



# The Theydon Parishes

24th January 2021

Third 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/](http://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: Genesis 14.17-20; Revelation 19.6-10; John 2.1-11

## THEYDON PARISHES ONLINE

Sunday Family Service at 10.30am on Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79389455002?pwd=TVJRdkRiMHFFMm1PNjhwNTY4cVUwQT09>

Meeting ID: 793 8945 5002 Passcode: B4HdrH

Sunday Sung Evensong at 6.00pm on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82136992018?pwd=eW4xaVA2dGVGYnhrRERHdDMrYkRsQT09>

Meeting ID: 821 3699 2018 Passcode: 879758

Readings: Ephesians 2:13-22 and John 15:1-17

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 Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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.

### **FAMILY SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

In addition to our regular recorded Sunday services a "live" service will take place weekly for families on Zoom at 10.30am

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This week, it would be helpful if adults could hide somewhere in your home a picture of themselves at a happy occasion in the arms of an easily accessible soft toy, and have wine glasses and red food colouring to hand.

### **BENEFICE FINANCES**

While 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](mailto:ejack@rbf.org.uk)

**ST MARY'S TB JUNIOR CHOIR**; practices continue on Monday evenings on Zoom. To find out more, please contact Hugh Meteyard by email: [hugh.meteyard@btinternet.com](mailto:hugh.meteyard@btinternet.com)

**ALL SAINTS TG**; children's church continues online. To join please contact Alison Mortimer.

### **PRAYER LINES BY BERYL DENNEY**

Janet Lavender and I sat looking at the sea at Aldeburgh. The sea and the sky filled the picture, they were vast. It reminded me of the chorus we used to sing- "Wide, wide as the ocean, high as the heavens above, deep, deep as the deepest sea is my Saviour's love. I, though so unworthy, still am a child of his care, and his word teaches me that his love reaches me everywhere."

You can imagine the actions! God's love is still vast, and it still reaches us everywhere whatever is happening, whether we are 8 or 80.

### **LENT MODULES**

Across the Diocese of Chelmsford a range of short courses will be taking place during Lent, including a short course on Science and Faith led by our Vicar and the Rev. Joyce Smith, Associate Priest in Waltham Abbey. Details (including course fees) are attached to the electronic notice sheet this week. To sign up to join a group please email [dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org](mailto:dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org)

### **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.

### **EPPING 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](mailto:janet@eppingreuse.org.uk)

### **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.

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS**

Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

### **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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