



The Theydon Parishes

15th November 2020

Second Sunday before Advent



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 value by welcoming all, caring and teaching so that we may change lives through sharing the love of God in Christ.

**THEYDON BOIS ST MARY'S
THEYDON GARNON ALL SAINTS
STAPLEFORD TAWNEYST 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 Sung Compline on Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73678293166?pwd=NkwwTFFSejA4R2NmZTFEdjM2YXVBQT09>

Meeting ID: 736 7829 3166 Passcode: 2H1rBn

Wednesday 10.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74592812873?pwd=Uk5YM2tmTm1FbWRnL01DVENmNksxdz09>

Meeting ID: 745 9281 2873 Passcode: 64de5M

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: Zephaniah 1.7,12-end; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11;
Matthew 25.14-30

Collect for Second Sunday before Advent

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:

teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
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

GENERAL NOTICES

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH BUILDINGS

Following the recent changes to the measures in law, all buildings of the Theydon Parishes are available for private prayer. These arrangements will be from Tuesday 10th November onwards.

St Mary's Theydon Bois	Sundays	2.00pm-3.00pm
	Thursdays	10.00am-12.00pm
All Saints Theydon Garnon	Tuesdays & Saturdays	10.00am-11.00am
St Mary's Stapleford Tawney	Wednesdays	10.00am-sunset
	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month	10.00am-sunset
St Michael's Theydon Mount	2nd & 4th Sundays of the month	10.00am-12.00pm

SUNDAY AND MIDWEEK SERVICES

Services are not taking place in our church buildings at present. As was the case earlier in the year, a weekly recorded service for the Benefice will be posted online at www.theydonparishes.org/recorded-services and services will take place on Zoom on Sundays at 6.00pm and Wednesdays at 10.00am. The church buildings are still available for funeral services if requested.

EVENING PRAYER DURING THE WEEK

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling us to pray during this second lockdown period, at 6.00pm daily. Resources to help do that wherever you are can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation>, and a short video for the day can be found on the "Thy Kingdom Come" YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCersPSbZL4WUieHf8eQLlxw>

ST MARY'S TB MISSION COMMITTEE – POSADA JOURNEY – 2020

The Mission Committee at St Mary's TB had hoped that this would be the year that we could reinstate the Christmas tradition of the Posada Journey. Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances, the Posada Journey, as most of you know it, will not be able to go ahead. As a result, the committee have worked together to think of possible ways that members of our parish and wider community could take part in the event and the outcome is a "virtual" Posada Journey. The event, will take the form of a "treasure hunt" around our village to locate clues that will provide an answer that relates to the Christmas Story. The treasure hunt will run throughout Advent, starting on 29th November. All completed entries are to be submitted and then on the final Sunday of Advent, 20th December, a winner will be selected, at random, from all correct entries. The winner will receive a Christmas hamper containing a selection of Fairtrade

products including red and white wine, a St Mary's mini Christmas cake, a variety of different Fairtrade chocolate and other ethically sourced products! So, save the date and watch this space for further details. We do hope that you will join in the Posada Treasure Hunt if you can; fresh air and fun for children of all ages and a great way to remind ourselves that Christmas begins with Christ.

MINI CHRISTMAS CAKES ON SALE NOW

St Mary's TB Mission Committee have been baking mini Christmas cakes. They are the real thing, hand-baked with loads of fruit, marzipan and fondant icing, beautifully wrapped in cellophane and beribboned for gifting. They make Ideal, affordable gifts for family, friends, neighbours, teachers, or why not treat yourself? Just £5 per cake or £9 for two. Each cake has a label listing the ingredients. To order your mini Christmas cakes, please contact Robyn Marsh on 01992 813310 or email robynmarsh@pommies.plus.com, and we will arrange delivery at a time convenient to you. All profits from the cakes will be donated to charities and organisations supported by St Mary's TB, including the Manna Centre for the homeless, St Clare Hospice and The Box in Epping. On behalf of these organisations, which have all had an extremely challenging year, we thank you for your support.

ADVENT COURSE

Our clergy are exploring the possibility of offering a four week Advent course on Zoom. If you would be interested, and have a preference for a particular time of the week, please email vicar@theydonparishes.org

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST MARY'S ST & ST MICHAEL'S TM

At the most recent PCC for the parish of Stapleford Tawney with Theydon Mount it was agreed that the morning service whether held at St Mary's ST or St Michael's TM will in the future commence at 10.45am. This will take effect from whenever public worship resumes in our church buildings.

BOXES OF HOPE

Red Balloon Foundation in partnership with the Theydon Parishes and other statutory agencies are running a time limited project "Boxes of Hope" to provide free food and support for those families financially impacted due to the COVID outbreak. To access support, please visit www.rbf.org.uk/efhope. Boxes are packed every Thursday morning in St Mary's TB Church Hall, and the team are looking for volunteers. Please visit <https://form.jotform.com/redballoonfamily/efbohvolunteeringapplication> or speak to the Vicar for more information.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The clergy and churchwardens are beginning to make plans for the Christmas services alongside the PCCs of each parish. Due to the continually changing situation, the service pattern for Christmas itself will not be confirmed until the beginning of December at the earliest.

GROUPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Until the end of the current restrictions, our groups for children and young people are not able to meet in person. To sign up for a Sunday online groups at 4.00pm, please visit <https://form.jotform.com/redballoonfamily/outreachreg> and select Balloonstream from the drop down menu.

EPPING FOREST FOOD BANK

The local food bank is still open and seeking donations of food and finances. Please see <https://eppingforest.foodbank.org.uk> to find out more.


There is a box on the Vicarage step for donations which will be taken down to the collection point on behalf of the parishes on a weekly basis. Our clergy team are able to make referrals to the foodbank for those in need of emergency food support.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Ephesians 1.15-end; Matthew 25.31-end

ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S NOTICE SHEET

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

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