



## Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

### Weekly notice sheet



**Sunday 14th December — 3rd Sunday of Advent**

**8.45am** CW Holy Communion Service and **10am** Family service at  
at St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett

*At a Communion Service if you require gluten free wafers please let the minister know when you go forward to receive.*

*If you attend a service because you wish to apply for a place for your child at a church school which requires a letter or Supplementary Information Form, please make sure, each time you attend, you sign the **red attendance book** which is available at the back of church.*

*If you attend a service to gain a Qualifying Connection in order to be married at any of the three churches, please make sure, each time you attend, you sign the **purple attendance book** which will be available at the back of church.*

**Today's Collect** - God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Post Communion** - We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.



THE PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

Tuesday 16th December - 5pm Christingle Service, Bulphan Church

Sunday 21st December - 4pm Carols by Candlelight, Horndon Church

Wednesday 24th December

4pm Family Carol Service at Orsett Church

8.30pm Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church

10pm Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day

10am Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church

**The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan**

**Christmas at the Oasis Café on  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9 - 11.30am**

**at Orsett Churches Centre, High Road,  
Orsett. RM16 3ER**

**In addition to the usual refreshments, there will be a  
tombola and a raffle.**

**OASIS CAFE**

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**WE'RE SUPPORTING THE...**

**BONE CANCER STAMP APPEAL**

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR STAMPS TO FUND LIFE-SAVING RESEARCH!**

**OUR COLLECTION POINTS ARE:**

- Horndon - St Peter and St Paul Church
- Orsett - St Giles and All Saints Church and the Orsett Churches Centre
- Bulphan - St Mary the Virgin Church and Bulphan Village Hall

**OUR BCRT STAMP CHAMP IS:**

Name: Lynda Robertson  
Number: 07974 803471  
Email: l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk

**1KG OF STAMPS HELPS FUND 1 HOUR OF RESEARCH**

**HELP STAMP OUT BONE CANCER**

**CUT OUT YOUR STAMPS** (Leaving a 1cm border)

**FIND OUT MORE AT [WWW.BCRT.ORG.UK/STAMPS](http://WWW.BCRT.ORG.UK/STAMPS)**

**Bone Cancer Research Trust**  
10 Feast Field, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4TJ  
bcr.org.uk | 0113 258 5934  
Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Number - 1159590  
@BCRT /BoneCancerResearchTrust

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*We hope you can join us for*

**QVSR LONDON TILBURY SEAFARERS  
CENTRE'S  
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

**MONDAY 15TH December 2025 at 11.00am**

**Tenants Row, Tilbury RM18 7EH**

*Guests to be seated by 10.45am please feel free to bring a guest(s)*

*Refreshments will be served after the Carol Service*

*RVSP: Email: Julie.Hobby@qvsv.org.uk by 12th December 2025*

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## Carols by Candlelight

**LESSONS AND READINGS**

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our enchanting Carol Service.  
Gather with family and friends to enjoy the love of the season

**Mulled wine and mince pies will be available after the service**

**AT 4 PM ON SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**  
**St Peter and St Paul Church, Orsett Road**  
**Horndon-on-the-Hill. SS17 8NS**

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### Hobnob Magazine

- December edition—Please submit articles by **21st December**
- email: [magazine@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:magazine@hobnob.org.uk) **(NEW EMAIL)**
- The online version of the magazine can be found on our website [www.hobnob.org.uk/magazine](http://www.hobnob.org.uk/magazine)

### Diary Dates

#### Services

- Monday 15th December, Horndon School Christmas service at 1.30pm
- Friday 19th December, Orsett School Christmas service at 9.30am
- **Next Sunday's services, 21st December**
  - ◇ **8.45am** CW Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church
  - ◇ **10am** Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church
  - ◇ **4pm** Carols by Candlelight at Horndon Church

#### Advance notice

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Open Church Christmas Party—10am til 12 noon – Horndon church
- Tuesday 20th January, Prayer Group, 8pm at the Woolmarket, Horndon-on-the-hill
- Saturday 10th January, Baptism Preparation meeting, 12noon at Horndon Church
- Tuesday 13th January, Holy Communion Service, 2pm at the Whitecroft
- Sunday 18th January, Discovery Bible Study Evening, 6-7pm at the Orsett Churches Centre

*Dates for  
your  
diary.....*

### *Eco Pause for Thought* Tips for a greener Christmas

Make sure your gifts don't cost the earth. Many beauty products contain palm oil. Its production causes mass deforestation, air pollution and human rights abuses. Read labels carefully. Avoid products with unsustainable palm oil. This palm oil free list can help you choose products and retail outlets that are less destructive to the natural world.  
<https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/palm-oil/palm-oil-free-list>

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## Prayers

### Prayer Diary

- THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Pray for: the Church of England Guild of Vergers and give thanks for the work and devotion of the men and women who carry out this important task.
- Pray for: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/publications/wepray](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/publications/wepray)

### Parish prayer diary

**Horndon** Diane M, Jane L, Chris D, Peter B, Jean K, Moira B, Jan C, David St P.  
**Orsett** Jane R, Sid R  
**Bulphan** Ron P, Tony C, Anita J  
**Other** Everyone in care homes and those who receive communion at home.



### Prayers for the recently bereaved

**Horndon** The family and friends of Alan Nicholls, Gerry Toop, Nick Tressider  
**Orsett** The family and friends of Gwen Brown, David Battershall, Stephen Smeeth  
**Bulphan** The family and friends of Debbie Benjafield-Metcalf

**Please let a church warden or Revd Max know of people who are unwell or in need of pastoral support.**

### Online Prayers

- If you would like to listen to daily prayers, you can download at APP for your phone or tablet 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

**Individual Private Prayer** The following churches are open for private prayer—10am to noon

Bulphan Church	Monday and Thursday	Free refreshments are available on
Horndon-on-the-Hill Church	Tuesday and Saturday	Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.

**Thurrock Foodbank** The Parish has three collection boxes as listed below:

**Horndon:** 1, Lion Cottages, High Rd, **Orsett:** 1 Prince Charles Avenue **Bulphan:** Bulphan Stores

**Shortages this week are:** tinned meats (curry, stew, spaghetti bolognese etc), long life milk, tinned soups, condiments, cereals and tinned potatoes.

### Bible Readings for this week

	Principal Service	
<b>Sunday</b>	Isaiah 35.1–10 Canticle : Magnificat	James 5.7–10 Matthew 11.2–11

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 40 Isaiah 38. 1–8, 21–22 Matthew 16.13–end	Psalm 26 Isaiah 49.14–25 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11	<b>Ts</b>	Psalm 70 Isaiah 38. 9–20 Matthew 17.1–13	Psalm 50 Isaiah 50 1 Thessalonians 5.12–end
<b>Weds</b>	Psalm 75 Isaiah 39 Matthew 17.14–21	Psalm 82 Isaiah 51.1–8 2 Thessalonians 1	<b>Thurs</b>	Psalm 76 Zephaniah 1.1–2.3 Matthew 17.22–end	Psalm 44 Isaiah 51.9–16 2 Thessalonians 2
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 146 Zephaniah 3.1–13 Matthew 18.1–20	Psalm 57 Isaiah 51.17–end 2 Thessalonians 3	<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 46 Zephaniah 3.14–end Matthew 18.21–end	Psalm 9 Isaiah 52.1–12 Jude

### Contact details

Permission to Officiate: **Revd Max Blake** Telephone: 07716 969772 email: [m.blake@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:m.blake@hobnob.org.uk)— **day off is Saturday**

#### Churchwardens

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Baptism enquiries for the Parish: Christine Mortimer email: [c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk)

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Parish website: [www.hobnob.org.uk](http://www.hobnob.org.uk) Find us on Facebook @hobnobchurches

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