

Reopening Churches and Zoom Church

We will be opening Churches on a rota basis, moving around the parishes from the 16th August 2020. Starting with St Mary's, Shackleford at 9.30am. Because of the numbers of people who might like to come to the buildings, a booking system will be needed. More details to follow. The copies of the risks assessments for the churches is available at <https://parishesofetsph.org.uk/opening-churches-for-sunday-worship/>

We will also continue with our Zoom church each week at 10am for those who may still be shielding or in the vulnerable categories and for those not attending one of the buildings.

Everyday Faith Daily Reflections and other resources

Guildford Cathedral has restarted some of its services. Like the local parish churches, they need to be mindful of the Coronavirus restrictions. They have a programme of services available on their website: <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/worship/services>

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<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>

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Shackleford - Vacant

The Parish Churches of Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow Sunday 26th July 2020

Trinity 7

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=UlhUFGQ2bjRlSWVhbjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469

Password: ETSPH

Dial in via your telephone

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+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469

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:

Today we remember St James, the only apostle whose death and martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament. As we read the Bible, the persecution of the believers can seem as it belongs to a different time. This may be especially true living in England where we can sometimes be made to feel uncomfortable for having faith. We may be ridiculed for our faith but not persecuted. This is not the case in other parts of the world. Open Doors has compiled a watch list for the most difficult countries to be a Christian, the places you face persecution for your faith in Jesus Christ. The top 5 countries are North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya and Pakistan. Open Doors works in over 60 countries, supplying Bibles, training church leaders, providing practical support and emergency relief, and supporting Christians who suffer for their faith. In the UK and Ireland Open Doors works to raise awareness of global persecution, mobilising prayer, support, and action among Christians. This is dangerous work. I would like to encourage you to look at their website and consider contributing to their difficult work.

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

Readings for the Feast of St James

First Reading Acts 11.27 – 12.2

The disciples respond to a famine and send relief to the believers in Judea and King Herod starts a persecution of the believers and has James put to death.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4. 7-15

Paul encourages the believers that although they are being persecuted to keep their faith in Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 20: 20-28

The mother of James and John comes to Jesus to ask him to elevate her sons to sit beside him in his kingdom. Jesus reminds the disciples that his will be a hard cup to drink and questions whether they are ready for the task.

Collect for today

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the
apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity
of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Our concerns:

Lord as we remember St James today who was martyred for his faith in you, we pray for all those Christians across the world who are persecuted for their faith.

We thank you for their faith and trust in you, we pray that you will surround them with our love and prayers. Strengthen their faith and may they find courage and comfort in you.

We pray for the work of Open Doors who work in some of the most difficult countries in the world to be a Christian. We give thanks for their bravery and courage as they share your gospel. Please protect the volunteers in this dangerous work.

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.

We pray for Scientists and researchers working around the world to find a cure for Covid-19. We pray for a breakthrough in this important work.

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 wave 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

All Ordained and Lay Ministers who hold Bishop's permission to Officiate, for our Chaplains in Education.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Kapoeta (South Sudan) The Rt. Revd Isaac Deu Chol (Diocesan Bishop)

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: Hurtmore Road, Woolfords Lane, Smallbrook Lane.

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.

