

## St James Church is open Thursday and Sunday 2.30 – 4.30pm

The St James Church is now open for private prayer on Thursday 2.30-4.30pm & Sunday 2.30-4.30pm. Please follow the guidelines when entering the building.

### Everyday Faith Daily Reflections and other resources

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/renewal-reform/setting-gods-people-free/everyday-faith>

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

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

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

Church House Publishing have created a shortened form of the Daily Prayer App for life on the go. Follow the link to access the App <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

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/>

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**Shackleford - Vacant**

## The Parish Churches of Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow

Sunday 19th July 2020

Trinity 6

**ZOOM Service – gather from 9.50am and start at 10am**



1st Sunday	10 am	Morning Service including Spiritual Communion
2nd Sunday	10 am	Family service all age interactive
	6 pm	Evening Prayer
3rd Sunday	10 am	Service of the word incl. Spiritual Communion
4th Sunday	10 am	CW Morning Worship

### Using Technology:

**We gather from 9.50am and the service will start at 10am**

### ZOOM service Sunday at 10am

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?pwd=U1hIUjFQ2bjRISWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

**Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469**

**Password: ETSPH**

Dial in via your telephone

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Password: 262018

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

### 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

**Revd Hannah writes:**

It has been reported in the news this week that wearing a mask in shops will be compulsory from the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. This will affect how we interact with others. I don't know about you, but when I am in the shops, I often smile at my fellow shoppers this connects me with them and I find my mood is lifted. From the 24<sup>th</sup> of July, we will need to measure another's emotions and mood just by looking at their eyes. Perhaps, we may need to practice smiling with our eyes! According to the internet, smiling with your eyes is called "smizing" or the "Duchenne smile". When we smile with our eyes, we look genuinely happy and it is hard to fake. Of course, it helps to channel happy thoughts and the internet helpfully recommends thinking about fluffy kittens and chocolate to get that smile from your lips all the way up to your eyes! There is a serious point here which is that the pandemic is changing so many ways in which we interact. The bible reminds us, 'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness.' As we live through the pandemic, we need to ensure that the light and love of God shines out of our eyes to all those we meet. It may be the only way we have to share the gospel is as our mouths are covered.

**First Reading Isaiah 44:6-8**

The prophet speaks of God as strong and also as the one who chooses to be the rock for the people.

**Second Reading Romans 8:12-25**

Paul is speaking about God's adoption of us, so that we are part of the family of God, not for our own sakes but for the sake of the whole of creation.

**Gospel Matthew 13:24-30. 36-43**

One of Jesus' parables about sowing and harvest.

**Collect for today**

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern in you all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Prayer Pointers**



**Our concerns:**

Psalms 86 reminds us of your steadfast love for each one of us, help us to remember your love Lord, and turn to you for help and comfort.

As we draw our three parishes closer together, we pray for your guidance as we seek your vision for these parishes. Lord, we pray for growth in numbers and in spiritual commitment to you.

Give us wisdom as we assess the risks of reopening the churches. Help us to find safe ways to come together physically as worshipping communities. Help us to find the time to rest and abide in you through our personal prayers.

As we engage with others, help us to be wise and careful in observing social distancing. We pray for those who are still shielding and those who are worried about going out, give them your peace.

We also pray for those struggling to cope with financial pressures because of the virus, praying for those who have been furloughed, for those who have been made redundant and those needing to use Foodbanks

We continue to pray for those who have been affected by Covid -19. We pray for those countries experiencing a new case of infections

We pray for your healing and restoration to all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit.

**Christians far and wide:**

We pray for Christians across the world who live with the fear of persecution and all those who are persecuted for their faith.

We pray for religious leaders as they guide their communities through this pandemic

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

University of Surrey, Anglican Chaplain Duncan Myers

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

Episcopal Church in Philippines. The Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao - Prime Bishop of the Philippines.

**Our nation and our world:**

We pray for our nation as it tries to get back to work even amid new infections and Covid 19 deaths

Pray that nations will work together to find a vaccine

We pray for countries around the world who are experiencing war, division, and strife.

**Our neighbours:**

All who live in: Chalk Lane, Highfield Lane - above Homefield, Thursley Road (east side) from Red House Lane to Beacon view Road. We thank you for the community spirit and care for our neighbours which is present in our villages

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