



The Theydon Parishes

19th April 2020
Second 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.

The Epping Team are streaming a service of Holy Communion online, which can be found on Facebook by searching Epping Anglicans.

Today's readings: Acts 2.14a,22-32; John 20.19-31

Collect for Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 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 for donations which will be taken down to the collection point on behalf of the parishes.

PRAYER LINES FROM BERYL DENNEY

Looking at the world leaves you feeling overwhelmed with so many problems, where do you start praying? I find this prayer by George Appleton a help:

O Lord,
So many sick, so many starving,
So many deprived, so many sad,
So many bitter so many fearful,

When I look at them my heart fails,
When I look at you I hope again.
Help me to help you reduce the world's pain
O God of infinite compassion, O ceaseless energy of love.

I love the idea that we are part of the answer to our prayer. Just a little thing like a phone call.

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

Both these buildings are closed until further notice.

BENEFICE FINANCES

In common with many organisations, the suspension of regular worship has led to unforeseen pressure on the finances of every parish of the Benefice. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the work of the churches, and as we are learning new ways of being church so there is a need to discover new ways of contributing to that work as part of our discipleship. The main costs for churches are that of people, for example clergy and lay ministers are still ministering, and our Benefice Administrator is still working to support them. Our main outlay is the parish share and paying as much parish share as we are able will support among other things the payment of clergy stipends across Diocese so that communities can continue to receive ministry and care at this time. We have lost regular lettings income, but still have, for example, utility bills to pay, so financial support for the churches is as vital as ever.

If you give regularly to the church using envelopes in services or would like to begin giving regularly, it would be an immense help if you were able to do so by standing order direct from your bank to your respective church account. The details are:

St Mary's TB

Sort Code 20-29-86 Account Number 20868329

Account Name St Mary's Theydon Bois PCC

All Saints TG

Sort Code 20-29-86 Account Number 10871788

Account Name Theydon Garnon PCC

St Mary's ST and St Michael's TM

Sort Code 60-07-39 Account Number 55646956

Account Name PCC Stapleford Tawney and Theydon Mount

Before the services were suspended, St Mary's Theydon Bois was running a stewardship campaign. Electronic copies of the materials are available from the Benefice Office, and forms can be returned to the Vicarage from where they will be passed onto the Planned Giving Secretary unopened.

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.

EASYFUNDRAISING FOR ST MARY'S TB

St Mary's TB is registered on easyfundraising. This is a great way of helping to raise vital money for St Mary's by enabling retailers to give a certain percentage of your online purchase to the Church. It would be hugely appreciated if you could begin to make use of it at this time to support parish finances.

To begin using it you should create an account on www.easyfundraising.org.uk. You can then easily search for St Mary's. (our page is at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarychtheydonbois/). Once you have specified which is your preferred charity, you can search for the retailer you are using, complete the purchase, and a donation is made. There is a video on the easyfundraising site that explains in detail how to use it if you are unsure.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS

Acts 2.14a,36-41; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35

ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S NOTICE SHEET

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

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