



# The Theydon Parishes

29th November 2020

First Sunday of 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](http://www.theydonparishes.org/recorded-services))

Sunday 6.00pm Sung Evensong for Advent on Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75848223157?pwd=SzViaTlwUG5VTXh1MEpaVUhsR2VUZz09>

Meeting ID: 758 4822 3157 Passcode: VH4H0d

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) or by calling the free Daily Hope line provide by the national Church of England team on 08008048044 .

Sunday morning readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-end

## Collect for the first Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him 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
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's TB

## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH BUILDINGS**

All buildings of the Theydon Parishes are available for private prayer at these times in the week ahead.

St Mary's Theydon Bois	Sunday	2.00pm-3.00pm
	Thursday	10.00am-12.00pm
All Saints Theydon Garnon	Tuesday	10.00am-11.00am
St Mary's Stapleford Tawney	Wednesday	10.00am-sunset

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Sunday services in all the church buildings of the Theydon Parishes will resume from Sunday 6th December, following the pattern established in the summer.

## **MIDWEEK SERVICES**

As the current restrictions are changing for this week only there will be a change to the pattern of midweek services. There will be an additional service of Holy Communion in St Mary's TB on Thursday at 10.00am (the Wednesday morning service remaining on Zoom). In the week beginning Monday 7th December, midweek services return to the most recent pattern, Tuesday 10.00am Holy Communion in All Saints TG, Wednesday 10.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom (except for the first Wednesday of the month when the service is Holy Communion with the Mothers' Union in St Mary's TB).

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Plans for the Christmas services are being finalised and will be published in the next two weeks. It will be necessary to reserve a space at the majority of the worship services held in the buildings. Next Sunday (6th December) at St Mary's TB there will be a Nativity service; Emily Jack (our Red Balloon Family Children's worker) will be leading us in telling the Christmas story together. Come in a Nativity costume if you have one.

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

As Sunday marks the start of the Advent season, The Mission Committee at St Mary's Theydon Bois are pleased to announce the official launch of this year's Posada Journey. Anyone who wishes to take part will be able to find the required trail map and answer sheet available to download from our website: [www.theydonparishes.org](http://www.theydonparishes.org) Should you wish to be entered in the draw for the Christmas hamper, please return your completed answer sheet to: [stmarystbmission@outlook.com](mailto:stmarystbmission@outlook.com)

All completed entries are to be submitted by the final Sunday of Advent, 20th December 2020, when 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 Marys mini Christmas cake, a variety of different Fairtrade chocolate and other ethically sourced products! We do hope that

you will join in the Posada Journey 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. 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](mailto: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.

### **GENEROUS GIVING, GENEROUS GOD**

Giving financially towards the mission and ministry of the church is as important as ever. Today (29th November) the Diocese of Chelmsford launches a Stewardship Initiative with a special online service at 3.00pm. The service can be found at [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/generous-disciples](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/generous-disciples)

### **VIRTUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY ON FACEBOOK**

Do you have a Nativity scene that you display at home during Advent and Christmas? Would you be willing to share it with others? As a way of sharing Christ's birth story we would like to compile a virtual Nativity display on our Benefice Facebook page in time for Christmas. To do this we need photos of your Nativity scene showing any or all of the characters in the story. You may want to just have Mary and Joseph and an empty manger, or with the Baby Jesus, shepherds, Wise Men etc. Your Nativity scene can be new, old, big, small, shop bought or homemade; the more variety the better. If you want to join in the fun please email your Nativity photo (landscape) to Rev Carol at [associate@theydonparishes.org](mailto:associate@theydonparishes.org) by 20th December.

### **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 Sunday 6th December at St Mary's ST.

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OR RECEIVE HELP**

Epping Forest 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 a weekly basis. Our clergy team are able to make referrals to the foodbank for those in need of emergency food support.

### **GROUPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Groups for children and young people resume in December during the 10.30am service. At St Mary's TB There will be one group in the church hall; parents/carers are asked to drop the children with the team in the hall before coming up to church, and pick up afterwards. Due to limited capacity it will be necessary to reserve a space, and details of the booking process will be published next week. Going forward, groups will run in the hall on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (except no session on 27th December), and on the 3rd Sunday, there will be a limited provision for younger

children in the parish centre. Unfortunately neither St Mary's TB Pram Group nor Sunday groups at All Saints TG are able to resume just yet. "Theydon Narda" is an online group for children in school years 4-6 which runs on a Thursday for an hour from 4.00pm. To find out more and sign up please visit <https://form.jotform.com/redballoonfamily/outreachreg> and select "Theydon Narda St Mary's Theydon Bois)" from the drop down menu.

### NEXT SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT


6 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's TB
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints TG
	9.15am	Christingle at All Saints TG
	10.30am	Nativity at St Mary's TB
	10.45am	Holy Communion at St Mary's ST
	6.00pm	Sung Communion at St Mary's TB

### NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS

Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

### 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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