

PARISHES OF ELSTEAD, THURSLEY SHACKLEFORD & PEPPER HAROW

# CHURCH NEWS

**Sunday 16 June - Fathers Day.**

9.45am Communion at Michael & All Angels Church, Thursley

10.30am Modern Service at St James', Elstead

11am Service at St Mary's Church, Shackleford



**Sunday 23 June – Trinity 4**

10am Communion at St Nicholas Peper Harow  
10.30am Modern Service at St James', Elstead

**Sunday 30 June – Trinity 5**

9.45am Communion at St Michael & All Angels, Thursley  
10.30am Modern service at St James', Elstead

**Sunday 7 July – Trinity 6**

9.15am Communion at St James', Elstead  
9.45am Communion at St Michael & All Angels, Thursley  
10.30am Modern service at St James', Elstead

**Sunday 14 July – St James' Patronal Festival**

9.15am Communion at St James', Elstead  
10.30am Family service at St James', Elstead

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## SUMMER CHURCH TIMES

### 21 July - Trinity 8

9.45am Communion at St Michael & All Angels, Thursley  
10.30am Family picnic social

### 28 July St Nicholas, Lammas

10am Communion at St Nicholas, Peper Harow  
10am Family Service with Communion at St James' Elstead

### 4 August Trinity 10

9.45am Communion at St Michael & All Angels, Thursley

### 11 August - Trinity 11

9.15am Communion at St James' Elstead

### 18 August - St Mary's Patronal

11am at St Mary's Shackleford

### 25 August - Trinity 13

10am Communion at St Nicholas, Peper Harow

### 1 September - Creationtide 1 / Climate Sunday

9.15am Communion at St James', Elstead  
9.45am Communion at St Michael & All Angels, Thursley  
10.30am Modern with Communion at St James' Elstead



## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

One of the most controversial aspects of parish ministry is the choice of music and the choice of hymns. We all have our favourite hymns, the ones that make church feel “proper”. I thought it would be helpful to share how the hymns are chosen for our services. Delia and I meet once a month to plan the hymns for the upcoming services. As our readings are set by the lectionary, our hymns are linked to the lectionary themes. Both Delia and I subscribe to the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) and receive a quarterly magazine which suggests hymns for the readings. The body of hymns to choose from grows each year, and the RSCM now includes some of the more “modern” hymns in their suggestions for each week. Recently, for example, they suggested the inclusion of From Heaven You Came by Graham Kendrick which was released in 1989. For some of us, this may seem like a brand-new song but it has been around for 30 years! The RSCM suggests these “newer” songs as our worship should not remain static, it is a living thing as we worship a living God. At the recent Hymns and Pimms event, we heard about Julia Ward Howe who wrote the hymn, Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord, and how she had the attack of hymn versification! She needed to get up in the middle of the night to quickly scribble hymn verses down lest she forgot the words when she woke up in the morning. The point I made at the end of this event is that God is still inspiring Christian artists such as Matt Redman, Amy Grant, Tim Hughes and many more in bouts of versification and they are writing songs for us to learn and as a way to worship God. Of course, we will always have our favourites but by being open to new music we may find enriched ways to grow closer to God.

### **Celebration Lunch for Louisa's Ordination**

On the 30th of June Louisa will be ordained at Guildford Cathedral before she begins her Curacy in our parishes in the Autumn. She is having a Celebratory brunch at her Sending church, St Stephen's, Shottermill. We have been invited to attend. If you would like to join in the celebrations please RSVP on the link below

<https://ststephensshottermill.churchsuite.com/events/v9ayngly>

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **We give thanks to God for:**

- For our villages and our church communities.
- Open our eyes to the presence of God in creation.

### **We pray to God for:**

- The Hear Here project in our parishes, for volunteers
- For a children and families worker
- Louisa who will be joining us for her curacy after the Summer and her husband Ralf and their baby.
- The lost, lonely and isolated
- For those who are struggling in body, mind or spirit
- For those struggling with grief – may they know your comforting presence
- For all who have to use Foodbanks.
- For those struggling with addictions.
- Peace and justice in the world.
- For places in the world experiencing war and conflict – the innocents caught in the crossfire
- That all nations and people may work together to find practical and effective ways to tackle climate change.

### **We pray for our parishes:**

- For opportunities to engage and welcome our communities into the churches
- For growth in numbers and spiritual maturity
- The Fit for the Future project

### **We pray for our diocese:**

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/calendar-of-prayer>

#### **Prayer Ministry after the Services**

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, please ask Rev Hannah or Rev Delia or a member of the team. We would love to pray with & for you.

Hannah & Delia can always be contacted by phone or email if you have any urgent prayer requests.



## **Readings**

**16 June**

**9.45am Thursley**

### **Collect**

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **Post communion**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Proverbs 22.1-6**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the Lord is the maker of them all.

The clever see danger and hide;  
but the simple go on, and suffer for it.

The reward for humility and fear of the Lord  
is riches and honour and life.

Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse;  
the cautious will keep far from them.

Train children in the right way,  
and when old, they will not stray.

**Gospel: Mark 4.26-34**

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**11am Shackelford****1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Psalm 92.1-4,12-14**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.  
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.  
The righteous flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.  
In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of sap.

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**10.30am Elstead**

**John 20.17**

Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "



# Readings

23 June

10am Peper Harow

## **Collect**

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## **Post communion**

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Psalm 9.9-20**

Then will the Lord be a refuge for the oppressed,  
a refuge in the time of trouble.  
And those who know your name will put their trust in you,  
for you, Lord, have never failed those who seek you.  
Sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion;  
declare among the peoples the things he has done.  
The avenger of blood has remembered them;  
he did not forget the cry of the oppressed.  
Have mercy upon me, O Lord;  
consider the trouble I suffer from those who hate me,  
you that lift me up from the gates of death;  
That I may tell all your praises in the gates of the city of Zion  
and rejoice in your salvation.  
The nations shall sink into the pit of their making  
and in the snare which they set will their own foot be taken.  
The Lord makes himself known by his acts of justice;  
the wicked are snared in the works of their own hands.  
They shall return to the land of darkness,

all the nations that forget God.  
For the needy shall not always be forgotten  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.  
Arise, O Lord, and let not mortals have the upper hand;  
let the nations be judged before your face.  
Put them in fear, O Lord,  
that the nations may know themselves to be but mortal.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 6.1-13**

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,  
'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

## **Gospel: Mark 4.35-41**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not

care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

### **10.30am Elstead**

#### **Philippians 1.1-11**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,  
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops  
and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## UPCOMING EVENTS – June/July 2024

<i>Weekly Events:</i>		
<b>School Assemblies</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> 9.15am	St Mary's Infant School, Shackleford
	10.15am	St James' School, Elstead
<b>Foodbank</b>	<b>Thursday</b> 10-11.30 am	St James' Church, Elstead
<i>Fortnightly Events:</i>		
<b>Storytime at Acorns</b>	17 June & 1 July 10:30am – 11am	Shackleford
<i>Monthly Events:</i>		
<b>Prayers for Healing</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month)	5 July	
<b>Elevenes</b>	18 June 11am – 12.30pm	St Nicholas Church, Peper Harow
<b>Elevenes</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 11am -12:30pm	St James' Church, Elstead
<i>Special Services or Events:</i>		
<b>Baptism</b>		
Baptism on 15 June at 11:30am at St Nicholas Peper Harow		
Baptism on 23 June at 12pm at St Michael & All Angels, Thursley		
<b>Weddings</b>		
Wedding on 29 June at 2pm at St James', Elstead		

## Meeting Dates

<b><i>Wardens &amp; Clergy</i></b>	
16 Sep	7pm – 8.30pm

### **PCC Meeting Dates 2024**

<b>PCC</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Timings</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Individual PCC</u>	Thursley	7-9pm	8 July
<u>Individual PCC</u>	Elstead	7:30 – 9:30pm	15 July
Worship Committee Meeting	Elstead	7 – 8pm	16 September
<i>Joint PCC</i>		7-9pm (at Peper Harow)	16 October
<u>Individual PCC</u>	Thursley	7-9pm	14 October
	Elstead	7:30-9:30pm	21 October
	SHPH	7:30-9:30pm	6 November
<u>Deanery Synod dates</u> 6 November at 7:45pm			

## **Elstead Food Bank Update 13 June 2024**

The Elstead Foodbank is open every **Thursday from 10 – 10:30am at St James' Church.**

We are here to help villagers through difficult times, and to make sure that no one ever goes hungry. If you need help call Revd Delia on **0735 9098 655** or visit us on Thursday mornings and we will have a food parcel ready for you.

**Items we would value in the coming week:**

- **Tinned peas**
- **Rice**
- **Baked beans**
- **Cereal**
- **Crisps**

**For normal weekly donations, please drop them off at St James church any day between 9:30 am to 4:30 pm or pop your donations into the donation boxes in all our church porches.**

You will find us at St James church on Thursday mornings, from 10am to 11.30 am, with our loyal volunteers working from 9am.. We are now shopping, packing, and delivering food to 25 households who depend upon our support. We would welcome new volunteers to join the team and help with spreading the load. If you can spare a few hours on Thursday mornings maybe once a fortnight, please come and help, and please keep this in your prayers. Many thanks, Delia

**[www.elsteadfoodbank.com](http://www.elsteadfoodbank.com)**



## A Musical Celebration of Flowers

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
2.00 - 4.00 p.m.**

**St. Mary's Shackleford, GU8 6AE**

**An afternoon of singalong songs, solos and and choir pieces  
with summer refreshments**

**To raise funds for repairs to  
the apse in St. Mary's, Shackleford and  
the front wall of St. Nicholas,  
Peper Harow**

**To book your seats  
please call Wendy Edwards  
on 07740 082460**



## Taize Service



**14 July**

**5pm at St Nicholas, Peper Harow**

**All are welcome to come and celebrate with a  
service of singing, meditation & prayer**



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