



Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan



Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 15th February — Next Sunday before Lent

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

4pm Refresh Service at St Peter and St Paul Church, Horndon on the Hill

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 - Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion - Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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2026 LENT LUNCH

**Lent lunch will be provided Sunday 22nd February
the lunch starts at 12 noon last serving at 1.45pm
in the Parish Room, Bulphan Church**

The menu will be a hearty soup (vegetarian), a chunk of French stick loaf, fruit and a (Fairtrade) hot drink.

Those attending are encouraged to donate what they would have spent on a lunch.

At the lunch we will be selling raffle tickets for a hamper of Fairtrade goods.

Bishop's Lent appeal



As a different fund-raising project we thought we would try Vintage Cash Cow, an online company who give money for unwanted goods.

If you have any of the following, please bring them along to any of the three churches and put in the box provided. Gold. Silver. Brass. Pewter. Costume jewellery. Watches. Medals. Writing instruments. Binoculars. Digital cameras. Lego either sets or loose pieces. Old toys and dolls. Clocks. Games consoles. Apple or android phones. Sunglasses.

Thanks Sonia (Horndon Churchwarden)

Lent and Easter are an important part of the Christian calendar.

The season of Lent lasts for forty days (not including Sundays). It is a time when Christians reflect and prepare for the celebrations of Easter. Some people fast, eat frugally or give up treats following the example of Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the wilderness.

People also give to charity, set aside time to study the Bible and meet with other Christians to reflect on Jesus' life and prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Ashes made from palm crosses are blessed and are used to make crosses on people's foreheads. The custom dates back to the middle ages.

Ash Wednesday services set the tone for Lent, with sombre readings and hymns and a focus on penitence (saying sorry for and turning away from sin).



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Good Friday * Easter Saturday * Easter Sunday

Easter 2026

Be part of the story
as it unfolds

HORNCHURCH
PASSION
PLAY

ADMITTANCE
FREE!

7:30pm
3/4/5 April



ON THE GREEN NEXT TO
Queen's Theatre Hornchurch RM11 1QT
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Eco Pause for Thought

Draught Excluders

These can be adhered around window and door frames using foam, metal or plastic strips. You can also stop draughts coming in through your letterbox and keyhole. These excluders are usually cheap, easily installed and can be found in most DIY stores or online.

Diary Dates

Services

- **7.30pm** Wednesday 18th February Ash Wednesday Service at Bulphan Church
- **Next Sunday's services, 22nd February**
 - ◇ **8.45am** CW Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church
 - ◇ **10am** Family Service at Bulphan Church

Advance notice

- Tuesday 17th February, Prayer Group, 8pm at the Woolmarket, Horndon-on-the-hill
- Sunday 22nd February, Lent Lunch in the Parish Room at Bulphan Church
- Tuesday 10th March, Holy Communion Service, 2pm at the Whitecroft
- Monday 14th March, Baptism Preparation meeting, 12noon at Horndon Church

Dates for
your
diary.....

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Prayers

Prayer Diary

- SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT Thank God for Our Diocesan links with other parts of the world. Pray for understanding and love between all people of faith
- Pray for: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/publications/wepray

Parish prayer diary

Horndon Bill R, 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 Mervyn Davies, 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), tinned soups, fruit juice, coffee, desserts (custards, rice pudding, jelly, sponge pudding, tinned fruit), mashed potato and tinned fish.

Bible Readings for this week

		Principal Service	
Sunday	Exodus 24.12–end Psalm 2	2 Peter 1.16–end Matthew 17.1–9	

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Mon	Psalm 44 Genesis 37.1–11 Galatians 1	Psalm 49 Jeremiah 1 John 3.1–21	Tues	Psalm 48 Genesis 37.12–end Galatians 2.1–10	Psalm 50 Jeremiah 2.1–13 John 3.22–end
Weds	Psalm 38 Daniel 9.3–6, 17–19 1 Timothy 6.6–19	Psalm 51 Isaiah 1.10–18 Luke 15.11–end	Thurs	Psalm 77 Genesis 39 Galatians 2.11–end	Psalm 74 Jeremiah 2.14–32 John 4.1–26
Fri	Psalm 3 Genesis 40 Galatians 3.1–14	Psalm 31 Jeremiah 3.6–22 John 4.27–42	Sat	Psalm 71 Genesis 41.1–24 Galatians 3.15–22	Psalm 73 Jeremiah 4.1–18 John 4.43–end

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