

The Parish Churches of Elstead, Thursley,
Shackleford and Peper Harow
Sunday 26th April 2020
Easter 3 – Jesus appears to the disciples



Revd Hannah writes:

I was reading in the news this week that Germany is planning to start lessening their lockdown restrictions. They have passed into law that everyone who goes out in public must wear a mask. I then started to wonder, why did Jesus' disciples not recognise him on the road to Emmaus? Did his face look different after the resurrection? Was his face transformed or did he wear a mask? If Jesus' own disciples did not recognise him after three days, how will we recognise Jesus in the faces of the people we meet on our daily exercise or in the shops behind their masks? I can only hope and pray that like the disciples, our eyes will be opened to the image of God in others. May we see behind the mask so that we "may see Christ in others, be Christ to others and that he may dwell in us and we in him."

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-end

Zephaniah's prophecy reassures people that their sins will be forgiven, their lives restored, for God is in their midst.

Second Reading Acts 2:14a. 36-41

Instead of ignoring Peter's words about Jesus, or simply feeling guilty in silence, the listeners ask what they should do to gain forgiveness and become disciples. Peter's response is that they should repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus.

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

The two disciples did not recognise Jesus until he had urged them first to speak about their grief, then to listen to him, and finally to break bread together.

Collect

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**



Prayer Pointers

Our concerns:

We pray for God's wisdom for our government and the scientists guiding us through this crisis. Give us all patience as we wait to hear how and when our lives may return to normal. For those feeling worried, isolated or alone. We pray they will know God's peace. We pray for those who are recovering from Covid 19 and those who are still ill. We also pray for those struggling to cope with financial pressures because of the virus. For those in our communities who have been furloughed.

Christians far and wide:

That we may see Christ in those with whom we journey in our lives. That we may share the good news of Christ in word, action and hospitality with those around us.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Mickleham, St Michael and All Angels; Westhumble, The Chapel of Ease,

(United Benefice with Leatherhead)

Incumbent: Graham Osborne

Other Clergy: John Harkin

Family/Youth/Children Worker: Amy Ward, Hollie Ayling and Jane Appleton

Please pray for : -

- the success of our weekly Church News in keeping our congregation connected.
- steadfastness for our team of church volunteers who are available to offer telephone support and prayer for any who are concerned or distressed
- the success and usefulness of the Mickleham Emergency Plan WhatsApp Group

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

The Most Revd Michael Lewis –Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf

Muslim Religious Holiday: - Ramadan

Our nation and our world:

Pray for families whose home are not places of sanctuary but are places of violence and fear

Pray for our National leaders who are leading us through the present crisis.

Pray for the NHS and all the medical staff caring for people affected by COVID –19

Pray that nations will work together to find a vaccine

Climate concerns across the world.

Our neighbours:

Young people for perseverance in the face of difficulties.

All who live in Smallbrook Lane, Thursley, Woolfords Lane, Elstead.

Our Associate Minister—Revd. Delia Orme.

Greater thirst for the truth.

For those who are unwell and those who have gone to their rest in you.

Everyday Faith Daily Reflections and other resources

The Church of England is publishing Daily Reflections and Prayer to help us find and follow God in our daily lives. To sign up go to: <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/easterpilgrim-lords-prayer>

If you want to use daily morning or evening prayer as part of your week's routine, the Church of England provides a full daily version on its website under the title Daily Prayer. This is complete with the readings and collect for the day. You can find it at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

The Church of England website also has a range of other readings, reflections and prayers to use, including services and items produced by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Our Cathedral is offering music and daily thoughts accessible from its website <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/>

<https://taketime.org.uk/>

What is it like working from home?

We are hoping that people will share their experiences of working from home, or even how things are, or how different your life is now.

If you would like to share your experiences via the Pew sheet, please email rector@stjameschurchelstead.org

Get involved in the conversation on our website: <https://parishesofetsph.org.uk/how-is-life-working-from-home/>

Noticeboard Ministry



During Holy Week, I used the notice board at the end of the Rectory driveway to share a picture, drawn by my sister, Emma Phillips, to journey through Holy Week.

This coming week the picture, reading and prayer will change daily reflecting on Psalm 23 which is very appropriate for our circumstances. Have a look on your walk in Elstead and I will upload them to the Worship Online section on our website.

<https://parishesofetsph.org.uk>

Using Technology:



ZOOM service Today at 10am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?pwd=UIhIUFO2bjRISWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469

Password: ETSPH

We have a new website: <https://parishesofetsph.org.uk/>

The process of drawing the Parishes of Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow closer together.

This process is firmly underway with Revd Hannah and Revd Delia's, licensing to all three parishes on the 16th March. Along with the church wardens, we were planning that after Easter, Shackleford and Peper Harow services would be taken by Hannah or Delia. This would mean that Compton would be able to plan future services without Shackleford and Peper Harow. We wanted to take the opportunity to celebrate the ministry and fellowship that Compton, Shackleford and Peper Harow have enjoyed together and under other circumstances we would be now be planning a service of thanksgiving to mark the move of Shackleford and Peper Harow into the new "ETSPH" benefice along with Thursley and Elstead. We still want to do this when we can gather in our church buildings again.

However, while the restrictions continue, we will carry on working together and supporting each other as we keep our worship, fellowship and witness going in these times. Hannah will continue to meet regularly with the team from Compton during this transition time.

Shackleford & Peper Harow will join with Elstead and Thursley to receive a Pew sheet and liturgy resources for ETPHS and Compton will continue to send out a weekly newsletter edition and liturgy resources to the Compton Parish.

We will extend the programme of Zoom services as an option alongside the continuing simple liturgy. There will be ETPHS-based Zoom services and, Compton-based Zoom services with a standing invitation to Shackleford & Peper Harow to join with Compton as they wish; but the hope is that Shackleford and Peper Harow will now gravitate towards the new parish grouping.

Sunday Morning Service



*Sunday worship is at the heart of our church life.
Recognizing the many different needs of both individuals and communities,
we try to provide a variety of styles of worship
ranging from traditional Prayer Book services to the totally informal.*

*This service tries to be both informal and devotional,
with traditional elements, combined with opportunities for real spontaneity.*

We say together the words printed in bold.

Throughout the service, please feel free to sit, stand or kneel as you are able.

Welcome and Notices

Introduction

Lord direct our thoughts and teach us to pray.

Lift our hearts to worship You in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Praise

Praise be to you O God,
the maker of the universe,
by whose wisdom
we are created and sustained.

Praise be to you, O God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whose love
we are redeemed and forgiven.

Praise be to you, O God, the source of all holiness,
by whose Spirit
we are made whole and brought to perfection.

Praise be to you O God, source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Confession

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Lord, you know us better than we know ourselves.
As we come before you now,
believers and doubters alike, we all share a deep need,
for we are all lost without your grace.

Search us O God, and know our hearts,
test us and know our troubled thoughts.
Give us true repentance.

Forgive us all our wrongs.

Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day,

to learn to serve each other

and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,

to come at last to heaven. Amen

Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on *us*,

Forgive *us our sins*,

and bring *us* to everlasting life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Prayer for the day

The Liturgy of the Word

Lord, your word is a lantern to our feet

and a light upon our path.

Reading

At the end of each reading, the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**We believe in God, the Father
who made the world.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son
who redeemed humankind.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.**

The Address

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:

God of love,

Hear our prayer

Or

Lord, hear our prayer

and let our cry come to you

Or

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

Or

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

God the Father,

by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,

strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

and the blessing ...

The Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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