



The Theydon Parishes

31st January 2021

Presentation of Christ in the Temple



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

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 Compline at 6.00pm on Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71080700597?pwd=LzJ6cGVPdC9vRVp1bXR0MnNxeUgyZz09>

Meeting ID: 710 8070 0597 Passcode: KYQ07p

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 Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

GENERAL NOTICES

PUBLIC WORSHIP IN THE THEYDON PARISHES

At present, worshipping together online continues to be the pattern in the Benefice. In the weeks ahead, lay leaders and the PCC of each church will be meeting and prayerfully planning for reopening our buildings in due course, and input from as many as possible is welcome. To share your views on these matters, please email the Vicar and he will collate any responses prior to the next meetings which take place as follows, St Mary's TB 3rd February, St Mary's ST & St Michael's TM 10th February, All Saints TG (Standing Committee) 18th February.

FUNERAL SERVICES

During the period of suspension of public worship, funeral services may continue to take place in any of the buildings in the Benefice, subject to government capacity restrictions.

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 and can be found:

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This week, it would be helpful if you could have a doll or other toy and some clothes to dress them in, a candle in a stand or torch, a globe or picture of the world, and a wooden cross or picture of one.

NOT CHRISTINGLE – ST MARY'S ST

Way back - before Covid - we at St Mary's ST decided that we would hold our Christingle Service on the Sunday closest to Candlemas. This year it is 31st January and would have been a Benefice Service. All our Churches are of course closed for Services. We have been opening St Mary's ST every Wednesday and Sunday from around 10.00am until sunset and there has been a good footfall, because people are able to visit when the Church is empty and have a period of quiet reflection - before they get too cold!! Apparently it was customary at Candlemas to present those who attended with a candle to take a light into the world. On Sunday 31st I shall be putting battery operated candles (I don't think live flame would be a good idea!!!) for people to take away should they visit the Church that day. Our Christmas Charity this year has been The Little Haven's Children's Hospice so if you would like to make a donation when you take a candle I will add your monies to what has already been collected.

THEYDON PARISHES LENT COURSE

During Lent 2021, our clergy will be leading a 5 week course on prayer on Zoom, beginning on Thursday 25th February at 2.00pm on Zoom. Each session will be in two sections lasting between 30 and 40 minutes with time to reflect individually as well as with others. We will be using a course written a few years ago exploring prayer through the teachings of Evelyn Underhill who was a spiritual guide to many in the early part of the last century and led many retreats at what is now our Diocesan Retreat House in Pleshey. To register your interest, please contact Sarah Bowen in the Benefice Office - office@theydonparishes.org. There is no charge to take part and all materials will be provided.

BENEFICE FINANCES

While we are not meeting in our buildings for a season, our worship continues, and an important aspect of that is our financial giving to the work of the church. 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. Alternatively, you may wish to donate directly into the church bank account, details below

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

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 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 continues online. To join please contact Alison Mortimer.

PRAYER LINES BY BERYL DENNEY

We thought about the chorus "Wide, wide as the ocean" last week, that is based on part of St Paul's prayer for his friends at Ephesus:

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and may know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled with the fullness of God." The full

prayer can be found at Ephesians 3.14-21.
What a wonderful prayer to pray for our friends.

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS

Proverbs 8.1,22-31; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14

ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S NOTICE SHEET

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

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