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

December 2024

SERVICES – December 2024

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Sunday 1st December <i>1st Sunday of advent</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 2 nd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 3 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 5 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 6 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 7 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
Sunday 8th December <i>2nd Sunday of advent</i>			8.45am Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 9 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 10 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	2pm Holy Communion Service, at the Whitecroft	
Thursday 12 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 13 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 14 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 15th December <i>3rd Sunday of advent</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service	6pm Carols in the Barn at Arden Hall Farm, Horndon on the Hill	
Monday 16 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 17 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		5pm Christingle Service
Thursday 19 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 20 th		No Oasis Café or Edward Bear	
Saturday 21 st	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 22nd December <i>4th Sunday of advent</i>	4pm Crib Service	8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 23 rd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 24 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments 8.30pm Holy Communion Service	4pm Family Carol Service	10pm Holy Communion Service
 Weds 25 th Christmas Day		10am Holy Communion Service	
Thursday 26 th			No Open Church
Friday 27 th		No Oasis Café or Edward Bear	
Saturday 28 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 29th December <i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i>			10am All Together Holy Communion Service
Monday 30 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 31 st	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 2nd January			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 3 rd		No Oasis Café or Edward Bear	
Saturday 4 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments 4pm Forest Church		
Sunday 5 th	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		

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

Rector's Reflections

As 2024 draws towards its end, I would like to thank Revd Max, the churchwardens, the PCC and everyone who has worked hard, to serve God in in the Parish over the past year.

As the evenings become darker earlier, the new Church calendar begins, and we enter the Advent season expectant of the coming of the light.

So, our Christian year begins with waiting. We wait in anticipation of Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, and we wait in hope for when Jesus comes again. Luke says in his Gospel,

'And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' (Luke 21:25-28)

Some of Luke's words resonate with us today, as we witness the terrible things that are happening in the world. Yet Luke tells Jesus' followers 'to stand tall and lift up your heads.' Rather than allowing fear and confusion to dominate our thoughts, we are called to look up as we wait for and work for the coming of God's reign.

Christ is here, urging us to "keep awake", and to trust in his light, a light that no darkness can put out.

We stay awake, watch and wait, for we do not know the hour or the day of your arrival.

Come, Lord, bringer of hope.

Create in us a desire for a world transformed to reflect your glory.

Come, Lord, bringer of hope.

Lead us in your ways, as together we make a change, to dispel the darkness of poverty.

Come, Lord, bringer of hope.

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As we approach Christmas, please do join me in continuing to pray for our world and for all those in need, remembering, also, to thank God for his goodness.

I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks and wish you a joyous and blessed Christmas!

God bless,

Sue



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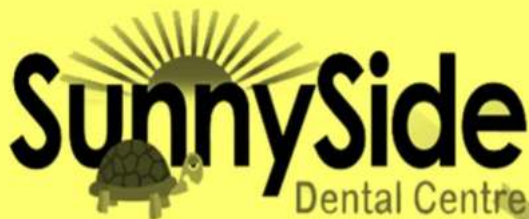
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Funerals

23rd October

Alexander Price (85) (H)

19th November

Nora Lilian Sutton (92) (B)

26th November

Lorna Alison (84) (H)

29th November

Marion Cole (93) (O)



Wedding Enquiries

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

Mon 9th December - 7.30pm at Orsett Church
Sat 11th January - 12 noon Horndon Church

For more information, please contact:
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ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT



The second Sunday of November has, since 1945, been when the majority of the country remembers those who have fallen in conflict. In Orsett it is marked with a Family service followed by an Act of Remembrance, with local Scout/Guide groups in attendance. As in previous years we were joined by the Harley Owners Group, Lakeside Chapter who read two poems commemorating the fallen. The day before, Orsett hosted a parade with an Act of Remembrance organised by Chadwell Royal British Legion. It is refreshing to see the coming together of both the young and the old to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. It is our hope that these events will carry on for years to come, as to let them slide would be unthinkable.

With a large churchyard to maintain we have been fortunate to have had the Community Payback team come back to St Giles and All Saints. We have had two visits so far and they have done an excellent job, leaving the churchyard looking much tidier. This means there is less pressure on Bronc and John, who will, nevertheless, carry on as usual. One of the team even weeded the main church path and it looks so much better, although it might be a bit like painting the Forth Bridge as the weeds don't stop growing.

When you read this we will be in Advent, which is when we reflect on the coming and birth of Jesus and is the start of our liturgical year. We have services and events throughout the four weeks across the parish. At Orsett we have:

- Sunday services on the 1st at 10 am and 22nd at 8.45 am and 10 am
- Parish Christmas bazaar in the Churches Centre on Saturday 7th between 12 and 3 pm, followed by Forest Church at 4 pm
- The Nativity on the Pound will be in the church this year on Tuesday 10th at 7.30 pm
- On Friday 13th we will be hosting *A Christmas Carol*, put on by Complete Commedia at 7.30 pm, tickets available from Bernadette Wakeling.
- To kick start your Christmas, a Family Carol service will be on Christmas Eve at 4 pm
- Orsett hosts the Christmas Day service at 10 am

We hope you are able to join us for some or all of these.

Wishing you all a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year
Christine and David Mortimer



HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S MUSINGS

Hello Everyone,

Well, as the song goes: 'It's that time of the year'.

I do hope every one of you will join us at some point during the festive season to celebrate our Saviour's birth.

Our popular Tuesday and Saturday Open church will have their Christmas Party on Tuesday December 10th from 10am – 12pm. There will be entertainment and festive cheer and of course some carols and readings. All are very welcome, so please come along to join the festivities.

If you are unable to join us on a weekday, or if you have enjoyed Open Church carol singing and would like to continue, why not come along to our Carol service in the Barn at Arden Hall Farm Horndon on Sunday 16th December at 6pm. This is a great way to start the Christmas celebrations with carols accompanied by a brass band.

On Sunday 22nd December at 4pm Horndon church will be holding a Crib service. This is open to all of course but all children have the chance to dress up in a costume (which will be provided) and take part in the Nativity story. This will be the first time in many years that this service will take place and it would be great to see all the children taking part.

Details of all other services can be found on other pages in the Hobnob.

On behalf of Beverley and myself, we wish you all a Happy and Joyous Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all into our beautiful church during the Christmas Season

God Bless

Sonia Ward - Churchwarden



COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR HORNDON - ORSETT - BULPHAN

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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

There are thousands and thousands of Church of England people, Clergy and Lay who are carrying out good work every week. These works are carried out by people volunteering or being paid a fairly low wage. Sadly the events of the past weeks have cast a dark shadow over all these good works. It is essential that as a Christian community we should stick together and help each other through this difficult period.

The good news is that it has been busy as usual at St Marys Church, we had an amazing Remembrance Service held outside in the churchyard; this service in recent years has become very well attended. With all that is going on in the world remembering all those who were affected in any way by previous wars seems to resonate. The words of the service, simple but tremendously powerful.

“They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. We will remember them”.

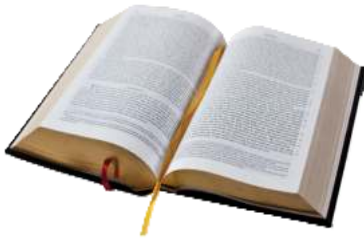
“When you go home tell them of us and say for your tomorrow, we gave our today”.

The Parish chose the queen Victoria Seamen's Rest as this year's Christmas charity. Thurrock is very much a seafaring place with two major ports and the Victoria Seamen's Rest has a presence at these. Donating toiletries, woolly hats, gloves etc is therefore helping a local charity that has a world-wide reach and is certainly one of mission.

It was great that Beverley Macrae organised a visit on Tuesday, 19th November to the Rest at Tilbury Docks to take the donations from the parish, a total of three large boxes. After a tour of the building, church members assisted in the wrapping of 500 parcels, each containing presents, a chocolate bar and a Christmas card. This is a local charity that we should support. They do receive donations of goods, but they do require cash donations too as they purchase many of the toiletries, goods and chocolate bars, etc that make up the parcels.

The children's Christingle service will be held in St Marys Church, Bulphan on Tuesday, 17th December, 5pm, always a wonderful, enchanting service.

Frank Woollard



PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

December 1st	For this period of waiting & watching which we call Advent
December 2nd	For the Friends of Orsett Church
December 3rd	For those who live on Stanley Road, Bulphan
December 4th	For the work of the Diocesan staff
December 5th	For those who live on Blackshots Lane
December 6th	Remembering St Nicholas on his feast day
December 7th	For our Clergy as they prepare for Christmas
December 8th	For the Orsett Fire Station and all firefighters
December 9th	For those who live on Mill Lane, Orsett
December 10th	For neighbours and friends who have moved away
December 11th	For those who live on China Lane, Bulphan
December 12th	For those who live on Stephens Crescent, Horndon
December 13th	For those who live on Francis Close, Horndon
December 14th	For those who live on High Road, Orsett
December 15th	For those who live on Grosvenor Road, Orsett
December 16th	For the work of Christian Aid
December 17th	For those who live on Malting Lane, Orsett
December 18th	For those who live on Holmes Close, Horndon
December 19th	For those who live on Bristowe Drive, Orsett
December 20th	For those who live on Hillcrest Close, Horndon
December 21st	For those who live on Peartree Lane, Bulphan
December 22nd	For the shops in Orsett and Horndon and Bulphan
December 23rd	For those who live on Ellis Close, Orsett
December 24th	For the people of Ukraine facing an uncertain and hostile Christmas
December 25th	For Christians around the world as we celebrate the birth of Christ
December 26th	For the work of the Thurrock Food Bank in these testing times
December 27th	For those who live on School Lane, Orsett
December 28th	For all who work in Basildon Hospital
December 29th	For those who live on Alderton Road, Orsett
December 30th	For those who live on Paddock Close, Orsett
December 31st	For peace in Israel and Palestine and their neighbouring countries

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Bishop Phillips Brooks, [last verse of] "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

GOD'S PRAYER – TO US

At a recent Zion Mission service one of the congregation who is doing a theology course shared the prayer below. The way it was put across was, when we pray, we pray to God for help with things going on in our lives and the world around us.

The course was tasked with, in effect, writing a prayer of what they thought God might be saying to us in prayer. This is one of these prayers.

If you feel it is appropriate to you, please use this.

Dear (insert your name)

I love you, I know everything about you, when you get up, when you lie down, before you speak.

I am calling you to deeper waters. Have the courage to dive in, don't just paddle or just look at the water, dive in from head to toe and enjoy time with me - a time of peace; a time to be refreshed; a time to talk with me and listen to me as I tell you how much you are valued and let us discuss together where I am leading you.

Be bold in what you ask for. Pray with shameless audacity. Enjoy our time together, leave all your cares on the bank before you dive in and don't pick them up again when the time comes to get out of the water for a little while to carry out the tasks I am giving you to encourage others and invite them in.

With love from your loving heavenly Father.

Zion Hall Mission, Bulphan Interdenominational Church Road, Bulphan

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zionhallmission@outlook.com

We wish all readers of HOBNOB a very happy and blessed Advent and Christmastide. We extend a warm welcome to all and services planned for December are as follows:

December 1 st	6:30 pm	Chris Binstead	Arab World Ministries
December 8 th	6:30 pm	Rev Pholani Ncube	
December 15 th	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake	
December 22 nd	6:30 pm	David Raj	Service with carols
December 29 th	6:30 pm	Andrew Dickinson	

On 1st December we look forward to having Chris Binstead from Arab World Ministries take our service. This is a great opportunity to hear Chris share about Christian ministry and of God's moving in the Arab world.

On the 22nd December our service will have a shorter sermon than usual as we take the opportunity to celebrate the coming of Christ with a number of Christmas carols.

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 01375 891522, 07880 235140 or at zionhallmission@outlook.com



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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 December 2024

Sunday 10:30am Worship unless stated otherwise

1 st December	Local Arrangement	
8 th December	Revd Fiona Smith	Holy Communion
15 th December	Mrs Maureen McPherson	
22 nd December	Local Arrangement	Carol Service
24 th December	Maureen McPherson	Christmas Eve Service 11:30 pm
25 th December	Revd Fiona Smith	Christmas Day Service 10:00 am
29 th December	Mrs Suzanne Stubbs	

Remembrance service.

On November 10th, our village residents came together at the War Memorial to remember and honour the servicemen who died in the 1st and 2nd World Wars. It was good to see our Cubs and Beavers carry their standards. A member of the Horndon on the Hill British Legion read the Kohima Epitaph and The Exhortation. As is tradition the names of the fallen were read out. After the Act of Remembrance led by Methodist Local Preacher, Maureen McPherson we joined together in St. Peter and St Paul's for a service led by Rev. Max Blake and including contributions from members of the Methodist Church.

Advent Course

All are welcome to join an Advent Course at Horndon Methodist Church on Monday evenings at 7pm. It has been inspired by the Methodist Church's Christmas Campaign for this year: Hush the Noise and Join the Love Song this Christmas. Each week we will be looking at a different Christmas Carol and asking what its message has to teach us today.

2 nd December:	'It Came Upon The Midnight Clear' – Hush the Noise
9 th December:	'In The Bleak Midwinter' – When the Joy is Hushed
16 th December:	'The Angel Gabriel To Mary Came' – Hush the Expected
23 rd December:	'O Come All Ye Faithful' – Join the Song

A Christmas prayer

God of the still small voice, at whose word storms are calmed and peace restored, help us to hush the noise and focus on you this Christmas. Make us mindful of your voice amongst the busyness and the preparations, amongst the demands and the celebrations, and amongst those who are often ignored or unheard. Speak your life into wilderness and barren spaces, and hush the noise of stress, envy and pride. In all the extras we've added to Christmas, don't let us drown out what is important, your song of love and hope and joy and peace, as shown by a baby in a manger. Amen.

Coffee mornings and lunch

All are welcome to our Community Cuppa and Chat in the Methodist Church Hall. We meet between 10:00 – 12:00 noon for the coffee morning with drinks, savouries and biscuits and have now extended this to continue for a soup and a roll between 12:00 noon – 13:00. We will not be meeting on the 26th December but look forward to our first meeting of the New Year on 2nd January.

Monthly Email Reflections

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

THE PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024



Sunday 15th December

6pm Carols in the Barn, Address: Arden Hall Farm,
Please bring your own chair and wear warm clothes

Tuesday 17th December

5pm Christingle Service, Bulphan Church

Sunday 22nd December

4pm Crib Service, Horndon Church

Tuesday 24th December

4pm Family Carol Service at Orsett Church
8.30pm Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church
10pm Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

10am Holy Communion Service at Orsett Church

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

THE PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN



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Mothers' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU):

It was wonderful to worship together at our Annual Thanksgiving service at Chelmsford Cathedral last month, and to reflect on the last year at our AGM – as well, of course, as looking forward to the coming three years. We were joined by Kathryn Anderson, Provincial President, who spoke to us about what she had done during her tenure – we were her last speaking engagement! It was very interesting to hear her reflections and she quoted our outgoing World-Wide President, Sheran Harper, in saying that it's the little things that matter and that we are the lights on the hill, showing love in action.



Big Give – Christmas Appeal 2024

This year's Christmas Appeal is special – it's your chance to double your impact and change lives! Your donation will be matched by the Big Give, meaning every pound you give will go twice as far and help build brighter futures for women in poverty.

The Christmas Appeal goes live at 12 noon on Tuesday 3 December and runs until 10 December:

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Prayer Diary 2024: December



The theme for December in our MU Prayer Diary 2024 is 'A Child Is Born', and we have the following reflection and prayer: This Advent, in the joy of looking back to when the Messiah was born, let us not forget to look forward to when the King will return. We live in the time of now and not yet, between the first and the second coming of Christ. The story is only half told; the other half awaits. The plan of salvation is complete, yet its outworking is still to unfold. Unlike Christ's first coming, which was witnessed by a select few, his second coming will be seen by all. May we always be ready and waiting to meet our glorious Lord.

Monthly Prayer: *As we journey through Advent, we praise God for his Word which leads us to the stable of salvation. As we draw near to adore the Christ-child, we share in the joy of that the risen Lord accompanies us every step of the way. Amen*

Creative Prayer: Read an account of the Nativity in a version of the Bible less well-known to you. Take some time to reflect upon it, asking God to highlight specific words or phrases. Then weave these into a prayer of thanks for the coming of the Messiah.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, help us to remember that your light is always with us, even in the darkest of times. Let it brighten our path, calm our fears, and lead us closer to you. In the brightness of your love, we find our true home. Amen.

Lucy Bubb, Mothers' Union contact.



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WOOLMARKET LADIES

5th November meeting

Our speaker this evening was Barbara Goldsmith, with her husband Ed, who gave a very interesting talk about her life in Victorian Costume. She came tonight, exquisitely dressed, as Queen Victoria, the costume being expertly made by herself, including the suit that Ed was wearing as Prince Albert. She explained that 25 years ago, before internet shopping evolved, that you could not easily get ready made costumes, so made her own, including jewellery, which then lead her into her next hobby of jewellery making.

Barbara first became interested in the Victorian era after visiting Rochester Dickens festival in 1998, and decided to return the following year dressed in costume for the whole weekend, which included a Victorian Ball. They loved it so much, they took part twice a year for many years, making many friends. After being together for 10 years, Barbara proposed to Ed at one Ball in May, and they returned in December to hold their Wedding Reception at the December Ball, surrounded by their family and friends also dressed in Victoria attire, made by Barbara.

Barbara and Ed have had many adventures in Dickens costume, including Lord Mayor's parade in London. After moving to Wales upon retirement, they continued their life in Dickensian costume, dancing at Botanical Gardens, Shrewsbury festival, has met Prince Charles, even appearing on television in an episode of Michael Portillo's Railway Journeys. She has even given talks to schools, where one young scholar asked "aren't you dead?"

Elaine thanked Barbara and Ed for such an interesting talk and hoped they would return in the future to give us another, perhaps about their adventures as members of Dad's Army appreciation society.

Elaine told the members present that the venue for the Afternoon Tea on Sunday 24th November, would be moved as the Village Hall bookings secretary, Kim, had double booked us. The Methodist Hall committee had kindly stepped in to assist us to be able to run with the Tea. A big thank you to them.

There will be no meeting in December as the members will be having a Christmas meal in the Swan at 7.30 pm. We meet again on Tuesday 4th February at 8.00 pm in the Woolmarket, where Nell has kindly agreed to organise our annual Burns Night. On behalf of Woolmarket Ladies, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and a peaceful and Healthy New Year. Don't forget ladies, we welcome new members. If you would like to give us a try, join us for an evening. We would love to see you.

Gill Woodgate

THE WOOLMARKET IN HORNDON

In 2025 the Woolmarket will be 500 years old
Chapter 3 of the history in five chapters by Jane Barry

During the later 1600s the wool trade declined but general trading continued. The Thames was then an area of smaller channels, and boats could come into wharfs which are now inland. Several generations of the Poley (or Pooley) family owned estates in and around Horndon. Care of the poor was a duty of the richer members of the community.



Vestry minutes of 1718 record the churchwardens had oversight of making the "market house" into tenements or the equivalent of an almshouse. Members of the Kingsman family, Josiah, Jasper and William, raised money, including £10 from John Poley, and paid a carpenter named Thomas Green £55 & 2 shillings for the conversion. In 1734 it is recorded that one John Poley left the property "in trust and for the use of widows and other poor persons."

The history of this period is sketchy. By 1883, lacking endowments, the building was dilapidated. A scheme was authorised by the Charity Commissioners to continue the John Poley Charity, with the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Overseers as Trustees. A reading room was created within the Woolmarket to raise a certain income for maintenance.

Here we are drawing into the end of the year!

The school took time to stop and reflect for Armistice Day. We enjoyed a service together at the school with readings and poems from different children in the school before observing the two minutes silence. The children were fantastic and really showed our value of Respect. Our Art club had also spent a few weeks making a beautiful poppy wreath to commemorate the day.



In addition to that we have been non-stop busy! Our Pupil Parliament visited the Mayor's Parlour and had an opportunity to ask questions and see behind the scenes at the Mayor's offices!



Our Lower School sent a team of Year 2s off to a football competition where they showed off good sportsmanship and our value of perseverance! We're really proud of their attitude and effort!



Our Upper School were enough to take part in the Walk Online Roadshow – a fantastic morning of interactive learning and presentations about the dangers but more importantly the ways to keep safe online! We are very lucky to have this provided by the council every year and are very grateful!



We continued our work towards being Courageous Advocates by supporting Children in Need! A very comfy day in pjs was had by all! Especially the staff – all in comfy onesies!



We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas period, reflecting on the year passed by and looking forward to the future.

Yours,



Mr J Dickson
Head of School



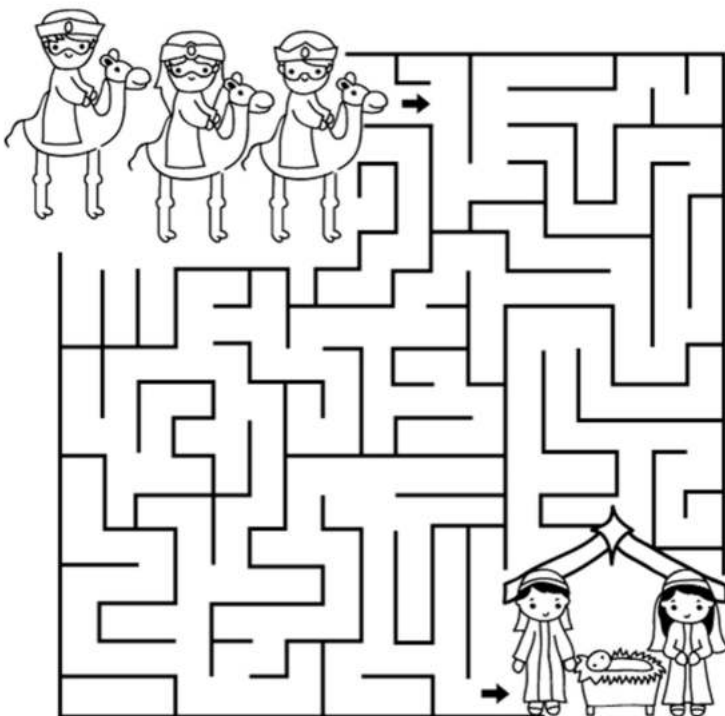
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As things are arranged they will be added
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Date	Event	Location	Time
Saturday 7 th December	Christmas Bazaar	Churches Centre High Road, Orsett	12 noon to 3pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas at Horndon Open Church	Horndon Church	10am to 12 noon
Tuesday 10 th December	Nativity in the Pound	Orsett Church	7.30pm
Friday 13 th December	A Christmas Carol (Complete Commedia)	Orsett Church	7.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Christingle	Bulphan Church	5pm
Sunday 22 nd December	Crib Service	Horndon Church	4pm

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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,

I cannot believe that the autumn term is passing so quickly. We are busy preparing for our all Christmas events, including our Christmas Bazaar and our KS1 Nativity and yet the summer seems only a few weeks ago.

Modeshift Stars Award: Please see the result below:



Horndon on the Hill Primary School has been awarded the title of **Modeshift STARS Local Authority Primary School of the Year 2024/25!** This brilliant accomplishment reflects the school's hard work and dedication to promoting sustainable travel choices, such as walking, cycling and wheeling for the journey to school. 'By achieving Modeshift STARS Accreditation, you've demonstrated a true commitment to creating a healthier, greener future for your school community. Out of all the schools across the country you are one of only **47** schools selected as Local Authority winners, making your achievement even more special!

Wear it Pink



The school is very proud to donate to Breast Cancer Research whenever possible. This year the children were invited to come into school wearing pink and asked to make a small donation. The response was incredible and were able to raise over £400 for this worthy cause.

TTRS – England Rocks.



We are a really competitive school, so were extremely excited when the children announced an upcoming England Rocks TTRS Battle, during a recent assembly. This was a nationwide times tables competition which took place between the 12th and 14th of November. School children across the country completed times tables questions on line as quickly and as accurately as they could. Their participation time was limited to 1hr per day so they needed to be accurate with their answers. We are awaiting the results but will let you know the outcome in the next edition of Hobnob.

We are looking forward to seeing many of our local senior residents at our annual tea party being held on 19th December in the school hall. Until then, stay safe and keep warm!

Warmest wishes

Mrs D Bradley
Headteacher



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Orsett has been working hard to show our Christian Values so far this term! We have been Courageous Advocates – not only celebrating Children in Need and raising money by wearing PJs, spots or Children in Need merchandise – but also all classes having a go at ‘welly wanging’ in the playground donating towards the cause if they could.

We also sold Poppies in school leading up to Remembrance Day, we learnt about why we use poppies as a symbol of remembrance and who that money helps today. We are blessed to have the memorial in Orsett so we can go together as a school community and mark this important day. The children listened to poems before and after the two minutes silence. All the children took part perfectly and were a credit to the school and local community.

Our Year 5 class took part in the Walk Online Roadshow, an event put on by Thurrock Council to help us educate our children in the dangers of the online world and how to navigate it safely. The children learnt a lot about image sharing and the amount of personal information that can be taken from a simple photograph! We know they were shocked and took this new learning on-board.

We are now beginning the build up to Christmas. As I type I’m listening to our Key Stage 1 children singing along to their songs that they have been learning brilliantly! Our families are in for a real treat in a couple of weeks!

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas season, full of love, laughter and happiness.



Yours sincerely,



Mr J Dickson
Head of School

Ecology & Social Justice Action Group

Christmas is coming ...

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas with family and friends, let us remember those who will not have the luxuries we often take for granted.

Perhaps as we buy gifts for loved ones or begin to stock up on Christmas food, we can spare a few pounds to help others less fortunate than ourselves.

Locally, **Thurrock Foodbank** would appreciate donations of non-perishable items such as tinned meat, potatoes, fruit, puddings, and long-life fruit juice. Most supermarkets have donation points or leave items at one of our churches.

The foodbank also has an Amazon wish list for bulk items at very reasonable cost

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Of course there are other worthy charities you may wish to support.

And if you shop online for groceries and other items, you could **help raise funds for the Parish**. Please sign up to support us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-parish-of-horndon-orsett-and-bulphan/> - it takes just a minute or two to get set up following a very simple process – I have just done it myself!

Looking forward ...

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

By Howard Thurman



And don't forget to **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle** over Christmas.

Philip Mann

Ecology & Social Justice Action Group

Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest – Port of Tilbury – Christmas Box visit



On Tuesday 19th November, the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan were invited to join the Queen Victoria's Seamen's Rest to help wrap Christmas boxes for seafarers that happen to be docked at the Port of Tilbury at Christmas. The QVSR Christmas initiative of donations of knitted hats, scarves, gloves and toiletries had been picked as our Christmas appeal by the Eco and Social Justice action group. People were very generous and we arrived at the Mission with several large box loads. The items were packed into brown bags and then wrapped in Christmas paper together with a chocolate bar and Christmas card. The aim was to pack 500 in one day which we succeeded in doing (we were joined by volunteers from both the WI and a local shipping firm!!) This event occurs on several days with a total of 3,000 presents wrapped. It was tough going but great fun and we were fed afterwards!! We all said that we'll definitely come again next year.

Above photos show: Revd Sue, Christine M, Frank W, Janet McC, Lynda R and Bev M hard at 'work'!

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A Medieval Christmas



"Christmas" first appeared in the English language in the 11th century as an amalgamation of the Old English "Christes Maesse", meaning "Festival of Christ", the influences for this winter celebration pre-date this time significantly.

Winter festivals have been popular in many cultures for centuries. An expectation of better weather and longer days as Spring approached, plus there was more time to celebrate because there was less agricultural work to do in the winter months.

In the early middle ages, Christmas was not as popular as Epiphany on January 6th, the celebration of the visit from The Maji (three kings or wise men), to the baby Jesus bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Christmas was not originally seen as a time for fun and frolics but an opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection during a special mass. From 1000-1300, Christmas became the most prominent religious celebration in Europe, heralding Christmastide, or the Twelve Days of Christmas as they are known today.

In Medieval times Christmas events started forty days prior to Christmas Day, what we now refer to as Advent, which was originally known as the "forty days of St. Martin" because it began on November 11th; the feast day of St Martin of Tours.

Gift giving at Christmas was temporarily stopped by the Catholic Church in the Middle Ages due to its suspected pagan origins. It regained its popularity in the Middle Ages as 'Christmas' became dominated by excessive eating, drinking, dancing and singing, and giving gifts.



Some well-known Christmas traditions have their origins in Medieval celebrations

Christmas or Xmas? Many frown upon the abbreviation of Xmas, overlooking the X stands for the Greek letter chi, which was the early abbreviation for Christ or the Greek 'Khristos'. The X also symbolises the cross on which Christ was crucified.

Mince Pies were originally rectangular to represent the infant Jesus' crib. The addition of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg symbolised the gifts from the three wise men. Like the modern mince pies they were not very big and it was believed to be lucky to eat one on each of the twelve days of Christmas. As the name suggests, mince pies were originally made with shredded meat with spices and fruit. In the Victorian era the recipe was amended to the modern version of spices and fruit.

Carol singers : The tradition for carol singers going door to door was a result of carols being banned in churches in medieval times. Many carollers took the word carol literally (to sing and dance in a circle) which disrupted more serious Christmas masses, so the Church sent the carol singers outside. Carols were sung throughout the year, The Coventry Carol is thought to have originated in Medieval Coventry mystery plays, performed in the middle of the summer.

Boxing Day has traditionally been seen as a time for the rich to give gifts to the poor. In medieval times, the gift was normally money in a hollow clay pot with a slit in the top which had to be smashed to get the money out. These small clay pots were nicknamed "piggies", hence piggy banks. However, Christmas Day was a "quarter day", one of the four days in the year when payments, like rents were due, so many poor tenants had to pay their rent on Christmas Day.

There is a tendency for us to look back at tales of feasting and frivolity with rose tints, with a sense of freer, less inhibited times, overlooking that life for the ordinary people would have been much, much harder than we experience today.



Bulphan WI

November began with the installation of the poppy display outside and around the church, in the WI flowerbed outside the village hall and on the post box. Thanks to all of our members, members of neighbouring WIs who knitted and crocheted poppies and to those who helped at the community café. The results of everyone's help were amazing.

Having previously held a collection for donations of toiletries and chocolate items, on the same day as our monthly meeting some members went to the Queen Victoria Seamen's Mission in Tilbury to wrap the donated gifts.

Able led by member Sally, at our meeting members and four guests were able to make a Christmas tree from bottle tops and a lit jar or bottle to add to their decorations at home. Concentration and stickiness abounded!! All were proud of their creations as the picture shows.

Some of our members are busy rehearsing for a Murder Mystery play that is being staged in late November at the village hall.

Our December meeting is our party evening. We have a magician to amaze us, and a 'bring and share buffet', a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, and a raffle. It should be a busy and entertaining meeting, and guests are most welcome. If you do wish to visit our meeting, please bring a plate of food, savoury or sweet, to share with everyone, and we'll see you at 7.30 pm

Lesley Crisp



Plus ça change ...

Christine and I recently spent a day at Essex Records Office researching things relating to Orsett and Horndon churches, with mixed success.

It became apparent very quickly that in over 130 years of records relating to two of the three churches in the parish, times have changed, but things stay the same. Looking at Parochial Church Council (PCC) minutes from the 1890s through to the 1980s and through to today, the same things kept cropping up. You could almost just change the names and date on the minutes with today's names and date and they wouldn't seem too out of place.

Firstly, money. There may be some who think that parish churches were (and are) awash with money, wrong. Similarly, old time local lords of the manor and landowners bank rolled churches, wrong. They may have been generous benefactors, but they by no means bank rolled the churches and expected the community to raise money by holding events, public donations and grants, like they do now. This is evident by the efforts people went to, to raise money for the restoration of Horndon Church in the late 1890s and when Orsett Church had its fire in 1926. On the same note, service collections didn't really cover costs and vicars were vocal about this, not holding back with their views.

Church attendances, although higher than now, for their time left a lot to be desired. It was noted especially farm workers and their families were absent for prolonged periods at different times of the year. Again, vicars did not take a soft line in expressing their disappointment. Reading the minutes you got a sense that forthright views were expressed more so than today, with little concern if people got upset.

The churches struggled to keep choirs going as much as they would have liked. Another presumption looking back is that churches had large choirs. They were more prolific than currently, but getting enough people by their standards was difficult. One lady in the 1930s commented that coming from Upminster to Orsett for choir practice only to find 4 others had made the effort was disappointing.

Church maintenance was a constant concern with the "church roof" being a major and ongoing issue. The use of lead to waterproof roofs and subsequent theft, created problems. The move to tiled roofs meant there was no theft, but tiles breaking and being dislodged, resulted in leaks, which needed to be repaired.

Heating was another recurring theme. It is probable that our forebears were more used to chilly buildings and wore layers of clothes to keep them warm, but it didn't mean measures weren't taken to warm church buildings. These were subject to years of discussion and changes, with actions restricted by finances. Changes made, had little or no real effect, which is primarily down the design of the buildings.

Churchyard maintenance kept cropping up. Again, another area where the thinking may have been that local land owners would have assigned men to help keep churchyards tidy. Another mistaken view. It came down to volunteers from the church and village. Also comments about untended/neglected graves were regular in the minutes. In the mid-1930s Orsett church bought mechanical and motor mowers, but these needed repairing/servicing and replacing every so often and at £10 to £20 to buy a second-hand motorised one in the 1930s, was as expensive as they are now.

Possibly the biggest hurdles in doing things in churches are faculties, essentially the church's planning permission process. These were a requirement in the past, which again was in some respects a surprise.

It is likely that members of the congregation in years past had trades and other skills enabling things in the church more than we see now, which requires employing people to do work, which is a cost.

It would be interesting to see if that over the next century things change or stay the same.

The cost of many things churches have to deal with haven't really changed in relative terms. We tend to look at the cost of goods/services and think things in past were cheap, compared to today. However, if we keep in mind for example £1 in 1935 is worth about £85 today and average wages were £150 to £200 per annum (£3-£4 per week), with none of the social 'protections' we have today.

FAMOUS PERSON IN DECEMBER

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December 27th 1773 – December 8th 1854

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Fascinated by flight since childhood, Cayley conducted a variety of tests and experiments intended to explore aerodynamic principles and to gather information of value in the design of aircraft. He published the results of his original research in 1809. His most important discoveries included the advantages of streamlining, the means of obtaining longitudinal and lateral stability, elements of wing design, thoughts on biplane and multiplane wings, and the use of rudders and elevators for control. Throughout his active career, Cayley designed a variety of aircraft, including helicopters, airships, and fixed-wing machines.



Cayley established the modern configuration of an airplane as a fixed-wing flying machine with separate systems for lift, propulsion, and control as early as 1799 (Silver Disc machine). In 1804 he flew the first successful glider model of which there is any record. His work culminated in 1853 with the completion of a full-scale glider that carried his reluctant coachman on the first manned glider flight on record.

An individual of wide technical and scientific interests, Cayley invented the light-tension wheel (forerunner of the bicycle wheel), the expansion-air, or hot-air, engine (1805), and the caterpillar tractor (1825). He was a founder of the Regent Street Polytechnic Institution (charter of incorporation granted in 1839; now the Royal Polytechnic Institution). He also pursued research in science education, land reclamation, acoustics, railway equipment, lifeboats, ballistics, optics and electricity



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Local councillors Barry and Dave visit
regularly. A social worker visits on the
2nd & 4th Friday of the month from 2-4pm
for adult care and support drop-in sessions.
Regular visits from the Community Police.



**'Forget-Me-Not'
Coffee morning
In Horndon Woolmarket
from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm**

*We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for anyone
who would like a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcomed!*

Bring & Buy and Raffle

*All proceeds go to the Havens Hospices in Essex.
Havens Hospices provide specialist care and support for people of
all ages, and their families, who are living with incurable conditions*

**For further details contact
Beverley on 01375 671 474**



The Games Café

at

**Horndon on the Hill Village Hall
EVERY FRIDAY EVENING
7.30pm to 9.30pm**

We have 2 **Short Mat Bowls** carpets
so up to 12 people in teams of
2 or 3 can play together.

No previous experience
needed.



We are all **'have a go'** amateurs
who **welcome** and **encourage** all **new-comers**.

£5 per week. **Just drop-in.**
No need to book.

**Come alone or
with friend or partner.**



We **play cards** and **board games**:

SkyJo, Sequence, Dobble, Trominoes,
Bananagrams and many others.

Guest games always welcome!

Please text or call Allison for more information 07773539345

Please note: There is a £10 joining fee payable on your third visit, to cover set up costs,
replacement games and low attendance weeks. Thank you.