

### 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>

<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.

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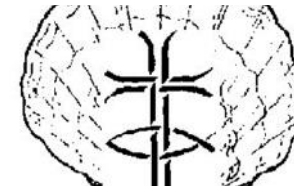
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### Shackleford - Vacant

### 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

## The Parish Churches of Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow Sunday 23rd August 2020 Trinity 11



**Intergrated Service from St James'  
(limited numbers so pre booking essential)  
ZOOM Service – gather from 9.50am and start at 10am**

**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=U1hIUHQ2bjRlSWVhbjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?pwd=U1hIUHQ2bjRlSWVhbjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09)

**Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469**

**Password: ETSPH**

Dial in via your telephone

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

## Coming up this month

Sunday 23rd 10 am 2.30-4.30pm	Trinity 11 Integrated Zoom and Physical from St. James', Elstead Private Prayer at St. James' Elstead
Thursday 27th 2.30-4.30pm	Private Prayer at St. James' Elstead
Sunday 30th 9.30 am 10 am 2.30-4.30pm	Trinity 12 Service of Word with Communion - St Michael and All Angels, Thursley Zoom Service of the Word Private Prayer at St. James', Elstead
Tuesday 1st 7 pm	3 Parishes joint PCC meeting on Vision
Thursday 3rd September 2.30-4.30pm	Private Prayer at St. James', Elstead
Friday 4th 2 pm	Prayers for Healing by zoom
Sunday 6th 8 am 10 am 2.30-4.30 pm	Trinity 13 BCP, St Mary's Shackleford Harvest Festival, St James' Elstead. Integrated Zoom and Physical from St James', Elstead Private Prayer at St James' Elstead
Thursday 10th 2.30-4.30pm	Private Prayer at St. James', Elstead
Sunday 13th 8am 10am 6pm	Trinity 14 BCP - St James, Elstead Zoom Family Service Evening Prayer/Compline on Zoom
Monday 14th 7 pm	Elstead Worship Committee
Tuesday 15th 7 pm	Thursley PCC

### Our concerns:

Lord we pray for those caught up in the exam result debacle and the fall out for everyone concerned. We pray for the mental health of our young people and for teachers who have had their professionalism questioned. May your justice and mercy rain down.



We give thanks that we are now able to start reopening churches. Help us to find safe ways, following the guidance, as to come together physically as worshipping communities. As we engage with others, help us to be wise and careful in observing social distancing.

As the summer holidays arrive for many Lord be with our children and families as they find ways to rest, refresh and restore themselves whilst having fun and remaining safe. We pray for the future of our children who have lost so much school time this year.

We pray for St James School as it tries to replace the school boiler with a renewable, sustainable alternative.

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

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

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Camberley, St Michael Yorktown.

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Church of the Province of South East Asia, The Most Revd Melter Tais - Archbishop of south East Asia & Bishop of Sabah.

### 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.

### Our neighbours:

All who live in Grenville Road, Copse Edge, Moors Lane & Ash Lane, Dye House Road - east of the Clump. We thank you for the community spirit and care for our neighbours which is present in our villages

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

**Revd Hannah writes:** It was a joy to finally be able to celebrate communion and worship with others at St Mary's last week. It was five months to the day since I was licensed, What a five months it has been! For many of us over the last few months, we have felt we have been standing on quicksand. The ground beneath our feet, our circumstances, the guidance to keep us safe has been ever changing. In this weeks gospel, we hear Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah, and Jesus telling Peter that he is a "rock" upon which he will build his church. Now, more than ever, with the changing nature of church, the necessity to book for services rather than just flinging open the doors and inviting everyone in. We need to look for more ways in which we can be like Peter. Demonstrating our faith to those in the community and being the ones, the rocks, upon which we rebuild our churches.

***from Carmina Gadelica***

Each morning and each evening  
let the peace of the Father, be ours.  
Each day and each night  
let the peace of the Son be ours.  
Each dawn and each dusk  
let the peace of the Spirit be ours.  
Let the blessing of the three in one be ours;  
both now and for ever. Amen.

**Prayers for Healing Service Friday 4th September at 2pm by Zoom.**

You are warmly invited to our ecumenical Prayers for Healing Service to pray by name for those in need of God's healing strength and peace for whatever reason whether for themselves or others. To comply with GDPR regulations please ask permission of others first or their relatives if appropriate.

All are welcome to join us for this important ministry.  
For prayer requests, service sheet and Zoom link please email [lindajennifer-chamberlain@gmail.com](mailto:lindajennifer-chamberlain@gmail.com) . We hope you can join us.

**Readings**

**First Reading** Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

The new ruler of Egypt is intimidated by the sheer number of Israelites in the land. He appoints taskmasters to control them with forced labour and instructs the midwives to kill any baby boys born to Israelite women. The baby Moses is saved when his mother places him in a basket in reeds by the river, and he is found by the Pharaoh's daughter, who cares for him.

**Second Reading** Romans 12:1-8

Paul urges his hearers not to follow the ways of the world, but to allow God to renew their minds and hearts so that they may be better able to discern God's will regarding their lives and their different callings within the body of Christ.

**Gospel** Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus asks his disciples who the people think he is, and hears various answers: John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets. He then asks who they think he is, and Peter gives the divinely inspired answer: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Commending Peter, Jesus warns the disciples not to tell anyone.

**Collect**

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give to all that we have to gain the peace beyond al price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

# We are called to pray...

“The thing above all which the should be doing at the present time is *praying*.” (Tom Wright, God and the Pandemic.)

Circle me Lord.  
Keep hope within,  
Keep fear without.  
Keep peace near,  
Keep conflict far.  
Circle me Lord.  
Amen

Lord we present ourselves, our souls and our bodies, to you.  
You give us life, you give us love, you give us yourself.  
May we give our lives, our live, ourselves to you.  
We pray for the unity of your church,  
that we may work together for the good of all.  
We give thanks for the gifts you have given to us;  
let us use them to your glory.  
We pray especially for all who exercise the gift of ministry,  
teaching, and healing.  
Christ, Son of the living God,  
Hear us and help us.  
Amen

## Reopening Churches and Zoom Church

We have started to reopen Churches for services. Unfortunately, with the Social Distancing measures we can only accommodate a limited number of people so booking is essential. Booking is open for 7 days before the service.

Booking for 23rd August <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS0y/t>

Booking for 30th August <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS0z/t>

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.

There is detailed guidance on how to prepare yourself to attend the church building entitled “**Returning to Worship in the Church Buildings**” this will be attached to the pewsheet email and be available in the church porches and on our website at <https://www.parishesofetsph.org.uk>

## Church of England advice on Face Coverings

Here is the latest advice from the Church of England about the wearing of face coverings in Churches.

**Face coverings are currently mandatory in a range of indoor venues including Places of Worship and church halls.** While there are exemptions this is a legal requirement. Those who are leading services or events in a place of worship, and those who assist them (for instance by reading, preaching, or leading prayer) do not always need to wear a face covering, although one should be worn especially if physical distancing cannot be maintained. These exemptions are made to enable communication, particularly with those who rely on lip reading, facial expressions or clear sound; they do not exempt clergy and other leaders from wearing face coverings in other situations or during other activities.

**Face coverings are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.**