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

November 2026

THE PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN

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SERVICES – November 2026

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Sunday 1st November *4th Sunday before Advent*			10am All Together Holy Communion Service
Monday 2nd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 3rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 5th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 6th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear 9.30-11am Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 7th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
Sunday 8th November *3rd Sunday before Advent* *Remembrance Sunday*	8.45am BCP HC Service 10.45am Act of Remembrance 11am Remembrance Family Service 	10am Family Service 	2pm Act of Remembrance 
Monday 9th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 10th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 12th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 13th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear 9.30-11am Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 14th	Open Church 10am to 5pm with refreshments		
Sunday 15th November *2nd Sunday before Advent*	4pm Refresh Service	8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service	
Monday 16th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 17th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 19th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 20th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear 9.30-11am Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 21st	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 22nd November *Sunday next before advent*			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 23rd h			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 24th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments 12noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 26th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 27th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear 9.30-11am Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 28th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 29th November *1st Sunday of Advent*	10am All Together Holy Communion Service 4pm Coming Together on Advent Sunday		
Monday 30th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 1st December	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 3rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 4th		Oasis Café 9-11.30am Edward Bear 9.30-11am Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 5th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments 4pm Forest Church		

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



THE PARISH REGISTERS

Wedding

10 Oct 26	Kelly Fay Allingham & Daniel Watts	O

Funeral

22 Sep 26	Peter John Brainwood	H
15 Oct 26	Maureen Doris Teuma	O
16 Oct 26	Claire Ann Wakefield	B



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NOVEMBER COVER PICTURE :
War Memorial, Bulphan

Parish of Horndon,
Orsett and Bulphan

Christmas bazaar

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

You know autumn has arrived when it's time for the Harvest Festival!

This year, our Harvest Festival service was held at Bulphan Church, with a slightly later start than usual at 11am. After a lovely service, accompanied by the familiar favourites *We Plough the Fields and Scatter* and *Bringing in the Sheaves*, we settled down to enjoy a wonderful variety show featuring the many talents of our congregation.

Max got things off to a lively start with a display of Morris dancing – minus the bells! We then enjoyed folk songs beautifully sung by Felicity, followed by some entertaining reminiscences from Judy.

The Beadle-Phelps family were next to take centre stage, mum delighted us with her fabulous singing and they donned colourful woolly hats to transform themselves into a tomato, an aubergine and a cucumber! Their wonderfully funny play, written by Hugo, had us thoroughly entertained. And here's the really impressive part – Hugo hasn't even reached his teens yet! I think we can safely say that the parish has a budding comedy writer in its midst. Watch this space!

The entertainment ended on a suitably musical note, with a selection of folk songs featuring Janet on the accordion, Max on the mandolin and Edward on drums and bodhrán (though thankfully not both at the same time!). It was a lovely finale to a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

With refreshments and nibbles on hand, it was a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship, laughter and a little bit of creative flair.

A big thank you goes to Janet McCheyne for organising everything, to all our marvellous performers for sharing their talents, and to the ladies who kept us so well supplied with refreshments. You all helped to make it such a special celebration.



Meanwhile, Horndon school's Harvest Festival at Horndon church was a great success, with a bumper collection of produce generously donated for the Thurrock Foodbank. A wonderful reminder that harvest is not only a time to give thanks for what we have, but also an opportunity to share with those who need a helping hand.

God Bless - Bev

ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS REPORT



How many of you love a good wedding? For those fortunate enough to be in church on 10th October experienced a very joyful and sometimes teary wedding as we celebrated the union of Kelly and Dan, both members of our church family. Their daughter, Ava, started the proceedings with a recorded message for Dan which was a lovely touch. Revd Sue Mann had agreed to take the wedding before she left and it was a delight to welcome her back to St Giles. Dan even threatened to lock her inside the church so she couldn't return to Norwich!

The weekend was finished with a wonderful thanksgiving service for Harvest in St Mary's, Bulphan. The service was followed with lunch, provided and served by members of the congregation and Bulphan residents. To add to the day we were entertained by an assortment of local talents. The highlights of which were a very funny skit written by Hugo, about an aubergine, cucumber and tomato which starred his family wearing appropriately coloured hats and a rendition of '*Fling it here'* which involved audience participation. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. Many thanks must go to Janet for organising the entertainment and for everyone who brought and/or helped to serve refreshments.

It has been over a year since Sue and Phil left the parish but it is with great joy that we look forward to welcoming Revd Michèle Marshall back into the fold - some will remember that Michèle started her ministry with us as a curate. She has accepted the role of Priest In Charge of our parish alongside her existing role at East & West Tilbury and Linford. Her licensing service will be on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm at St Giles & All Saints, Orsett and will be moving in to The Rectory with her husband, Robin, in due course.

Don't forget the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 21st November, 12 until 3 at Orsett churches centre.

God Bless

Christine & David Mortimer

Bulphan Churchwarden's Report



An action-packed month so far with moments of great jubilation and other moments of sadness.
With regards to Thurrock Deanery, it is a time of clergy leaving or retiring. Tara left The Mardyke Team, Lauren left Corringham, David Peterson left West Thurrock, Clive retired from Gray's North and Father Tim retired from Tilbury. Thurrock with 23 churches has now 4 paid priests and 2 who have permission to officiate. The good news for Horndon Orsett and Bulphan is that on the 18th October it was announced that Revd Michèle Marshall will be appointed as our new priest in charge and that she will carry out this position as well as being priest in charge of East and West Tilbury and Linford. Some of us remember Michèle from her curacy here and we welcome her and her family, we are sure she will have a positive contribution in serving God within our community. We will still be reliant on Revd Max, and we thank him for all his good works.
On his final day of retirement, 4th October, Father Tim led the 10 am service at Orsett before leading his final farewell service at Tilbury. A very well attended farewell and I can still see Father Tim in his red waistcoat dancing and singing his railway song with his fellow clergy.
The Bulphan School harvest festival service led by Michèle on 7th October was very well attended. St Mary's held the main Harvest Festival on 11th October led by Max, and we must thank Janet and her team who organised the refreshments and entertainment, a wonderful day.
On Monday afternoon 28th September I went to close the church as usual when I met a man who turned out to be Joe Wakefield, he said that his mother Claire had died at 7am that morning, I said that I was sorry for his loss, as the church had been open all day, he had found some solace in being in the church. Lots of messages followed and this led to the funeral of Claire Wakefield on Friday 16th October. Anyone attending that service would soon have realised that she was a very well-loved woman, a wife, a mother and grandmother. Joe and his family expressed their love for Claire in so many ways. There was a procession led by four black horses with white plumes, there were vast quantities of displays of flowers inside and outside the church, Revd Barry Johnson leading the service and was surprised when a woman dress as Mary Poppins with umbrella walked up the aisle. Sally sang, Que Sera Sera, Jane played, All Things Bright and Beautiful, there was lots of Mary Poppins music plus the song, We are the World. Over 250 people attended and it was an outstanding tribute from The Wakefield family to Claire, we can only offer our prayers for all the family at this very sad time for them.
The floor repairs were due to start on 12th October but were delayed until 19th. We hope they will be finished before our next service on 1st November, but if not, the service will be held in the parish room.
Hoping the rest of the month will be a bit quieter.
Frank Woollard

THE PARISH OF
HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN

Saturday 7th November 2026

Orsett

10.45am for a 11.00am Remembrance service organised by Chadwell's Royal British Legion at Orsett's War Memorial

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2026

Horndon-on-the-hill

8.45am	Holy Communion Service
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

2.00pm	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the Churchyard

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SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER **10am to 12 noon** St Peter & St Paul Church, Horndon-on-the-Hill

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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

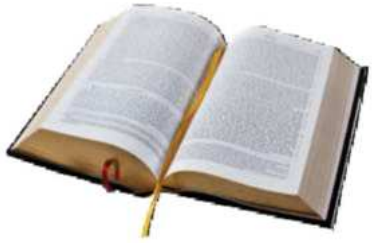
Minutes of meetings can be found under the 'files' tab on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/954323667945399

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



PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

November 1st	For 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 Parish
November 5th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
November 6th	For Revd Max Blake
November 7th	For the wonder of our planet
November 8th	For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon
November 9th	For members of our congregations who live in Grays
November 10th	For those living in St Giles Close, Orsett
November 11th	For the Armistice and those who have suffered injury or loss in conflict
November 12th	For those living on Randall Drive in Orsett
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 Reverend Michèle Marshall on her licensing as Priest in Charge of our Parish and East and West Tilbury and Linford
November 25th	For those living in Victoria Road in Horndon
November 26th	For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon
November 27th	For the hospitals in Basildon and Long Lane, Grays
November 28th	For those living in Mill Lane, Horndon
November 29th	For those living in The Green in Orsett
November 30th	For those living on Doesgate Lane, Bulphan

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

For the Fallen - Laurence Binyon



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 November 2026

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

1st November	**Revd Fiona Smith**	**Holy Communion**
8th November	**Remembrance Sunday**	**at Horndon Parish Church**
15th November	**Ms. Colleen Weedon**	
22nd November	**Mr. John Annim**	
29th November	**Mrs. Anna Williams**	

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 Bible Reflections
You can receive monthly Bible Reflections written by sending your email to Maureen McPherson at mail@south-fields.com. Hard copies can be handed out if you don't have email. There are now two resources you may be interested in receiving.

Adult Bible Reflection
These are written by Maureen and typically comprise commentary on passages of scripture combined with a contemporary application of the theme(s) being looked at.

Children & Young Teenagers
To support families in nurturing faith at home a Young Peoples Bible Reflection is also now available. The email will **not** be sent directly to children. This resource will enable parents /grandparents /guardians to provide Bible engagement for the younger generation. The e mail offers a simple, enjoyable and spiritually nourishing monthly resource that families can use together and includes:
Talking to God – a short, child-friendly prayer, a **Bible Passage** – one verse or a short passage, a **Mini Reflection** – a few sentences explaining the message, **Colouring Page** – linked to the Scripture and a **Word Search or Puzzle** – reinforcing the passage in a fun way.

Cycle of Faith
We finished our series of bike rides for 2026 with a ride from Stanford le Hope to Grays and back through Orsett on a lovely Autumnal day in early October. Planning is already in progress for more leisurely local rides in 2027. The pace is gentle and all are very welcome to join us on these rides led by a qualified British Cycling ride leader and first aider. Look out for further news in HOBNOB or contact Jeff Bell at jeff3bell@gmail.com for further details.

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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 five 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.



On the 4th October we enjoyed our usual traditional Harvest service where we focused on God's continuing provision to us for our daily sustenance. The service was led by Neil Hunt, an Essex expatriate now living in Somerset, who returns to take our services from time to time. Janet Mc Cheyne on the keyboard provided the music with some time - honoured old favourites together with more recent harvest hymn

After the service the goods were sold off raising £97 for the RNIB and tinned / packaged goods were donated to the Thurrock food bank.

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

1st November	**6:30 pm**	**David Raj**	
8th November	**6:30 pm**	**Lee Woodward**	
15th November	**6:30 pm**	**Rev Pholani Ncube**	
22nd November	**6:30 pm**	**Rev Fiona Smith**	**Communion**
29th November	**6:30 pm**	**Evening Service**	

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



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MOTHERS' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU):

WOW!! I was so fortunate to attend the Worldwide Gathering in Durban, South Africa last month. Over 2,000 Mothers' Union members travelled from 47 countries for the four-day gathering to celebrate, worship, learn and share together. Every day was a wonderful sight of so many different Mothers' Union outfits, and many new friendships were made. It was interesting to discover just how much Mothers' Union life has in common across very different places.

With the theme of Celebrating Worldwide Fellowship: One Worldwide Family in Christ, we were reminded that while Mothers' Union has much to celebrate from its first 150 years, the anniversary is also a moment to look forward. On the last day, our Worldwide President Kathleen Snow reminded us that the future is built on God's faithfulness: 'This anniversary is not simply a celebration of longevity; it is a testimony to God's continuing presence. We have heard much about listening, and walking alongside each other and in our communities, and that is what has made a difference to our communities.'



The Gathering concluded with the Closing Eucharist and Commissioning Service, led by The Most Revd and Rt Hon, Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, accompanied by The Rt Revd Dr Thabo Magkoba, Archbishop of Southern Africa. The service gave thanks for 150 years of Mothers' Union and celebrated the acts of love, prayer, friendship and practical service that have shaped its story. As Her Grace said, 'if you want something doing, ask the Mothers' Union!'







CDMU 150th Celebration Service and AGM – Saturday 14th November

Everyone is invited to join us at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday 14th November at 11.30am for our celebration service, led by Bishop Guli. There will be many MU banners on display, including the Orsett MU banner that usually resides in the Lady Chapel in St Giles and All Saints Church, as well as MU memorabilia. Bring a packed lunch and then join us for our AGM.

Prayer Diary 2026: November



The theme for November in our 2026 Prayer Diary is 'Who is on the Lord's side?': In the so-called 'Western World', we live with the illusion that the possibility of being safe and secure exists. But 'in that say' – when God puts everything right – we will experience real safety and security. Trusting God, whatever our circumstances, we can experience perfect peace today. The double-minded swaying from pride to fear is calmed by the mind focused on God, who alone can be trusted. Shocking as it may seem, this God we trust in is partisan. He takes sides with the oppressed and the poor. Who is on the Lord's side? Are you?

Monthly Prayer: *God our creator and sustainer, whose mission brings life and growth to all who call on your name in faith; help and guide us to seek: your vision in our prayers and planning, your wisdom in our practical action, and your power at work within us as we continue to work towards moral, social and economic justice for all. Through your very precious gift of prayer, enable us to reflect your abundant hope and love to those we seek to serve; that they may discover life in all its fullness, finding a place of refuge and of peace. Amen.*

Creative Prayer: 'Who is on the LORD's side? *Exodus 32:26* Help us to be challenged and changed regarding where each one of us stands today: Justice or Just Us? Open or Obstinate? Involved or Ignore? Nurture or Neglect? Let your gentleness be known to everyone. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. *Philippians 4:5-6*

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

Bulphan WI



Bulphan WI member Sally decorated a windowsill in Bulphan Church for Harvest Festival using locally grown produce.



Some of our members went on a walk organised by our Federation called 'Bishops and Brothels'. We walked from Smithfield Market, over the Millenium Bridge to Bankside where the Golden Hind is moored. Our blue badge guide was very informative, and we had an interesting day.

At our October meeting we had a Tropic skincare demonstration, and two of our members experienced some of the products.

Currently Thursday and Friday afternoons at the Bulphan community café are a hive of activity as members and café users prepare the poppies for this year's display around the village, which we are planning to have in place for early November. Thanks to everyone who helps make this one part of the act of Remembrance.

Our November meeting is not open to visitors, but we would love to see guests at our Christmas meeting on Wednesday 9th December from 7pm. There will be a fun quiz, raffle and musical entertainment. We do request that visitors bring a plate of savoury or sweet food to add to our bring and share buffet.

A reminder about the Thurrock area WIs carol concert on Monday 7th December at 2pm at Orsett church, open to all with refreshments after the concert and a collection to help with the upkeep of the church.

Lesley Crisp

Secretary Bulphan WI

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Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School

We are all part of God's family. Through trying our best in all that we do, we find a sense of belonging.
1 Corinthians 12:27 'All of you together are Christ's body and each of you is a part of it'.

Dear all,



Our Nursery children are loving their new outdoor stage! They have been busy singing, dancing and performing for their friends, using their imaginations and growing in confidence. It is wonderful to see them enjoying this fantastic new addition to their outdoor area.

Reception class have had a fantastic start to their journey in our primary school. They have explored emotions, learnt all about staying safe on the roads, talked about the people they live with, and even made their own obstacle courses!



Year 1 have been working hard on developing their hand ball skills. I wonder which team won? They have also been learning how to create digital images including digital drawings of Jonah and the Whale.



Year 3 created the most amazing stained glass window in their classroom. It looks out over the playground so the whole school can appreciate its message: Each part of our stained-glass window is unique and beautiful just like us. We are all part of God's family and are stronger together.

Each of our classes created their own stained glass window for our hall displays. Please come in and see them if you are passing – they are very artistic!

Year 4 combined their History and their Music lessong in order to travel back in time and learn about rock 'n' roll music! They listened to rock 'n'roll songs and learned about the instruments, rhythm and style of this exciting music. They had lots of fun singing, learning the hand jive, moving to the beat and really rocked around the clock!



Music has played a big part in the school during this first half term. Our children love to sing and perform. In the next half term they will be singing to the public to raise money for St Luke's Hospice, so please look out for the information and come along and support the singers.

Kind regards

Mrs Bradley - Headteacher

W.A.D.E.R.S

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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
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The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Edward Bear Toddler Group

Edward Bear welcomes his little friends and their accompanying adults in the Orsett Churches' Centre Chapel

There is no charge for this Toddler Group

Every Friday during term time
9.30 am – 11.00 am

For further details please contact:
KAREN COLLIER
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In the Orsett Churches' Centre

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WOOLMARKET MUSIC

In October we welcomed David Silkoff – a professional pianist, who delighted us with a programme of Beethoven's Sonata Appassionata, Chopin's Nocturne Op 48 and Grande Polonaise in Ab and finished with Pictures at an Exhibition by Mussorgsky. A most enjoyable evening with a very accomplished musician.

Next month we welcome back Benjamin Carnell who will be delighting us with his cello playing.





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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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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Bulphan C. of E. Academy

We had a busy first half term at Bulphan! From Pupil Parliament elections to sporting events, bikeability and scooter training to our first Reception Tours for next year's class! Our Year 6 class spent a week away at PGL – Windmill Hill, on a joint residential with Orsett School. The whole school took part in Restart-a-Heart day, for the second year running, where everyone learnt the skills of CPR. The children are so engaged in the online workshop -bringing their favourite teddies along to practice CPR on!

We were very pleased to have such a successful Harvest Service lead by Rev. Michele. The children shared prayers and work they had completed learning about Harvest time. Lower School performed 'The Dingle- Dangle Scarecrow'; Middle school pupils read poems they had written about Harvest; and Upper School lead us in prayer and Bible readings. We were so pleased with the donations for Thurrock Foodbank and can't wait to see the total weight! We were also overwhelmed by the turnout by our parents – I've never seen St. Mary's that full for a school service – which was really lovely to see.









Bulphan C. of E. Academy

We still have spaces for any prospective parents to join us for a tour after Half Term



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Woolmarket Ladies

Elaine opened our meeting on October 6th by introducing the Three Amigos, Bill, Terry and Ray, who were our guest entertainment this evening. Two of the group are also part of the local group 'The Travelling Tilburys'. The group played a variety of songs from Elvis, 'Don't Be Cruel', 'Girl Of My Best Friend', 'I Forget To Remember To Forget' (we all had song sheets to sing along to this one). They also played songs by Blue Mink, The Drifters, The Searchers, Steelers Wheel and the Beach Boys. They finished with 'Sweet Caroline' by Neil Diamond and 'Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life' by Monty Python. Elaine thanked the group for the highly entertaining evening which had our toes tapping and the ladies singing and clapping.

We wished one of our members, Joy, a very happy birthday and thanked her for the wonderful lemon drizzle cake she had made for us all to enjoy.



Elaine reminded members that the Afternoon Tea will be held on 29th November from 2-4 pm in the Village Hall, ticket price is £15 and they can be obtained from Jan on 07799078110 or Bernie on 07868723645. Preparations will start from 9.30 a.m. As usual donations of raffle prizes and homemade cakes will be gratefully accepted. A cake list will be sent around during November's meeting.

Elaine also asked for deposits for our Christmas meal to be held at The Ship, East Tilbury on Thursday 3rd December. She reminded our members that there would be no meeting on Tuesday 1st December in the Woolmarket.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd November at 8.00 pm in the Woolmarket, when we will have a Craft Evening organised by Joy and Bernie.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR HORNDON - ORSETT - BULPHAN

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101 or 999 email: thurrockcommunitypolicingteam@essex.police.uk

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