

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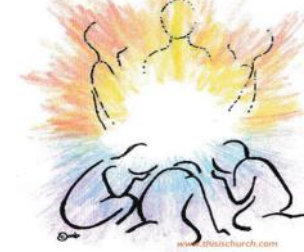
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The Parish Churches of Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow

Sunday before Lent

They saw his glory



Sunday 14th February 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=U1hlUUFQ2bjRlSWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

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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 I mentioned in the service last week, we are proposing a gradual return to in person worship in March alongside our online services. Our hope is that we will be able to journey through Holy Week together, with a mixture of services in Church and Online. Palm Sunday Services will take place in Elstead and at Shackleford and then on Easter Sunday there will be a service in each of the Parishes. We are being cautious in our return to the Church buildings as the virus has not gone away, and not everyone has been vaccinated. I am hopeful for my second Easter in the Parishes we will be able to be in the buildings ringing the bells and proclaiming the resurrection of Christ. As we look to the future, this form of "mixed mode of church", which is services online and in person is something we will need to get used to.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday 17th February we gather from 6.50pm and the service will start at 7 pm

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Evening Service tonight at 6pm

We gather from 5.50pm and the service will start at 6pm

ZOOM service Sunday at 6pm

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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+>

Our concerns:

Lord be help us to be changed by our faith in you.

We pray for a smooth role out of vaccines across the world.

We pray for compassionate hearts and that richer countries will not hold the vaccine as a bargaining chip over poorer countries.

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 pray that half-term will be a time of rest.

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 Worplesdon, St Mary the Virgin and Wood Street Village, St Alban (Group Ministry with Wyke). Incumbent: Alex Russell.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Anglican Church of Canada.

Our neighbours: All who live in Portsmouth Road, Peper Harow Lane, the Green, Little Green, The Square and Hope Street. We thank you for the community spirit and care for our neighbours which is present in our villages.



First Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12

When Elijah is taken up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elisha insists on witnessing it. Elijah's dramatic ascension confirms his greatness and sets Elisha on the path of his own calling to prophetic ministry.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

God's glory is revealed in Christ, but it is only clear to those who believe the Gospel, while the minds of unbelievers are blind to it.

Gospel Mark 9:2-9

Jesus' true nature and identity are revealed on a mountain top to Peter, James and John. In his terror Peter makes a foolish suggestion, but he is interrupted by the appearance of a cloud and God's voice, ordering them to listen to God's Son.

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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 **2021** (Please note new password)

February

Joint PCCs - Monday 15th gather from 6.45 pm

(Ash Wednesday 17th)

Shackleford & Peper Harow PCC Wednesday 24th 7.30pm

March

Elstead Finance Committee Tuesday 2nd 7.30 pm

Elstead PCC 7.30 pm - Tuesday 16th

Churchwardens meeting to plan services rota April to June

House of Prayer, East Molesey

Online Retreats and Events February 2021

For more information or to book, e-mail admin@christian-retreat.org

or telephone 020 8941 2313.

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**

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

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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>

<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

Worship Group

Would you like to be part of a group that looks at the liturgy, music and style of worship we use across the Parishes? Elstead have had a worship committee for a number of years and it would be lovely if we had some voices from Thursley and Shackleford and Peper Harow as part of this group. We meet 4 times a year to look at the upcoming services, seasonal services and to review how we engage with our communities through our services. If you would like to be involved, please contact Hannah.



How to get involved



Sign up



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Call us

Loving Lord, let your light shine in our lives,
let its brightness fill our hearts and transfigure us;
that, seeing your glory, we may come to you in awe and wonder,
and gazing upon you may be changed into your likeness,
moving from glory to glory;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is in eternal glory for ever and ever.

Amen

Healthy Spirituality by Jean Wise

<https://healthyspirituality.org>

Are you a spiritual marathoner?

I am a not a runner. Yes, I do walk for exercise but run? No way!

If I did try running, I am sure I wouldn't go far before gasping for air or collapsing. My legs and my heart aches with the thought of running a marathon.

Yet, in many ways we are all running a collective marathon right now. It has almost been a year we have endured this pandemic – a life event we didn't choose, can't control, and we are not sure when it will be over. We are tired. We desperately want to get back to how we used to do things. We are emotionally and spiritually exhausted.

I said this to others serving in the church and friends of faith and all agreed. There is a bone weary, soul numbing fatigue.

“Hitting the wall” is a phrase marathoners use when every step feels like you are wading through concrete and you begin to doubt if you will ever see the finish line. In reality this feeling of defeat and discouragement usually arrives at about mile 20 of the 26 miles journey – more than halfway. The end of the race is closer than they realize.

Researchers have discovered that though the runner feels they can't go on, once they reach deep inside themselves, they find the strength and courage to keep going to complete the race before them.

We can complete this race too. God provides the strength and courage to continue forward. Two of my favorite verses from the Bible are Hebrews 12: 1-2: “Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.”

We are people of faith. Yes, we may experience emotionally and spiritual exhaustion, but we are people of endurance when we look to Jesus.

We can fill our spiritual reserve by prayer, time with God, worship and scripture. We share with one another, listening when the other needs us. Crying with them. Companionship with them. Also sharing with them what we are experiencing knowing that two can carry a heavy load better than one.

Just last week I scheduled an appointment with my spiritual director. I needed to talk and have someone listen in love and acceptance. I am journaling daily right now, digging deep for words to articulate how I am feeling. I am intentionally keeping my contemplative prayer time with God each morning. God is good, healing and nourishing my spirit.

We can sing and praise God for his goodness and kindness even in tough times. I love the story in Exodus 15 where the women packed and brought along their tambourines. As they outran the Egyptians, they didn't know when they would dance again, but they were ready when the time arrived.

Will you finish well?

Get your tambourines ready. Let's be spiritual marathoners at the finish line. Fill your spiritual tank. Break through that wall and keep going. We can do this! God is good.