



The Theydon Parishes

26th April 2020

Third 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/).

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 2.14a, 36-41; Luke 24.13-35

Collect for Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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

Tuesday - Thursday	Morning and Evening Prayer - reflections posted on The Theydon Parishes Facebook page
Wednesday 10.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom. Join the Vicar for 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; For All Saints TG; Phil Jackson on mail@philandcathy.co.uk; For St Mary's ST and St Michael's TM; Gill Southall on 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".

EPPING FOREST FOOD BANK

The local foodbank 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 love this very brief prayer by Dag Hammarskjöld:

For all that has been-Thanks!

For all that shall be-Yes!"

It is difficult to say "yes" to tomorrow when we have no idea what is going to happen. Mary said "yes" to the angel. Perhaps we can add to this prayer:

"Lord help us to trust you for tomorrow, increase our faith to know you are with us whatever happens. We put ourselves in your hands, Amen

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.

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.

GROUPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our provision for children and young people continues online. Red Balloon Family (who lead groups at St Mary's TB) are offering sessions at home using online tools such as Zoom or by post. Everyone who is signed up in Theydon Bois will have received an email, but all children and families in the Benefice are welcome to join. Please contact the Vicar if you would like to participate but have not received an email.

APCMs (ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS) & ELECTORAL ROLLS

The APCM for each parish in the Benefice has been postponed following Church of England guidance. These are important opportunities to reflect on the last year and pray, plan, and dream dreams for the future and elect Churchwardens, Deanery Synod and PCC members where vacancies occur. It is anticipated that they will take place later in the year, the deadline for them has been extended to 30th October. When they do occur, please come along and have your say at the APCM for your church, and speak to the Vicar in the first instance if you would like to stand in the elections. More details on the revision of the electoral roll will follow when public worship resumes.


NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS

Acts 2.42-47; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10

ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S NOTICE SHEET

Send by 9.00am Tuesday to Sarah Bowen at notices@theydonparishes.org

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