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**The Parish Churches of Elstead, Thursley,
Shackleford and Peper Harow**

Plough Sunday



Sunday 10th January 2021

at 10am via Zoom

Please join us from 9.50am for the 10am service

and from 5.50pm for the 6pm service

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?
pwd=U1hIUUFQ2bjRlSWWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?pwd=U1hIUUFQ2bjRlSWWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09)

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Cancellation of all other services:

As we are now all in a National Lockdown 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 **or on 17th Jan**. We will keep this under review every two weeks.

Revd Hannah writes:

It has been with a heavy heart that I have decided to close the churches again and worship digitally for the next few weeks. This decision has not been taken lightly and it has only been taken after consultation with Delia, and the Churchwardens. I have consulted with clergy colleagues in neighbouring parishes to see what they are planning.

I am aware that we are not engaging fully with all our congregations, for example: those who attend the 8am service and who do not worship online; and the children and families.

This Sunday was supposed to be the relaunch of our all age services under the banner of JAM (Jesus and Me) but we have decided to delay this until we can meet safely in person.

We are working on creative ways to engage with all our congregations. So, in the next few weeks, we will be sending out some material for those who are at home and don't use Zoom. I will also be recording some of the Bob Hartman Bible stories and uploading them to the Parishes YouTube Channel. I would also like to add a Bible verse and daily prayer to our website and YouTube Channel. If you would like to get involved with this please let me know. I would like to start uploading these readings and prayers from the 18th January.

Ten months on from the first lockdown, I think we have learnt so much and we can continue to support and encourage one another. Words from Psalm 23 are relevant as we face this new lockdown, "even though I walk through a dark valley. Your rod and staff will protect me." God is with us as we journey through the dark valley and there is a real light at the end of the tunnel as the government rolls out the vaccine. In the meantime, we need to press on and press into God and his presence. He is, after all, Emmanuel, God with us.

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**

Our concerns:

Lord be amongst us as we face the New Year and New National Lockdown 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 try to offer online teaching please help staff as they deliver lessons and help the children to access this new way of learning. We pray for parents who are having to help home school their children at this time.

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 Pray for members of the Bishop's Council, The Diocesan Board of Finance. Those serving on Diocesan Synod.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Our neighbours: All who live in Hole & Bedford Farms, Lombard Street, Springfield Way, Springhaven & Springhill. We thank you for the community spirit and care for our neighbours which is present in our villages.

**Prayers For Healing Service via Zoom**

Friday 6th January at 1.50 for 2pm start

Please contact Linda Chamberlain for the Zoom Number and further Information. Linda Chamberlain

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First Reading Genesis 1:9-13
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9.6-14
Gospel Matthew 6.25-end

Collect

O Creator God,
who works through our hands and our minds,
as we strive to renew the face of the earth
and bring closer your kingdom,
help us to feel reverence for the power you give us,
and to love the small part of your creation
which you have entrusted to each of us;
for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for those who work on land or sea

Almighty God,
whose will it is that the earth and the sea
should bear fruit in due season,
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,
grant us a good harvest,
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care,
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.
Amen

Collect for those engaged in commerce and industry

Almighty God and Father,
you have so ordered our life that we are dependent on one another;
prosper those engaged in commerce and industry
and direct their minds and hands
that they may rightly use your gifts in the service of others,
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.
Amen

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

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.

A Prayer for Hope

Lord, help me to hear you saying, "I am your hope"
over all the other voices. I'm running to you with both
hands stretched out and grabbing on to you.
Fill me up with hope and give me a tangible reminder
today that hope is an unbreakable spiritual lifeline.
In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Readings on our YouTube Channel:

Unfortunately, I didn't upload the final 4 readings for the 28th –31st December to our YouTube channel until this week.

They are well worth listening to.

As they are the word of God they never go out of date!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4f9VwGYIzNyd90CDjtF8eQ/videos>