



# The Theydon Parishes

3rd May 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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 available on Sunday - it can be found on the Benefice website ([www.theydonparishes.org/recorded-services/](http://www.theydonparishes.org/recorded-services/)).

Sunday 6.00pm Sung Compline on Zoom

Please contact Hugh Meteyard, [hugh.meteyard@btinternet.com](mailto:hugh.meteyard@btinternet.com) for further details.

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.

Today's readings: Acts 2.42-47; John 10.1-10

## **Collect for Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **THIS WEEK IN THE THEYDON PARISHES**

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 contact the Vicar for the link to join.

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **LOOKING AFTER EACH OTHER - A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR**

When we gather to receive Holy Communion in church we are reminded that we are the body of Christ. Now more than ever, as we experience and explore doing and being church differently, it is important to put that into practice. So, in each church, there are people who can help in practical ways. If you would be willing to assist or would like assistance, please contact: - For St Mary's TB; Tammy Brandon on [tammy\\_brandon@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tammy_brandon@yahoo.co.uk); For All Saints TG; Phil Jackson on [mail@philandcathy.co.uk](mailto:mail@philandcathy.co.uk); For St Mary's ST and St Michael's TM; Gill Southall on [kgsouthall@hotmail.com](mailto:kgsouthall@hotmail.com) or for all churches the Benefice Office or Vicarage.

#### **THE THEYDON PARISHES ONLINE**

During these uncertain times, regular updates will be posted on the Benefice website. In addition, the Benefice is now on Facebook, and can be found by searching for "The Theydon Parishes".

#### **ANGELA & JOHN KENT.**

It is with great sadness that the family of Angela & John announce their passing. Angela and John lived in Theydon Bois for many years. They met through Scouting and married in 1975 and devoted much of their time to the village Scout group and organised many scouting activities. Although they moved to Highwood in 2000, many of their friends remain in the village and in their hearts they never left. John passed away on April 10th and Angel shortly after on April the 23rd (St George's Day). It was not the goodbye either of them deserved but at least they are together again. They will be greatly missed by all who knew them and leave behind many wonderful memories. A joint funeral service for close family members will be held in Chelmsford on 21st May. Later in the year (date to be arranged) we will hold a memorial service at St Mary's Church for all to attend.

#### **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.

### **PRAYER LINES FROM BERYL DENNEY**

I do miss touching friends and family, my last hug was Joshua 6 weeks ago. This lovely prayer about a different sort of touch was written by Mary Sumner who founded the Mothers' Union.

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen

### **ARCHDEACONRY LEARNING HUB**

The Revd Olivia Maxfield-Coote (Hub Leader and Team Vicar in the Epping and District Team Ministry) will be running an Introduction to the Bible Course over Zoom on Wednesday for 6 weeks beginning on 6th May from 4-5.15p.m. All welcome, to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89002026746?pwd=UHVSMU55REQyT1F6emZvT3pzbEZmZz09>

Meeting ID: 890 0202 6746

Password: 649592

### **ST MARY'S TB MISSION COMMITTEE**

IPASC (Institut Panafricain de Santé Communautaire et Médecine Tropicale), one of the charities supported by the Mission Committee, was founded in 1992 by the late Dr Pat Nickson in the diocese of Aru in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The charity's purpose is to provide a centre of expertise for community health across Africa, including training health professionals and promoting good health and well-being within communities. According to recent UN statistics, the DRC has the highest levels of deprivation of any country in the world. Only 9% of the population has access to electricity and 1 in 5 children die before their 5th birthday. Malaria and lack of fresh water are the biggest killers. Eastern DRC is described as 'The World's worst place to be a woman'. Sexual violence is rife and most mothers give birth without any medical help. Ebola remains rife in the area and rebel groups from Rwanda and Uganda continue to perpetrate atrocities on civilians. In these hugely challenging conditions IPASC works to improve community health, including training midwives and building latrines for public use. Covid-19 is just one more source of suffering, on top of so many endured by the people of the DRC. Please pray for them.

### **HELP IDENTIFY THE NEXT BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD**

On 12 April 2020 Bishop Stephen Cottrell left his role of Bishop of Chelmsford after nearly a decade in post. Later this year he will become the Archbishop of York. 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 will be open from 11 May to 4 July. Submissions are welcome from churches, groups and individuals. There will be a group discussion for our church community soon, so that we can have our say; more details to follow. The discussion will inform a submission to the consultation on behalf of our church. You are of course welcome to submit an individual response, if you wish. You can find out more about the process by visiting [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see-resources](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see-resources) or requesting a paper copy

from the Benefice Office. The web page also includes a prayer of discernment which I encourage you to use as we embark on this important period for our diocese.

### **ST MARY'S TB STEWARDSHIP**

Thank you to all who have returned a response to the Stewardship appeal launched at St Mary's TB in March. It would be greatly appreciated if any outstanding forms could be returned through the Vicarage letterbox. Copies of the appeal letter and leaflet are also available from there.

### **ST MARY'S TB CHURCH HALL AND ALL SAINTS TG GATEHOUSE**

Both these buildings are closed until further notice.

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS**

Acts 7.55-60; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S NOTICE SHEET**

Send by 9.00am Tuesday to Sarah Bowen at [notices@theydonparishes.org](mailto:notices@theydonparishes.org)

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