

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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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 30th August 2020
Trinity 12



Service from St Michael & All Angles, Thursley
(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=U1hIUHQ2bjRISWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?pwd=U1hIUHQ2bjRISWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09)

Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469

Password: ETSPH

Dial in via your telephone

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Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469

Password: 262018

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

Coming up this month

Sunday 30th 9.30 am	Trinity 12 Service of Word with Communion - St Michael and All Angels, Thursley
10 am 2.30-4.30pm	Zoom Service of the Word, St James' , Elstead 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 CW Communion, St Mary's Shackelford 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 10.30am 6pm	Trinity 14 BCP - St James, Elstead Family Service St James, Elstead Evening Prayer/Compline on Zoom, Elstead
Monday 14th 7 pm	Elstead Worship Committee
Tuesday 15th 7 pm	Thursley PCC
Sunday 20th 8 am 9.30 am 10 am 2.30-4.30pm	Trinity 15 CW Communion, St Nicholas, Peper Harow Harvest Festival, St Michael and All Angels, Thursley Zoom Service, Service of the Word. St. James', Elstead Private Prayer at St. James' Elstead
Thursday 27th 2.30-4.30pm	Private Prayer at St. James' Elstead

Our concerns:

Lord we pray for the mental health of our young people who seem to be under so much pressure and strain.

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 children and staff start to think about going back to school, we pray for their safety and for people who feel anxious about being in large groups of people as they fear catching and spreading the virus.

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, for those people who have lost their jobs and those needing to use Foodbanks

We continue to pray for those who have been affected by Covid -19.

We pray for those areas of our own country that are 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

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, Guildford.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

United Church of South India. The Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam - Moderator of CSI & Bishop of South Kerala.

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 Norney, Sailors Lane. 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: There is an old saying that says, “When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.” In the weeks and months ahead I am sure we will be made aware of many people who will be doing just that—they will be just about hanging on. As a country, we are facing so tough and uncertain times. As our young people return to university, many of them need to find part time jobs to financial support themselves through their studies. Part-time jobs in pubs and restaurants are becoming increasingly hard to come by and I am aware of a couple of young people who have lost their jobs as the restaurant in which they work in will not be reopening after Covid. As a country, there are lots of stumbling blocks ahead. How do we continue to pick up our own cross and trust in God when times get tough? The Psalms offer us the words to lament and cry out to God. Psalm 107 says, “Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.” We are also called to uphold those who may be just hanging on to that metaphorical rope—this may be through prayer and through more practical ways including supporting the Food-bank and mental health charities.

GCGC ([Godalming Community Gospel Choir](#)) is a community gospel choir based in Godalming. We sing a range of contemporary and traditional gospel music by UK and US artists under the direction of the amazing Hermione Thomas. We are a true community choir, open to all. Our choir members come from all walks of life, faith and non-faith.

GCGC normally meets from 7.30pm - 9.30pm on Monday evenings, during term-time, in the Octagon at the Church of St Peter and St Paul in Godalming. During the Covid-19 pandemic, we are continuing to meet online on Zoom on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Next term Hermione is on maternity leave and we're delighted to have Marsha Morrison, the Musical Director of [Lewes Sings Gospel](#) and a member of [The Kingdom Choir](#) leading our rehearsals. Marsha is an extremely accomplished performer, arranger, conductor and coach and will bring all her experience to her work with GCGC.

In July, we were thrilled to make our first recording! You can watch and listen to our version of *I Smile* by Kirk Franklin on the [GCGC channel](#) on YouTube.

Prospective members are invited to join us at our first meeting of next term on Monday 7 September. Please email info@gcgc.org.uk to book a place. For more information about GCGC, please visit our website at

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. We hope you can join us.

Readings

First Reading Exodus 3:1-15

Moses had fled from Egypt to Midian, but God called him from a burning bush and told him to return and save his people from slavery. In reply to Moses' reticence, the Lord instructs him to tell the people that “I am has sent me to you”.

Second Reading Romans 12:9-end

Paul wanted the Roman Christians to be transformed by Christ in their thoughts and deeds. Here he spells out some ways in which Christians should be different.

Gospel Matthew 16:21-end

Peter has just confessed Jesus to be the Messiah, but we now see that he had not understood that this would bring Jesus suffering rather than acclamation.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

Take up your Cross and follow

“One pebble doesn’t make a beach and one stone doesn’t make a mountain.”

How can we demonstrate that we are followers of Jesus in our communities?

Are we living stones building the Kingdom?

The Cross of Christ

The Cross of Christ
Upon your brow
The Cross of Christ
Protect you now

The Cross of Christ
Upon your mind
The Cross of Christ
Make you kind

The Cross of Christ
Upon your head
The Cross of Christ
Save from dread

The Cross of Christ
Upon your face
The Cross of Christ
Give you grace

The Cross of Christ
Upon your heart
The Cross of Christ
Set you apart

The Cross of Christ
Upon your soul
The Cross of Christ
Keep you whole

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

Booking for 6th September <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**” is available in the church porches and on our website at

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

The copies of the risks assessments for the churches are available at <https://parishesofetsph.org.uk/opening-churches-for-sunday-worship/>

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.