

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 Fridays 9.30-3pm

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

Presentation of Christ



Sunday 31st 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=U1hlUFQ2bjRlSjVWbjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

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Cancelled all other services:

As we are now all in 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. We will keep this under review week by week.

Revd Hannah writes:

As someone who was afraid of the dark as a child and still weary of the dark as an adult, I love the images of light overpowering darkness in the bible. Soldiers were discouraged from lighting cigarettes on the frontline for a number of reasons. Firstly, by striking a match your eyes are no longer acclimatised to the dark and you can not see as well. Secondly, you would give your position away. It is believed that on a dark night, a lit cigarette can be seen from 3.1 miles away on flat land. Some scientists have claimed that a flickering candle can be seen 30 miles away on a dark night! So as someone who is Nyctophobic, I love the words found in John 1, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." And today as we celebrate Candlemas, we light candles to commemorate the presentation of Jesus in the temple and the words of Simeon remind us that Jesus is a light to the world. If the light of Christ rests in each one of us, how are we going to let it shine so that more people can see it and respond to Christ as the Light of the world.

Morning Prayer: Monday – Friday

Live streamed on our YouTube Channel at 8.45am

If you missed the Live stream it is available on our website from 9.30am

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

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 help us to be your light in the world, reflecting your love to friend and stranger.

We pray for countries experiencing unrest in response to restrictions in place, to curb the spread of the virus. For wisdom, patience and understanding.

We give thanks for medical breakthroughs and the roll out of the vaccines.

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.

We continue to pray for the our schools, colleges and universities and for all staff and students whose teaching and learning has been disrupted.

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.

We pray especially for Olive Taylor, Norman Edsall and Jane Sadler (nee Mumby)

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 all members of the Parish Development and Evangelism Team, that the PDE Team will continue to provide effective support and resources for parishes, and that the Evangelism Team receive help with the Evangelists Network.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

Our neighbours: All who live in Hyde Lane (Upper Ridgeway Farm), Peper Harow Lane. We thank you for the community spirit and care for our neighbours which is present in our villages.



First Reading Malachi 3:1-5

Malachi has been reminding Israel of its sin and now declares that God will send a messenger who will refine and purify the Lord's people.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-end

The writer of Hebrews stresses that Jesus shared our human nature, suffering as we do, so he could make the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

When Mary and Joseph take the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfil requirements of the Old Testament Law, they receive an ecstatic welcome from Simeon and Anna.

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Candles for Candlemas



As it is Candlemas this Sunday, I would like to suggest that you have a candle available to light during the service.

ETSPH PCC Meetings

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3509352508?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3509352508?pwd=NDhNK1BRVDNkL25ReWpVazFvR1JFUT09)

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All Zoom meetings are: ID 350 935 2508

Password ETSPH

February

Churchwardens meeting to plan services rota 4th Feb

Joint PCCs - Monday 15th (Ash Wednesday 17th)

Shackleford & Peper Harow PCC Wednesday 24th

March—Elstead PCC 7.30 pm - Tuesday 16th

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Learning more about Prayer during Lent.

If you would like to learn more about prayer, different types of prayer and why we pray. Why not join the Lent Group which will take place on the following Tuesdays from 7pm – 8pm via Zoom?

February 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88007817559?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88007817559?pwd=cIN5WDFGQkVzUWg4dzJkYUlldk1Sdz09)

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Meeting ID: 880 0781 7559

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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>

Also look at:

<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

A Sonnet for Candlemas by Malcolm Guite

They came, as called, according to the Law.
Though they were poor and had to keep things simple,
They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe,
For God was coming with them to His temple.
Amidst the outer court's commercial bustle
They'd waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,
Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle,
Had made a killing on the two young doves.
They come at last with us to Candlemas
And keep the day the prophecies came true
We glimpse with them, amidst our busyness,
The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.
For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,
Against the dark our Saviour's face is bright.

Are you missing the comfort of the traditional words from the **Book of Common Prayer**. Maybe you grew up with those words and enjoy the poetry, or like me you came to it late and found something awesome in the pages. If so pop over to the church porch and find a printed booklet for Morning and Evening prayer to help us through the dark days. The booklet includes the daily readings and Sunday collect.

If you know someone who would appreciate it take one for them too. Delia

May the bright light of Christ
enlighten my heart,
Shine in my mind and direct my journeying,
and give light to the world. Amen
Walking in the light—David Adam

Christingle at home



Join us online for a Christingle Service.

When: Sunday 7th February at 10am

How: Via Zoom

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Please contact Hannah to book your "Christingle at home" pack:
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Collect your "Christingle at home pack" from The Rectory,
Thursley Rd, Elstead
from Wednesday 3rd February