



Welcome to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Weekly notice sheet



Sunday 26th April — 4th Sunday of Easter

8.45am CW Holy Communion and **10am** Family Service at St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan

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 – Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. men.

Post Communion - Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Chippy Tea

On Saturday 18th we held this event in the Orsett Churches centre, food was served and games were played with lots of laughter. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Sandra and her team for organising it all. A total of £261.50 was raised.

David Van Day and Sue Moxley

David and Sue performed at Horndon Church on Tuesday, singing a varied and enjoyable selection of songs. The event was warmly received and concluded with a sandwich lunch. Many thanks to Sonia and the team for organising such a successful occasion, which raised an impressive £537.

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Organ Recital by Matthew McCombie

Saturday, 9th May 2026 at 12 noon.

At St Peter and St Paul Church, Horndon on the hill

Tickets are £10 person and includes a buffet lunch

For tickets please contact Sonia Ward on 01375 674212 or by email sonia51anne@yahoo.co.uk



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Ron Porter

Family flowers only.

Donations in memory of Ron may be made to Pancreatic Cancer UK. There will be a collection box at the church, or donations can be made online using this QR code or <https://togetherinmemory.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/In-Memory/Ron-Porter>



Eco Pause for thought

From sugary to nutty, and a whole lot in between, find your favourite Fairtrade snacks and grains in-store and online. When you choose Fairtrade, farmers and workers get a fair price and support to invest in community projects, from clean drinking water to improving their local healthcare.

Diary Dates

Services

- Tuesday 28th April, 12 noon Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church
- **Next Sunday services, 3rd May**
 - ◊ 10am All Together Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church

Advance notice

- Sunday 26th April, APCM after the 10am service at Bulphan Church, Electoral Rolls members invited
- Wednesday 29th April, Funeral of Ron Porter, 2pm at Bulphan Church, followed by a wake in Bulphan Village Hall
- Tuesday 19th May, Prayer Group, 8pm at the Woolmarket, Horndon-on-the-hill
- Monday 8th June, Baptism Preparation meeting, 7.30pm at Orsett Church (no meeting in May)

Dates for
your
diary.....

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The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

invites everyone supporting the ministry of this church to give through the Parish Giving Scheme



How does PGS help our church?

PGS not only provides a safe way for you to give to our church, it helps everyone involved.

As a giver, you benefit from:

- Flexibility, retaining control of how much you give, how often and to which church
- Certainty, that this simple giving method is helping our church to receive regular financial support
- Futureproofing, having the option to increase a regular gift annually to protect your gift against inflation
- Anonymity, if preferred
- Security, peace of mind that the Direct Debit Guarantee Scheme protects your regular gifts

Did you know that it's making life simpler for our church treasurer too?

- PGS processes multiple gifts in a single transaction, reducing administration and paperwork
- PGS claims eligible Gift Aid from HMRC on our church's behalf, maximising your gift with no hassle for the treasurer
- Secure access for the treasurer to view our church's monthly and annual statements online
- Saving time, for all those who count the cash given in church

And our church benefits from:

- A trusted mechanism to channel the financial generosity of all givers
- Predictable income that can be dedicated towards our mission and ministry, life and work
- Stable and planned giving makes it possible to plan for the future and to be the church God calls us to be

Scan here, to make a regular or one-off gift to this parish:



Thank you for all you are able to give to support the life and work of our church.

Introducing the Parish Giving Scheme

The Parish Giving Scheme, or PGS for short, offers secure and simple ways for everyone to give to their chosen church.

Our church, and thousands of others throughout the Church of England, has chosen PGS to help us manage financial gifts from our community, with maximum security and minimum fuss.

Whether you are a member of the community or a visitor, giving regularly as part of your personal discipleship, marking an important life event, or making a contribution to the life and work of your local church, all gifts are vital to the life and ministry of this church in our community, and each gift is deeply appreciated.

What's special about PGS?

The diocese to which this parish belongs is one of more than 30 across the Church of England to become a member of the PGS, which is a registered charity. This means that PGS will always be designed by the Church, for the Church.

Together, we are committed to advancing regular giving in every church, helping to overcome one of the greatest challenges to church income, static giving.

Gifts made through PGS are only given to the specific parish you choose.

“Regular giving is an integral part of not only keeping the lights on in our parishes, but in ensuring the church remains an active part of every community. By using the Parish Giving Scheme, you can be assured that the giving is safe, secure, and deeply appreciated.”

Grant Forrest, Chief Executive of PGS



Setting up a regular gift

There are three secure ways to set up a regular gift by Direct Debit with PGS:

1. online at www.parishgiving.org.uk or by scanning the QR code on this leaflet
2. by telephone on 0333 002 1271
3. or by completing a gift form and posting it to PGS

If you are eligible to claim Gift Aid, it's easy to opt in, and you can also choose to increase your giving annually in line with inflation.

You're always in control

We understand that everyone's circumstances change from time to time, so PGS makes sure it is easy for all regular givers to adjust the value and frequency of their gift, up or down.

Unlike other Direct Debit services, such as utility companies, PGS will never impose a change to your gift value and process it without your consent.

Many givers choose to 'opt in' to an annual increase, and this means they receive a letter from PGS as the anniversary of their gift approaches, detailing what the inflation-linked gift amount will be.

A growing number of PGS givers prefer to manage their gift online, but if you don't have access to the internet, don't worry. The friendly team at PGS HQ in Gloucester is available on the phone too, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm.



Making a one-off gift

A one-off gift is made in a single transaction using a debit or credit card, or with Apple or Google Pay, through the PGS website.

You may be a regular giver, choosing to make an additional one-off gift for a special occasion. If you manage your regular giving online, you can simply log-in securely and follow the instructions on screen to make your one-off gift. You'll then see it on your statement of account.

However, you don't need to have a PGS account, or give regularly, to make a one-off gift – this facility is open to everyone who would like to support our church.

To make a one-off gift to our church, simply visit the PGS website or use your smartphone to scan the QR code on this leaflet, and you'll be guided through the transaction securely in a few short steps.

www.parishgiving.org.uk

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Prayers

Prayer Diary

- THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Today is Vocations Sunday. We give thanks to God that he calls us all to varieties of forms of service in his Church and in the world and pray for openness to his Holy Spirit, that each of us may discern the call of God upon our lives. "Christ, you call us to be your people in the world. We will follow your call to be our people: our hands will do your work, our feet will walk your way. Christ, you call us. Help us respond to your call."
- Pray for: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 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, Moira B, David St P.
Orsett Jane R, Sid R
Bulphan 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, Gerry Toop
Orsett The family and friends of Gwen Brown, David Battershall, Stephen Smeeth
Bulphan The family and friends of Ron Porter

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	<i>Refreshments are available on</i>
Horndon-on-the-Hill Church	Tuesday and Saturday	<i>Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.</i>

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

fruit juice, soups (meat & vegetable), tinned meats, mashed or tinned potatoes, desserts (custard, rice pudding, jellies, sponge puddings, tinned fruit), coffee or pasta/cooking sauces

Bible Readings for this week

Principal Service		
Sunday	Acts 2.42–end Psalm 23	1 Peter 2.19–end John 10.1–10

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Mon	Psalm 103 Exodus 32.1–14 Luke 2.41–end	Psalm 112 Deuteronomy 9.1–21 Ephesians 4.1–16	Tues	Psalm 139 Exodus 32.15–34 Luke 3.1–14	Psalms 115 Deuteronomy 9.23–10.5 Ephesians 4.17–end
Weds	Psalm 135 Exodus 33 Luke 3.15–22	Psalm 47 Deuteronomy 10.12–end Ephesians 5.1–14	Thurs	Psalm 118 Exodus 34.1–10, 27–end Luke 4.1–13	Psalm 81 Deuteronomy 11.8–end Ephesians 5.15–end
Fri	Psalm 139 Proverbs 4.10–18 James 1.1–12	Psalm 149 Job 23.1–12 John 1.43–end	Sat	Psalm 34 Exodus 40.17–end Luke 4.31–37	Psalm 84 Deuteronomy 15.1–18 Ephesians 6.10–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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