



Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 7th December — 2nd Sunday of Advent



10am All Together Holy Communion Service at St Peter and St Paul Church, Horndon

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 - Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Post Communion - Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

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Diary Dates

Services

- Saturday 6th December, 4pm Forest Church at Horndon Church
- Friday 12th December, Bulphan School Christmas service at 9.30am
- **Next Sunday's services, 14th December**
 - ◊ **8.45am** CW Holy Communion Service at Orsett Church
 - ◊ **10am** Family Service at Orsett Church

*Dates for
your
diary.....*

Advance notice

- Monday 8th December, Baptism Preparation meeting, 7.30pm at Orsett Church
- Tuesday 9th December, Holy Communion Service, 2pm at the Whitecroft
- Tuesday 9th December, Nativity in the Pound, 7.30pm in Orsett Church
- Tuesday 16th December, Open Church Christmas Party—10am til 12 noon – Horndon church
- Sunday 21st December, Discovery Bible Study Evening, 6-7pm at the Orsett Churches Centre
- Tuesday 20th January, Prayer Group, 8pm at the Woolmarket, Horndon-on-the-hill

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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@qvsr.org.uk by 12th December 2025

Eco Pause for Thought

Tips for a greener Christmas


Create homemade gifts. Baked goods for example, or buy gifts from a charity shop – you'll be amazed at what can be found. You could buy an attractive glass or vase and fill it with chocolates or flowers. Kilner jars, and other glass jars, filled with small items also make attractive gifts.



Happy December birthdays

Louis B, Kirstie C, Connie L, Jesse K, Olivia A, Damian E, Kingsley M, Harriett H, Oliver B, Alana G, Scarlett-Rose G, Aarie H, Ava Mae O'D, Charlie P, Jack R, Scarlett S, Margo H, Michael E, Elizabeth W-R, Hallie B and Maggie B.

Lynn B



Masonic bazaar in Orsett and Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan and Methodist Church bazaar in Horndon.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported these two events and to the volunteers who ran them.

A big thank you to Janet, Jo, Roy and Edward who provided musical entertainment in Horndon.

At the Masonic bazaar we raised £270.50 and I will let you know the masonic figure next week.

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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 21ST 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 **(NEW EMAIL)**
- The online version of the magazine can be found on our website www.hobnob.org.uk/magazine

The magazine will be available to read in the first week of January 2026

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Prayers

Prayer Diary

- THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Pray for all who work in radio or television and the work of all local and regional media outlets within our Diocese.
- Pray for: The Church of Bangladesh
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: 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	
Sunday	Isaiah 11.1–10 Psalm 72.1–7, 18–19	Romans 15.4–13 Matthew 3.1–12

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Mon	Psalm 44 Isaiah 30.1–18 Matthew 14.1–12	Psalm 144 Isaiah 45.14–end 1 Thessalonians 1	Tues	Psalm 56 Isaiah 30.19–end Matthew 14.13–end	Psalm 11 Isaiah 46 1 Thessalonians 2.1–12
Weds	Psalm 62 Isaiah 31 Matthew 15.1–20	Psalm 10 Isaiah 47 1 Thessalonians 2.13–	Thurs	Psalm 54 Isaiah 32 Matthew 15.21–28	Psalm 73 Isaiah 48.1–11 1 Thessalonians 3
Fri	Psalm 86 Isaiah 33.1–22 Matthew 15.29–end	Psalm 90 Isaiah 48.12–end 1 Thessalonians 4.1–12	Sat	Psalm 145 Isaiah 35 Matthew 16.1–12	Psalm 94 Isaiah 49.1–13 1 Thessalonians 4.13–end

Contact details

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

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