

### 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 6th September 2020  
Trinity 13



8am Communion Service - St Mary's, Shackleford  
10am Harvest Festival — St James, Elstead  
Combined Zoom and Service in the building

### For those joining via Zoom

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=U1hIUfQ2bjRlSWhjaN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

**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 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
Thursday 17th 2.30-4.30pm	Private Prayer at St James', Elstead
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
Wednesday 23rd 7 pm	Praying for our parishes at St. James', Elstead All are welcome from all parishes
Thursday 24th 2.30-4.30pm	Private Prayer at St. James' Elstead
Sunday 27th 8 am 10 am 2.30-4.30 pm	Trinity 16 BCP Communion - St Mary's, Shackelford Integrated Zoom and Physical from St James', Elstead Private Prayer at St. James', Elstead
Thursday 1st October 2.30-4.30 pm	Private Prayer at St. James', Elstead

### Our concerns:

Lord we pray for the all returning to work and school after the summer holidays.

We pray especially for the staff and children of St Mary's Infants and St James Primary School.

We give you thanks for your goodness Lord and for the gifts of the harvest. We thank you for everyone involved in the production of our food. Help us not to waste what we have and share with those in need.

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.

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.

### 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 Park Lane, Grenville Road, Milford Road south side, Hookley Lane to Village Green. 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.**



**Elstead Electrol Roll will be revised from 6<sup>th</sup> September to add your name please speak to Tim Shepherd – 01252 702236 or a churchwarden**

**Revd Hannah writes:**

I have always believed that I am good at juggling—not balls, I am useless as that, but activities and tasks. I have juggled working, motherhood, being a wife and various volunteer activities. I have often wondered what is the cost of all this juggling? Certainly, higher levels of stress and feelings of being pulled in all directions at once. Through lockdown, many families felt stretched as they tried to juggle home schooling and working from home. There might be a collective sigh of relief this week as schools go back and some sense of normality returns. The government is also pushing for office workers to return to the work place and start commuting again, but many don't feel safe using public transport. I wonder if there might be some reluctance on the part of parents to get back into the commuting "rat race". Many are questioning the necessity of commuting if they can connect safely from a home office.

Has Covid inadvertently provided a case for climate activists? Have our carbon emissions been lower over the last few months.? Has working from home provided a template for a greener solution to working? Has Covid also meant that families have been able to reclaim some time together?

How does the church speak into the changing nature of work and home life? The bible teaches that work is necessary and that rest is good. We should model a willingness to work, and the of value rest and restoration. In Mark we read, "The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. And He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." They had been working but Jesus recognised the need for rest and a time to recover. I wonder how we will live out this work-rest balance in the months to come?

Source: <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Work,-And-Rest>

**APCM Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 11.45 am – St James', Elstead. Also online and by zoom**

**APCM meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm – St Nicholas, Peper Harow also online and by Zoom**

**APCM Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm – St Michael and All Angels, Thursley. Also online and by zoom**

**Donations for Harvest at St James, Elstead**

We will be collecting for two worthy causes this week as we give thanks for God goodness and the Harvest.

Dry goods, and tins can be brought to the service to be given to the Elstead Foodbank.

We are also collecting monetary donations for Step by Step.

Any donations will be gratefully received.

**Booking for September Services**

At the moment we are not booking for the 8am services, this will be reassessed once we have a better idea of numbers attending. Below is the times, venues and booking information for the other services in September around the Parishes.

St James Elstead, Harvest, 6/9/2020, 10am

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS02/t>

Family Service at St James Elstead, 13/9/2020, 10.30am

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS03/t>

St Michael's Thursley, Harvest, 20/9/2020, 9.30am

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS04/t>

St Nicholas Peper Harow, Harvest 27/9/2020, 9.30

## Harvest Festival Readings—10am St James, Elstead

**First Reading** : Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

**Second Reading** : 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

**Gospel**: Luke 12:16-30

### Harvest Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for your own well-being; 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

“Come ye thankful people come

Raise the some of Harvest-home:

All is safely gathered in,

Ere the winter storms begin;

God our Maker, doth provide

For our wants to be supplied.”

## Readings - 8am St Mary's, Shackleford

First Reading Exodus 12:1-14

The institution of the Passover. The Lord is about to strike down every firstborn in Egypt. Detailed instructions are given to Moses and Aaron as to how the Israelites should prepare and eat the Passover meal, before making their escape from slavery.

Second Reading Romans 13:8-end

Paul encourages his readers to live new lives in Jesus, reminding them of his command to love one another.

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus provides a model for the forgiveness of sinners as part of the life of a functional church community, and an assurance that he will be present when two or three people gather together.

Collect

Almighty God, who called your church to witness that you were Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## Praise (Based on psalm 8)

God, when we think about your creation, we're  
amazed;

We walk through a masterpiece every day.

Your imagination has created such beauty.

We can never come to the end of your wonders.

How incredible it is that you've trusted us to take care

Of your prized possession!

You've shown us how to sustain life:

Help us to use this knowledge for the good of your  
world,

The benefit of your people and the glory of your  
name.

We praise you, painter of creation's har-  
vests! (Christian Aid)

## 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.***