



The Theydon Parishes

7th June 2020

Trinity Sunday



The Church of England
in Essex and East London
Diocese of Chelmsford

BENEFICE VISION

Core Values: Faith, love and community.

We seek to live these values by welcoming all, caring and teaching so that we may change lives through sharing love of God in Christ.

**THEYDON BOIS ST MARY'S
THEYDON GARNON ALL SAINTS
STAPLEFORD TAWNEY ST MARY'S
THEYDON MOUNT ST MICHAEL'S**

A short online service is available on Sunday - it can be found on the Benefice website (www.theydonparishes.org/recorded-services/).

Sunday 6.00pm Evensong on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87647702813pwd=SnBKUXhmNExMR25obFNIN1Z2ajdlz09> Meeting ID: 876 4770 2813 Password: 056239

Although the church buildings are closed, the church is not. Resources for prayer and worship can be found on the Benefice website; to request paper copies please contact the Vicar.

Sunday morning readings: 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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.

THIS WEEK IN THE THEYDON PARISHES

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Tuesday – Thursday

Morning and Evening Prayer - reflections posted on The Theydon Parishes Facebook page

Wednesday 10.00am

Morning Prayer on Zoom. Join in a short said service online. To access the service please use this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77396269727pwd=R0s5VkJwbVFSbHVwN0w2bFIIT0R5QT09>

GENERAL NOTICES

RECORDED SUNDAY WORSHIP

Every Sunday morning we have an opportunity to worship online. The Order of Service can be found on the Benefice website alongside the link to the service itself. Each week at the end of our recorded Sunday Service, we would like to include a montage of pictures of the congregation, to remind ourselves that we are not alone in this time of social distancing. If you are willing to be on the film, please send a copy of a photograph of yourself by email to the Benefice Office email address.

PLANT SALE

Annuals, Perennials and small shrubs for sale which would normally have been sold at the Theydon Garnon Summer Fete in early June. A full list of plant availability can be supplied as well as details of how to make your purchase. Please contact Jean Terry on 01992 813480. Local delivery may be possible.

ST MARY'S TB MISSION COMMITTEE

IPASC in DR Congo, which we support, trains community health workers and is engaged in long-term programmes, including fighting against HIV/AIDS, promoting SAFE MOTHERHOOD and PRIMARY HEALTH CARE. Recently the fight against Ebola, the continuous local violent conflicts and now Covid-19 have added enormously to their problems. In the nearby town of Bunia, a CMS (Church Mission Society which we also support) mission partner, Rev Bisoke Balikenga reports that the Peace Centre which he helped establish for people fleeing from the conflicts has welcomed 400 extra families. He asks, "Please pray that God brings peace in Bunia, that killing will stop and needs will be provided." Will you spare a few moments to pray for both organisations?

GROUPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RED BALLOON FAMILY FOUNDATION

TheydonNarda - The Wednesday group just for the Children of St. Mary's TB. Each week we gather virtually on Zoom at 4.00pm to play games, have challenges, worship together and explore scripture together! If you would like to join us please fill in this form and then I will send you the link for the group:

<https://eu.jotform.com/redballoonfamily/virtualconsent>

BalloonStream - This is at 10:15am every Sunday Morning and is live Junior Church. We meet with children from across different churches to worship together, study God's word together and respond creatively to what we've heard!

Please fill in this form and I will send the link for this to you:

<https://form.jotform.com/redballoonfamily/balloonstreamregistration>

Finally **FamilyBox** which is a weekly box filled with all the sorts of activities your child used to do when they physically came to Church. This box is free for Junior Church families at St Marys Theydon. Please fill in this form and then the team will start sending these: Posting day is Tuesday so they hopefully arrive by Sunday.

<https://form.jotform.com/redballoonfamily/referredfamilyboxorder>

PRAYER LINES

It is good to spend time with God, but our prayers don't need to be long, after all the prayer Jesus taught us is quite brief. A quick "help me Lord" in the middle of a difficult situation gives us strength. I came across a lovely short prayer this week:

We lift into your presence O God all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those who feel crushed and in despair.

May your healing presence and power be with them, Amen. Richard Harries.

THEYDON GARNON BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Some people have had a problem making an online bank transfer into the Theydon Garnon account. The sort code (202986) and account number (10871788) as previously printed are correct. The problem is that some systems reject the account name when entered as 'Theydon Garnon PCC' (although this is acceptable on cheques). The solution is to enter the full name 'Theydon Garnon Parochial Church Council'. If making an online payment, please enter your name in the Reference field so the payment can be identified. Thank you.

SUNDAY EVENING ZOOM SERVICE

There will be a Benefice Sunday evening service each week at 6.00pm on Zoom, alternating between Sung Compline and Sung Evensong. For those without experience of Zoom, which is a videoconferencing programme, clicking on the link on the front page of this weekly sheet should take you straight to the service without needing to download Zoom. You only need to download the service booklet if you have not already done so on previous weeks.

HELP FIND THE NEXT BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD

The process is now underway to discern who God is calling to be the next Bishop of Chelmsford and as part of that process the diocesan Vacancy in See Committee want to hear what you think. A diocese wide consultation is now open. Submissions are welcome from churches, groups and individuals until 4 July. I encourage you to take part in the consultation and submit your own response. This can be done online at <https://chelmsdio.typeform.com/to/LMxWdl>

LABYRINTH

A labyrinth is path that can be walked to aid prayer. Unlike a maze which has many choices, there is one path which takes the pray-er on a journey to God. Michael Chapman has one in his garden at Gooseberry Hall in Epping Green, and would welcome anyone who wishes to visit. Please call him on 01992 575451 to book a time slot.

EPPING FOREST FOOD BANK

The local food bank is still open and seeking donations of food and finances. At present there is a particular need for sponge puddings, meat pies, UHT milk, long life juice, instant mash, chocolate bars, snacks/crisps, washing up liquid, soap/shower gel, shampoo and conditioner. There is a box on the Vicarage step for donations which will be taken down to the collection point on behalf of the parishes.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS

Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35 - 10.8