



The Theydon Parishes

17th January 2021

Second Sunday of Epiphany



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 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: 1 Samuel 3.1-10; Revelation 5.1-10; John 1.43-end

THEYDON PARISHES ONLINE

Sunday Sung Compline at 6.00pm on Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76454890167?pwd=WTIDaHV4VVkyVXRzNVV6QjZYSUN1UT09>

Meeting ID: 764 5489 0167 Passcode: cEPnv4

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 Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God,

in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,

and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory;

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.

GENERAL NOTICES

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH BUILDINGS

St Mary's ST remains open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10am to sunset.

BENEFICE FINANCES

Although we are not meeting in our buildings for a season, our worship continues. An important aspect of that is our financial giving to the work of the church. 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 some regular lettings income, but still have, for example, utility bills to pay. As our various Treasurers begin to prepare our annual accounts, the impact of drop in income experienced over the last year is becoming clearer, and some of this is because collections did not take place in church services as often as they had done previously. There will be more detailed information in due course, but for now, please consider if you are able to make a donation electronically, 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 Parochial Church Council

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

Alternatively, regular giving envelopes or cash donations in a sealed envelope with the church name clearly marked can be posted through the door of the Vicarage at 2 Piercing Hill, and they will be passed onto the church treasurers unopened.

GROUPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Until further notice groups for children and young people are not able to meet in person and continue online as follows:

BALLOONSTREAM; a live zoom call on Sunday at 4.00pm with all the usual challenges, games and teaching from junior church. When you sign up for our virtual sessions your family will also be sent a free box of crafts and activities to use during the session to help your children worship in different ways! To sign up please visit <https://eu.jotform.com/redballoonfamily/balloonstreamregistration>

THEYDON NARDA; a midweek group for older primary school age children continues on Thursdays at 4.00pm. To sign up for this group, please contact Emily Jack by email ejack@rbf.org.uk

ST MARY'S TB; a trial short Sunday service for families will take place on Zoom at 10.30am this week (17th January). No need to sign up in advance.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79389455002?pwd=TVJRdkRiMHFFMm1PNjhwNTY4cVUwQT09>
Meeting ID: 793 8945 5002 Passcode: B4HdrH

Junior choir practices continue on Monday evenings on Zoom. To find out more, please contact Hugh Meteyard by email: hugh.meteyard@btinternet.com

ALL SAINTS TG; children's church resumes online this week (17th January). To join please contact Alison Mortimer.

PRAYER LINES

Martyn Lockwood spoke about my favourite New Year prayer on Sunday morning. It was the quotation George VI used in his Christmas message in the very dark days of 1939 - I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown" And he replied "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way" Minnie Louise Haskins.

May we put our hands into the hand of God as we go into the unknown this year.

MISSION COMMITTEE - CHRISTMAS CAKES:

A big thank you to everyone who purchased our delicious mini Christmas cakes, and to Linda and her helpers who made them. We only made 100 this year but the profit of £394, added to the sum of £600, raised at the two Soup Lunches we were able to hold before the first Lockdown, gives us £994 to distribute among our charities. An additional £55 was donated to The Box at Epping. We hope and pray that we will eventually be able to do more this year! Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

CHOIR ANTHEM

The choir anthem in today's recorded service is A New Year carol, anonymous words set to music by Benjamin Britten. In the chorus are the words *Sing levy dew*. The meaning of these words is unclear. Possibilities include the Welsh *Ilef y Dduw*, "a cry to God", or the French *levez à Dieu*, "raise to God", which may in turn refer to the elevation of the Host in Communion. As during previous lockdowns the members of the choir recorded their parts individually at home (quite challenging!) and these were then edited together.

EPHING FOREST REUSE

The charity Epping Forest ReUse wants to recruit additional trustees. We are looking for people with experience in the areas of governance, financial control, risk management, fund raising, public relations and marketing. In particular, we need someone who can work alongside our Treasurer in order to succeed him during 2021. The charity provides furniture and household goods to people in need but its showrooms in normal times are open to all. For the trustee's information pack please contact janet@eppingreuse.org.uk

EPHING 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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS

Genesis 14.17-20; Revelation 19.6-10; John 2.1-11

ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S NOTICE SHEET

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

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