



# The Theydon Parishes

20th December 2020

Fourth 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

8.00am – Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am – A Village Christmas

6.00pm – A Village Christmas

### THEYDON GARNON ALL SAINTS

9.15am – Parish Communion

6.00pm – A Village Christmas

### STAPLEFORD TAWNEY ST MARY'S

4.00pm – A Village Christmas

## TODAY'S MAIN SERVICE READINGS

2 Samuel 7.1-11; 16; Romans 16.25-end; Luke 1.26-38

## THEYDON PARISHES ONLINE

Wednesday morning service at 10.00am on Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 745 9281 2873 Passcode: 64de5M

## Collect for the fourth Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

<b>THE NEXT THREE WEEKS IN THE THEYDON PARISHES</b>		
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Monday 21st	12.00pm	Funeral of the late Robert Bird at All Saints TG
Tuesday 22nd	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints TG
	11.00am	Funeral of the late Anne Timms at St Mary's TB
Wednesday 23rd	10.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Thursday 24th	3.00pm	Christingle at St Mary's TB
	8.00pm	First Communion of Christmas at St Michael's TM
	10.00pm	First Communion of Christmas at All Saints TG
	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas at St Mary's TB
Friday 25th	10.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's TB
	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's ST
Sunday 27th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's TB
	10.00am	United Benefice Communion at All Saints TG
Tuesday 29th	1.00pm	Funeral of the late William Rawlings at All Saints TG
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Sunday 3rd	See separate notice	
Tuesday 5th	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints TG
Wednesday 6th	10.00am	Holy Communion with the Mothers' Union at St Mary's TB

## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Spaces are still available at A Village Christmas at St Mary's TB this Sunday at 6.00pm only. The 10.30am service is fully booked, as is the 4.00pm service at St Mary's ST.. There are also spaces at A Village Christmas at All Saints TG at 6.00pm. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis on the day. Please arrive in good time to secure one, or to guarantee a space please contact our Vicar by telephone only on 01992 812744. The Christingle at St Mary's TB on Thursday 24th is fully booked. Please do not attend unless you have a space reserved. For all other services, please arrive in good time, unfortunately it may be necessary to limit access if the buildings are at capacity.

### **FUNERAL SERVICES IN THE THEYDON PARISHES**

Due to the current restrictions, attendance at funeral services held in our church buildings is limited to 30 people. As a result, please do not attend a funeral service unless you have been asked to do so by the family of the deceased.

### **LIFE EVENTS IN THE THEYDON PARISHES**

Life events can now take place in all churches of the Benefice. To make a booking or enquiry about weddings or baptisms, please contact Sarah Bowen in the Benefice office in the first instance. Weddings can take place on any day of the week but there is limited availability for weekend weddings in July and August 2021. The clergy continue to be available for end of life ministry, and funerals can take place with limited attendances following government guidance in all our church buildings.

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

A big thank you to everyone who responded to this year's Teams4U appeal for help with the shoeboxes, either by knitting hats and mittens, wrapping shoeboxes, donating

items, making toiletry and stationery packs or donating money. Covid made it much harder to get them ready in time, but we did it! They are now on their way by lorry to either Belarus, Moldova or Romania - it will depend on which border will let them in when they get there! But you can be sure that when they arrive, they will be received with such joy by the children that all the hard work will have been worth it. So, thank you and let's do it all again next year. (Please save your shoeboxes, unwanted toys etc. throughout the year and if you knit, I have easy patterns for hats and mittens).

### **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – HELP KEEP HOPE ALIVE**

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. Last year, over 5,000 Christingle celebrations were held across the country, raising over £1.2 million for The Children's Society to help support their life-changing work with children and young people such as:-

- those who are living in families who can't afford the next meal, or the next size up in school uniform
- those who are struggling with their emotional wellbeing and have no one else to lean on
- refugee and migrant children who land in this country alone, desperately needing help and advice
- children at risk of or affected by child sexual exploitation.
- teenagers who want to quit using drugs or alcohol
- young carers who are looking after mum, dad or their siblings, whilst just children themselves

This Christmas the hopes and happiness of these children and young people are at risk more than ever. As well as making a financial donation to The Children's Society at the St Mary's TB Christingle service or online at <https://thyg.uk/CUS051412>, you can help provide a glimmer of hope for young people facing the toughest challenges by writing a message of support at <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/hope>. Your message can be signed by you or can be submitted anonymously. The Children's Society will share some of the messages received on their website, social media or directly with the young people they support. Please pray for the work of The Children's Society, their staff and volunteers, and the children and young people they work with.

### **EPPING FOREST FOOD BANK**

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.

<b>EPIPHANY</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> JANUARY	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's TB
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints TG
	9.15am	All Age Worship at All Saints TG
	10.30am	All Age Worship at St Mary's TB
	10.45am	Holy Communion at St Michael's TM
	6.00pm	Sung Communion at St Mary's TB

### **EPIPHANY SUNDAY MORNING READINGS**

Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

## Collect for the Epiphany

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
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.

## ITEMS FOR SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY NOTICE SHEET

Send by 9.00am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Sarah Bowen at  
[notices@theydonparishes.org](mailto:notices@theydonparishes.org)

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The Benefice Office is closed and will reopen on Tuesday 5th January. Our clergy will both be taking some time off between Christmas and Sunday 10th January, but there will always be a member of the team available.

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