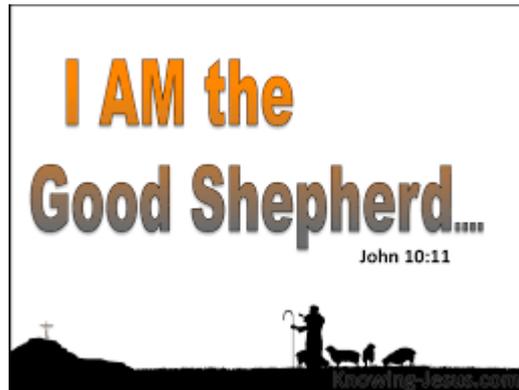


The Parish Churches of Elstead, Thursley,
Shackleford and Peper Harow
Sunday 3rd May
Easter 4 – The Good Shepherd



Revd Hannah writes:

My brother-in-law shared the following with me this week, I found it very thought provoking.

WE ARE NOT IN THE SAME BOAT

I've been hearing "we are all in the same boat" a lot recently, but it's not exactly right. We are all in the same storm. Your ship could be shipwrecked and mine might not be. Mine could be a small rowboat, and yours a catamaran. Or vice versa.

For some, quarantine is optimal. A moment of reflection, of re-connection, easy living in flip flops, with a cocktail or coffee. For others, this is a desperate financial, health, and family crisis.

For some that live alone they are facing endless loneliness. While for others, it is peace, rest, and time with their family.

Some were concerned about getting a certain chocolate for Easter while others were concerned if there would be enough bread, milk, and eggs for the weekend.

Some workers worry about virtual backgrounds, while others worry about the illness, they might carry home with them. Many have lost their jobs completely, and others are working more hours for less money due to loss in sales.

Some are enjoying (or may even be complaining about) being home and spending 2-3 hours/day helping their child with online schooling. Others are spending 2-3 hours/day to educate their children - on top of a 10-12-hour workday. And still others are separated from their kids and families as they work desperately in our hospitals.

Some have experienced the near-death brush of the virus, some have already lost someone from it, and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it. Others do not believe this is a big deal, or that their youth will be enough to make them immune.

Some have faith that their country/healthcare/god will pull off miracles during this period of stress. Others are afraid, not knowing if the worst is yet to come.

So, friends, we need to acknowledge that while we are all going through a global experience of grief, hardship, and community upheaval - we're not all experiencing it in the same way or to the same extent. For

many, our perceptions and needs are completely different. Does this mean your hardship is invalid? Absolutely not.

Our hope is that we will all, in our own way, emerge from this storm. But for so many there are no guarantees. So, take a moment to see each other's troubles. Those of the cashier that just rang up your order. Your elderly neighbour afraid to get groceries. The postal worker and delivery driver that comes to your door.

SEE THEM and realize that while we are all in this storm together - each of us are on different ships, experiencing a **very different journey**.

Mixing metaphors a bit, I am glad that the Good Shepherd we read about in Psalm 23 and in today's gospel is with us as we journey through this situation.

First Reading Genesis 7

Instructed by God, Noah builds an ark, offering shelter and protection from the flood to a vast array of animals and birds, as well as members of his family.

Second Reading Acts 2:42-end

Having heard Peter's stirring exhortation on the day of Pentecost, crowds of people are baptised. The believers live generously, praising God and caring for those in need.

Gospel John 10:1-18

Jesus contrasts those who have good intentions for those in their care and those who do not. As the shepherd and the gate, he offers protection to all within his flock.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen

Additional 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.
Amen



Prayer Pointers

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

Our concerns:

We pray for those who live in care homes and those who care for them. Praying as they live under the threat of Covid 19

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

Pray for the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: Lynda Donaldson (HR Director and Head of Safeguarding), Ian Berry and Jane Huttly (Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers), Linda Hayward (DBS Manager), Ali Bilovodska (Administrator), and the team of safeguarding trainers.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan)

The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu - Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido

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:

Elstead's Police *Safer Neighbourhood Team*,

All who live in Screw Corner Road, Thursley, Hookley Lane, Elstead. Attleford Lane, Shackleford and Peper Harow

Help in Thursley

Time with family and friends even if we have to do this virtually at the moment

For those who are unwell and those who have³gone 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

Psalm 23:



You lead me to streams of peaceful water and you refresh my life

You, Lord, are my shepherd I will never be in need You make me lie down in fields of green grass.

You are true to your name, and you lead me along right paths

I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid. You are with me, and your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe

You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch. You honour me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows

Surely your goodness and love will follow me All the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Have a look on your walk in Elstead and I will upload them to the Worship Online section on our website for our new picture, prayer and bible verse this week. <https://parishesofetsph.org.uk>



A free phonenumber of hymns, reflections and prayers



You will have seen media coverage of the New freephone number as a simple way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes.

Over 6000 people called this number in the first 48 hours and **we need your help to grow awareness of this**, so that people who don't use the internet do not lose access to Church. **Please share this with your communities.**

This idea came from within the Diocese of Guildford, from the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey.

Get Involved with Thy Kingdom Come 2020 - we will be looking at each one of five in each briefing - today its Digital resources.

#1 Digital resources available to equip churches and individuals which can be shared with congregations for download and print at home:

The innovative Family Prayer Adventure Map. Once printed, download the free app* to access games, reflections and augmented reality! You can see Archbishop Justin trying it out here (pre-lockdown).

Prayer Journal for the 11 days has poignant reflections, Bible verses and actions, and features artwork from Charlie Mackesy. The free Thy Kingdom Come App* has daily videos, bible readings, reflections, and podcasts from N.T Wright.

The Thy Kingdom Come Video Library also has over 200 videos to download, including reflections and testimonies from influential Christians such as the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, His Holiness Pope Francis, as well as many others.

#Faithathome

This week sees the launch of a new national campaign by the Church of England called #Faithathome. The campaign forms part of the wider Growing Faith initiative which seeks to promote closer working between churches, schools and households in developing the faith of children and young people.

#Faithathome seeks to address both the particular challenges and opportunities of Covid-19 pandemic, where the primary location for faith development is the home, and also invest wisely in experiences, resources and networks which build a longer-term vision of the vital connection between household, church and school.

The campaign will be launched by the first ever national online assembly delivered by Archbishop Justin on the theme of 'Hope' as part of the new Oak National Academy which was set up to deliver home learning for children during the Covid-19 restrictions. You can watch the assembly here: www.thenational.academy

Using Technology:



ZOOM service Sunday at 10am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?pwd=UlhUUFQ2bjRISWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

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

Hymn

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Gospel acclamation

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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

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, in your mercy

hear our prayer

Our prayers may end with:

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

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.**

Hymn

The Lord's my Shepherd,
I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green;
He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Even for His own Name's sake.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

If you would like to say the prayers to join in with a spiritual communion, then this is the time. The prayers below offer us an opportunity to give thanks for our communion with Christ, at a time when would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist.

He took the bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Come to me, and I will refresh you,
I will renew you, I will restore you.
Come to me, I am the bread of life,
Remember me.
Remember me, I am known in the breaking,
In the breaking of the day and in the breaking of the bread.**

This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Remember me.
Be filled with my Spirit,
Let my life fill yours,
Give you courage,
Fill you with joy.**

Responding to Communion

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Blessing

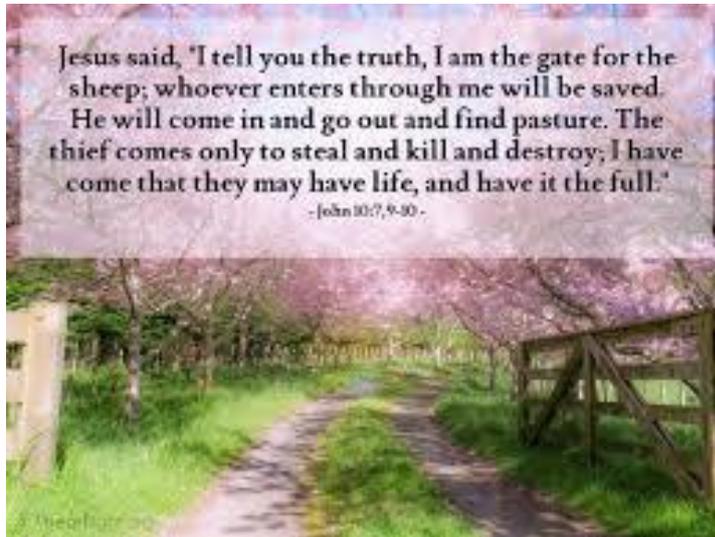
God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing ...

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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