770

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Mr Steven Taylor	Steven.Taylor@thurrock.gov.uk	07889 966212

LOCAL MP

Mr James McMurdock	james.mcmurdock.mp@parliament.uk
House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA	

SCHOOLS

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