

Churches are open for Private Prayer

St Nicholas's Peper Harrow, is open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays from 10-3pm

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

Lent 3



Sunday 7th March 2021

Church reopens for 8 am BCP Communion

at St James, Elstead

Spiritual Communion service

via Zoom at 10.00am

Please join us from 9.50pm for the 10am service

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?pwd=UIhIUkFQ2bjRISWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469

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Scan the QR Code to see how you can give to the life and work of the parishes or visit



[How can I give? – Parish churches of Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford & Peper Harow \(parishesofetsph.org.uk\)](https://parishesofetsph.org.uk/)

Lent Evening Service tonight at 6pm

Each Sunday Evening in Lent we will be holding an evening service via Zoom We gather from 5.50pm and the service will start at 6pm Please use the zoom details above to join.

Coming up

Sunday 14th March Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

10.30 am Family Service at St James', Elstead also on zoom
6 pm Evening Service on zoom

Sunday 21st March Lent 5

8 am BCP Communion at St James', Elstead
10 am Service of the word on zoom
6 pm Evening Service on zoom

Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday

10 am CW Communion at St Mary's, Shackleford with the passion
10 am CW Communion at St James', Elstead with the Liturgy of the Palms on zoom

Monday 29th March

6 pm Evening Service on zoom

Tuesday 30th March

6 pm Evening Service on zoom

Wednesday 31st March

6 pm Evening Service on zoom

Maundy Thursday 1st April

1pm– 2pm Making Easter Gardens in Elstead Churchyard
7 pm Communion at St James, Elstead and on zoom

Good Friday 2nd April

10 am Service of the Word at St James', Elstead churchyard
2 pm Musical Reflections at St Michael & All Angels, Thursley
2 pm Final Hour at St Nicholas, Peper Harow

Easter Sunday 4th April

9.15 am Easter Communion at St Nicholas, Shackleford
10 am Easter Communion at St James', Elstead and on zoom
Elstead Easter Egg Hunt
10.30 am Easter Communion at St Michael & All Angels, Thursley

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

March

Elstead PCC 7.30 pm - Monday 15th

PCC 31st March on Zoom

April

Thursley PCC - Wednesday 21st

28th St Mary's Shackleford APCM 7 pm

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/helpmepray>

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.



How to get involved



Sign up



Download App



Call us

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>



Tuesday 23rd March National Day of Reflection

If you wish to come into the churches and light a candle or add a daffodil to our collection - real or homemade. Please do come along.

St James,' Church, Elstead will be open from 9.30-11am
St Michaels Church, Thursley from 11.30 to 1pm
St Marys Church, Shackleford from 2.45 to 4.15pm

Purple Ribbons for Lent through to Easter



Purple is the colour which is used by the church during lent. Many other organisations have adopted wearing purple as it symbolises “courage, honour and dedication” to a particular health issue or societal cause. I would like to encourage you to tie a piece of purple ribbon on your fence or gate during lent.

If you need to collect a strip of ribbon please contact Hannah on 01252 705941

Revd Hannah writes:

This week during our Lent Prayer session Revd John Henstridge led us through a guided meditation based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatian spirituality encourages us to pray using our imagination. You use your imagination to place yourself in the gospel narrative using your senses and your emotions to draw closer to Jesus. Some of us attending the session found it easier to pray using our imaginations, others found it more difficult. St Ignatius recognised that some people may struggle with this method of prayer and meditation that we should “pray as you can, not as you can’t.” Praying is not just about asking God for things, it is about building a relationship. In 1 Chronicles 16 we read, “Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually.” St Ignatius’s method of prayer is a technique to help us build a closer relationship with God. If you would like to try it you could use the following websites to get you started, <https://taketime.org.uk/> or <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Other ways you might like to renew your prayer life this Lent is by:

Being persistent—It’s ok to ask, ask again, and keep asking God until we see a change.

Being unpredictable—If you struggle to focus during times of prayer, try something more interactive: use dice and assign someone you want to pray for, roll the dice and spend a few minutes on the prayer assignment it gives you.

Alternatively take your prayers to the streets - go to a specific place in your area and pray over it.

Being Kind—Random acts of kindness are an easy way of making prayer practical and positive. It can move our focus away from our needs, and onto the needs of others.

I would like to add St Ignatius’s statement, “pray as you can, not as you can’t, but just pray.”

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**

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Moses receives the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. More than a set of rules, they are a sign of the covenant between God and the people of Israel.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

To the sophisticated Corinthians, Paul declares that the apparent weakness and foolishness of the crucifixion reveal the very heart of the Gospel and the real power of Christ's salvation.

Gospel John 2:13-22

In John's account Jesus enters the Temple at the beginning of his ministry, rather than at the end, as in the other Gospels. The challenge to the Temple sets the tone for what follows.

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayers for Healing Service Friday 5th March at 2pm by Zoom.

You are warmly invited to our ecumenical Prayers for Healing Service to pray by name for those in need of God's healing strength and peace for whatever reason whether for themselves or others. To comply with GDPR regulations please ask permission of others first or their relatives if appropriate. Please let Linda know if anyone else you wish to add to the list for prayer.

All are welcome to join us for this important ministry.

For prayer requests, service sheet and Zoom link please email lindajennifer-chamberlain@gmail.com. We hope you can join us.

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? March 9th, 16th, 23rd

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88007817559?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88007817559?pwd=clN5WDFGQkVzUWg4dzJkYUlldk1Sdz09)

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Meeting ID: 880 0781 7559

Passcode: 599908

Tuesday 9th March is titled: **“Praying Together—a Practical discussion and How To”**

Our concerns:



Lord help and guide us to use this season of Lent wisely. Help us to seek a deeper fellowship with you Lord and with each other. Create in us a thirst for prayer so that we will spend more time with you, to listen to your voice in the silence, and to renew our faith and love for you.

We pray for our neighbours far and wide. Guide the leaders of the nations to use their powers for the good of their people. Particularly in the fight against Covid and the distribution of the vaccines.

We give thanks for the continuing work of the scientists in fighting diseases, for all medical breakthroughs and the roll out of the vaccines.

We pray for the those working in the NHS, in care homes and social care.

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 our schools, colleges and universities as they prepare to go back.

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 Chaplains of General Hospitals, Hospices & Mental Health Trusts.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

Our neighbours: All who live in Rutton Hill Road & Emley Farm, Hurtmore, Orchard Close, Back Lane. We thank you for the community spirit and care for our neighbours which is present in our villages.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

A cross in my pocket — cross stitch pattern and prayer

This pattern is taken from the website <https://cofehereford.contentfiles.net/media/assets/file/A-cross-in-my-pocket4.pdf>

Using 7 count plastic canvas, cut three pieces:

- Cross shape is 2 holes wide and 12 holes from top to bottom. Cross arms 8 holes wide.
- The back piece is 11 holes wide and 16 holes high.
- The front piece is 11 x 11 holes square.

(Additional note from Norwich team – before you start try cutting maximum number from sheet by planning on paper- crosses can be cut head to tail).

Using [a fine] wool measure off 1 yd and thread into a size 20 tapestry needle. Use this colour for the cross border and the two rows of stitching on the rectangular piece and the square piece of plastic canvas (see photo). Stitches are worked diagonally. See photo for length of each stitch. For the cross, whip stitch around the border making two stitches at each outside corner, one going each way. *(Additional note from Norwich team – all ends can be threaded through behind stitches – on reverse of square and lower front of back piece so that they will be concealed inside the pocket).*

Use [metallic thread or alternative colour] to stitch inside cross, and cross shape on front as well as the cross shape rows on the front square piece. Each stitch goes diagonally over one plastic canvas junction.

Assemble pocket by placing the square piece over the bottom of the rectangular piece, matching the plastic canvas holes. Use a complimentary colour of yarn to whip stitch around the top border, beginning with the top of the square piece, going from right to left. When you get to the end of the row, start going through both of the plastic canvas layer, connecting them together as you continue stitching down and around the bottom and up the next side, over the top and back to where you started sewing them together. *(Additional notes from Norwich – Once you have made a few 'Cross in my Pocket's you may want to vary the design of the stitching on back and front panels.*

Spring Carol

The sun streams through the window pane

My heart begins to sing,

A certain stirring in the air

And suddenly it's Spring.

Bluebells, tulips, daffodils

All show their dainty heads,

Whilst crocus cups and hyacinths

Adorn the garden beds.

The frothy pink of almond spray,

Primroses in the lane,

Proclaim the season of new life

Is with us once a again.

Whilst overhead on blossomed bough

I hear a blackbird sing,

Pouring out in golden notes

Its carol to the Spring.