

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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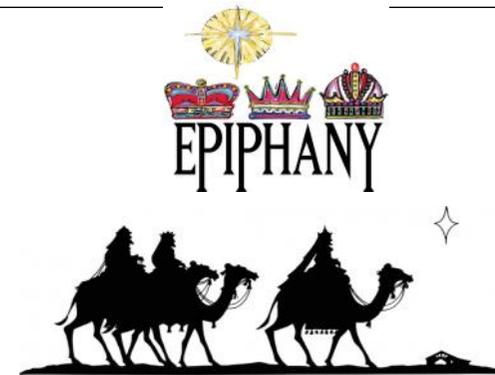
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A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS

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 3rd January 2021

at 10am via Zoom

Please join us from 9.50pm for the 10am service

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?pwd=U1hlUFQ2bjRlSWWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

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Cancelled all other services:

As we are now all in Tier 4 and the virus is very infectious we will not be holding any in person services so there will not be an 8.00am Service this Sunday. We will keep this under review week by week.

Revd Delia writes:

It is shocking how quickly the new strain of the virus has spread, making us all anxious and fearful. We did have some respite and enjoyed welcoming many to our churches over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and on zoom too. You may, like me, have been able to squeeze in a quick family visit before Tier 4 lock down, or you may have abandoned all plans and stayed at home alone to protect your loved ones and the NHS. Probably for all of us Christmas was strange and very different. Yet Jesus still came, and we were able to recall the great story of God's love for us, made manifest in the tiny baby. Now, having received again this precious gift, we are encouraged with new Hope to face 2021 and the challenges it will undoubtedly bring. If we make a New Year's Resolution let it be to remember God's presence with us in each day, and to remember the needs of our neighbour, both close and far away. Wishing you all a peaceful and Happy New Year. Delia.



Our concerns:

Lord be amongst us as we face the New Year and the challenges it brings.

We give thanks for medical breakthroughs and the vaccines now being distributed to the most vulnerable.

We pray for the those working in the NHS under severe strains.

We pray for your healing and restoration to all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. We pray especially for those who are struggling with their mental health at this time.

As our schools wonder what shape the new term will be, please keep the staff and children safe and help them to return to school refreshed and ready to learn.

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.

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

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 board of Education - Chair: Rt Revd Dr Jo Wells; The Education Team Director: Alex Tear; Deputy Director: Jonathan Gambier.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Our neighbours: All who live in Screw Corner Road, Cricket Green Close, Hookley Lane. We thank you for the community spirit and care for our neighbours which is present in our villages.



Hannah on leave

Hannah remains on leave until the 5th January 2021.
Any queries please contact the Churchwardens
or Delia.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

These verses of prophecy speak of a time when Gentiles as well as Jews will worship God, and will come bringing gifts.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

Paul speaks of his own experience of seeing the light, and of his calling to affirm Gentiles in their place in Christ's Church.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth; mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory 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.

Acclamations at the Presentation of the Gifts

The traditional gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh may be offered at the crib or at the altar, or the figures of the three wise men may be placed in the crib.

At the offering of gold:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe: to you be praise and glory forever. As gold in the furnace is tried and purified seven times in the fire, so purify our hearts and minds that we may be a royal priesthood acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever.

At the offering of frankincense:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe: to you be praise and glory forever. As our prayer rises before you as incense, so may we be presented before you with penitent hearts and uplifted hands to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

Blessed be God forever.

At the offering of myrrh:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe: to you be praise and glory forever. As you give medicine to heal our sickness and the leaves of the tree for the healing of the nations, so anoint us with your healing power that we may be the first fruits of your new creation.

Blessed be God forever.

Churches are open for Private Prayer

St James', Elstead, is open for Private Prayer on Thursdays and Sundays from 2.30-4.30 pm.

St Michael and All Angels, Thursley is open for Private Prayer on Tuesdays and Saturdays 10-12pm

St Mary's, Shackleford is open for Private Prayer on Mondays and Fridays 9.30-3pm

Thank You

Over the Christmas and New Year period statistically there is always a rise in domestic abuse referrals. Many of our survivors and their children are left with harrowing memories of what is a joyous time of year for a lot of us. Many are struggling both emotionally and financially, some having fled their homes leaving all prized possessions behind. Some of our victims still living in such difficult circumstances are financially controlled and not given access to funds for Christmas presents.

This year with donations from St James Church and the village of Elstead mean we have still been able to offer that same relief to our families in what is usually such a difficult time. By providing gifts, from the appeal, we are able to offer some light and hope to our clients, knowing that whatever challenges they may face Christmas day, at least their child will have presents to open that morning. The children we support are powerless victims, lacking self-esteem or resilience. For many of them waking up to no Christmas presents is a reminder to themselves they are not worthy, they are being punished or they are partly to blame for the circumstances in which they are living. So again a huge thank you from the SW Surrey Domestic Abuse Outreach Team to all the wonderful people who donated.

Kind regards

Abbie

Senior Children's outreach worker

South West Surrey Domestic Abuse Outreach Service

See the Archbishop of York's New Year Eve service at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/worship-home-service-archbishop-york>

And the **Epiphany service** from the UK and Middle East at 9.00 am Sunday 3rd January:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/worship-home-epiphany-embrace-middle>



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View our Advent readings and Christmas carols.

