

Welcome to the Churches of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon on the Hill

Weekly notice sheet Sunday 29th November

Holy Communion Service

will be live streamed and can be viewed at www.hobnob.org.uk/watch



Today's Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear All,

It has been good to hear how some of you have been getting on over the past few weeks.

Having returned to online worship during November, we are pleased that we are able to begin having services in church again, from 2nd December, so our next service will be a Thursday Morning Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church on 3rd December at 10am and then we will have a Family Service at 10am on Sunday 6th December at Horndon. From then on, our Sunday services will continue to alternate between Orsett and Horndon at 10am, and the Thursday Holy Communion at Bulphan will be held on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 10am.

From next week Max will be running a weekly Wednesday Advent Reflection that can be watched on Facebook @HOBNOBChurches, further details can be found later in this notice sheet.

With regards to Christmas, our intention is to have outdoor Glowstick (Christingle) Services on the afternoon of Sunday 13th December. Details will be included in next week's notices. And I will keep you posted about other Christmas services in due course.

As ever, please be assured of my prayers for you all and do give me a ring if you need a chat or if you know of any prayer or pastoral needs.

Stay safe and God bless,
Sue



Comfort and Joy

We would like to tell you about the Church of England Christmas resource, Comfort and Joy, which has been produced following on from the success of Follow the Star which some of you used last year.



Comfort and Joy includes reflections for each day from Christmas Day to 2nd January featuring contributions from **Kate Bottley, Jonathan Bryan, Bob Chilcott, Martha Collison, Stephen Cottrell, Guli Francis-Dehqani, Chine McDonald, Sally Phillips and Justin Welby.**

Please let Sue know if you would like her to order you a paper copy of this booklet, which will cost approximately 80p. This resource will also be made available freely via audio, smart speaker, as well as in app and email formats with accompanying prayer activities for children and families.

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Prayers for the week

Diocesan Prayer Diary

Sunday prayers

- “Keep us, O Lord, while we tarry on this earth, in a serious seeking after thee, and in an affectionate walking with thee, every day of our lives; that when thou comest, we may be found not hiding our talent, nor serving the flesh, nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished, but waiting and longing for our Lord, our glorious King, for ever and ever.”
Richard Baxter (1615-91)
- PRAY for The Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral, Bishop
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/WePray-OCT-NOV20.pdf

Benefice Prayer Diary

Ivy, Lucy, Mervyn, Ron S, Steve J, Janet, Deb, Sandra, Pat, Dottie and her family

Prayers for the recently bereaved

Michelle and her family, the families of Tony and Peter.

Please let Revd Sue or Revd Max know of people who are unwell or in need of pastoral support



Diary Dates

Services

- During lockdown Sunday services will be live streamed at 10am on Sundays and can be found through Facebook @HOBNOBChurches or on www.hobnob.org.uk/watch
- **Sunday 29th November** our Holy Communion Service will be live streamed.
- Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church at 10am on **Thursday 3rd December**
- Family Service at Horndon-on-the-Hill Church on **Sunday 6th December**
- Morning and Evening Prayers will be held on a Monday and Friday at 8.30am and 6pm respectively and can be found through Facebook @HOBNOBChurches.
- If you would like to listen to daily prayers, these can be heard at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>
- Daily Hope, a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers can be found on 0800 8048044

Advance notices

- Eileen McMenemy's funeral is to be held at 2.40pm on Friday **27th November** at South Essex Crematorium (Upminster), only invited friends and family can attend
- Glowstick (Christingle) Services—**Sunday 13th December**, further details will be given next week



Advent Reflections

Revd Max is going to be holding four reflection sessions on four parables, for Advent on Wednesdays at 5.30pm, approx 25 minutes in length. The schedule is as follows:-

2nd Dec The faithful or unfaithful slave. Matthew 24:45-51

9th Dec The 10 bridesmaids. Matthew 25:1-13.

16th Dec The Talents. Matthew 14-30.

23rd Dec The judgement. Matthew 25:31-46.

These are the last parables before the story of Holy Week and are all about the return of Jesus.

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Thurrock Foodbank

Your continued support for this charity is much appreciated. The Benefice has organised 5 collection boxes as listed below:

Orsett	The Rectory and Orsett Stores
Bulphan	24, Church Lane and Bulphan Local Store
Horndon-on-the-Hill	1, Lion Cottages, High Road



Shortages this week are: instant coffee, sponge puddings, rectangular Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, stuffing mix, Christmas biscuits, bottles of non-alcoholic Christmas drink/punch, savoury biscuits/nibbles, bottles of tomato sauce, gravy granules or other similar condiments.

Gifts

In the run up to Christmas the Foodbank are happy to accept donations of unused items that could be wrapped up, and given as gifts to their clients. Suitable items would include men's and women's toiletry sets, children's toys, family games and Christmas themed confectionary/food items.

These items can be placed in the five collection boxes in the Benefice.



Individual Private Prayer



Horndon-on-the-Hill Church is open on Tuesday and Saturday, 10am to 12.00 noon
Bulphan Church is open on Monday and Thursday, 10am to 12noon



This time is for quiet prayer and unfortunately at the moment, following Government guidelines, the time should not be used for socialising with other members of the congregation.

Hobnob Magazine

- January edition—Please submit articles to Ron by December 23rd email: ronald714@btinternet.com
- The online version of the magazine can be found on our website news page www.hobnob.org.uk/magazine

Bible Readings for this week

Principal Service

Sunday	Isaiah 64.1-9 1 Corinthians 1.3-9	Psalm 80.1-8 Mark 13.24-end
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	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalm 47 Ezekiel 47.1-12 John 12.20-32	Psalm 87 Zechariah 8.20-end John 1.35-42	Tuesday	Psalm 80 Isaiah 43.1-13 Revelation 20	Psalm 74 Isaiah 26.1-13 Matthew 12.22-37
Wednesday	Psalm 7 Isaiah 43.14-end Revelation 21.1-8	Psalm 77 Isaiah 28.1-13 Matthew 12.38-end	Thursday	Psalm 42 Isaiah 44.1-8 Revelation 21.9-21	Psalm 40 Isaiah 28.14-end Matthew 13.1-23
Friday	Psalm 25 Isaiah 44.9-23 Revelation 21.22-22.5	Psalm 17 Isaiah 29.1-14 Matthew 13.24-43	Saturday	Psalm 9 Isaiah 44.24-45.13 Revelation 22.6-end	Psalm 27 Isaiah 29.15-end Matthew 13.44-end

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