

### 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 4th October 2020 Proper 22—Trinity 17



**8am BCP Communion Service - St Mary's, Shackleford  
10 am St James, Elstead and Zoom Service**

### 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=UlhUUFQ2bjRlSWVhbjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

**Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469**

**Password: ETSPH**

Dial in via your telephone

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Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469

Password: 262018

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

## Sunday Services in the Parishes

<b>Sunday 4th</b> 8 am 10 am	<b>Trinity 17</b> BCP Communion - St Mary's, Shackleford Communion and Zoom from St James', Elstead
<b>Sunday 11th</b> 8 am <b>10.30 am</b> 6.00 pm	<b>Trinity 18</b> BCP Communion - St James', Elstead Family Service - St James' Elstead (no zoom) Evening Prayer/Compline Service by Zoom
<b>Sunday 18th</b> 8 am 9.30 am 10 am	<b>Trinity 19</b> CW Communion, St Nicholas, Peper Harow CW Communion, St Michael and All Angels, Thursley Morning Service by Zoom
<b>Sunday 25th</b> 8 am 9.30 am 10 am	<b>Last after Trinity</b> BCP Communion - St Michael and All Angels, Thursley CW Communion - St Nicholas, Peper Harow. Communion and Zoom from St James', Elstead

## Prayer and other meetings

<b>Sunday 4th</b> 2.30-4.30 pm Wednesday 7th 7 pm	Private Prayer at St James', Elstead Praying for our parishes at St Michael and All Angels, Thursley.
<b>Thursday 8th</b> 2.30-4.30pm	Private Prayer at St. James', Elstead
<b>Sunday 11th</b> 2.30-4.30pm	Private Prayer at St James', Elstead
<b>Thursday 15th</b> 2.30-4.30pm	Private Prayer at St. James' Elstead
<b>Sunday 18th</b> 2.30-4.30pm	Private Prayer at St. James' Elstead
<b>Thursday 22nd</b> 2.30-4.30 pm	Private Prayer at St. James' ,Elstead
<b>Sunday 25th</b> 2.30-4.30 pm	Private Prayer at St. James', Elstead

All are welcome from all parishes

## Our concerns:

Lord many of us are anxious about the increase in Coronavirus cases and we are confused about the changing rules and guidance. We pray for clarity and your peace.

Lord many of us are sad because we are limited in the friends and family we can see in our homes and gardens. We pray for a sense of your presence surrounding us.

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

As we engage with others, help us to be wise and careful in observing social distancing.

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 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

Youth and Children's Volunteers and Workers in our parishes.

## Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Anglican Church of Tanzania. The Most Revd. Dr Maimbo Mndolwa - Archbishop of Tanzania and Bishop of Tanga.

## 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 Beech Hill, Eashing Lane, Hookley Close & The Croft.

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.**



## Hannah away for a few days

Hannah is off Monday 5th October, Tuesday 6th October,  
Wednesday 7th October

## **Revd Hannah writes:**

This year has been tough for many people, we may feel, "hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." These words from 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 remind us that we are not alone or abandoned, God is with us. James Lawrence, CPAS says "When we can't look forward with confidence, we can look up with certainty." They are comforting words but should acknowledge that many of us are struggling with our mental health. The rise of mental health issues this year is almost a pandemic within the Covid pandemic.

For many, there is still a stigma around mental health. But none of us have to battle mental illness or distress alone. It is certainly not something we should be embarrassed about.

I would urge you, if you are struggling: tell someone, seek medical advice or counselling. Last week, I stood at the graveside of an 18 year old lad who had committed suicide. It was really tough and I know I have been battling mental and emotional tiredness all week. How have I coped this week? I have prayed, I have talked to family and friends and I have hugged my own young people more. I have not been alone, don't suffer alone or in silence.

### **Booking for September and October Services**

At the moment we are not booking for the 8am services but we will continue to use the booking system for our 9.30am and 10am services, as well as the 10.30am Family Services.

**If you are struggling to book please contact the churchwardens or Hannah or Delia.**

St James, Elstead, 4/10/2020, 10.00

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS01/t>

St James, Elstead, 11/10/2020, 10.30 am

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS0xMA/t>

St Michael's, Thursley, 18/10/2020, 9.30 am

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS0xMQ/t>

St Nicholas, Peper Harow, 25/10/2020 9.30 am

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS0xMg/t>

St James, Elstead, 25/10/2020 10 am

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS0xMw/t>

### **Church of England advice on Face Coverings**

***We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they 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.***

### **Church of England advice on Ventilation during Worship**

Risk Assessment is all about balancing risk, and if you increase risk by reducing ventilation (eg by shutting the windows and doors during worship) you should mitigate this increase by reducing risk elsewhere (eg by increasing social distance between households from 2m to 3m) Guidance on ventilation can be found on the HSE website: (<https://www.hse.gov.uk/.../air-conditioning-and...>). This says doors (not fire doors) and windows should be kept open.

You should also warn your congregation that it will be very cold and if they still choose to come they could bring warm coats hats and gloves, hot drinks in flasks, blankets and hot water bottles.

**Wrap up warm as we need to leave windows and doors OPEN!!**



## Readings - Sunday 4th October

### First Reading Exodus 20:1-4. 7-9. 12-20

This passage contains the preface to the Ten Commandments and the first two: laws against having other gods and making idols in any form.

### Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul is writing about loss and gain. Although his social status and professional standing would normally be considered advantageous, he has, he writes, come to regard it all as “rubbish”, because of the greater prize of knowing Christ.

### Gospel Matthew 21:33-end

Jesus tells the parable of the wicked tenants, who beat and murder the landowner’s servants and son. He rounds off with some pointed remarks addressed to the chief priests and Pharisees. Much as they’d like to retaliate they are powerless to do so, because Jesus has made such a big impact on the crowd.

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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.

Lord, you have called us to know you,  
you have called us to love you,  
you have called us to serve you.  
make us worthy to our calling.  
may we proclaim your power and your peace.  
may we rejoice in your light and in your love;  
through Christ the living Lord. Amen

## Praying for our Parishes

Prayer needs to be at the heart of all we do. We will not see growth or change without prayer. Therefore, we are starting a regular time of prayer for our parishes. Everyone from across the parishes is welcome

Wednesday 7th October—7pm St Michael’s, Thursley

Wednesday 21st October—7pm St Nicholas, Peper Harow

### Prayer for Growth

Dear God

Grant that the seeds you sow within our hearts and within our parishes may grow and blossom as witness to your great glory. **Amen**

### APCM dates

If you have any questions for the APCM, please could you submit them in writing before hand to Revd Hannah

**APCM Meeting Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 11.45 am – St James’, Elstead.**

**Also online and by zoom**

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS0xNA/t>

**APCM meeting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm – St Nicholas, Peper Harow**

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS0xNQ/t>

**APCM Meeting Sunday 18th October 10.45am – St Michael and All Angels, Thursley.**

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTYwMS0xNg/t>

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