



The Theydon Parishes

14th March 2021

Mothering Sunday



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**

Today's readings:

Exodus 2.1-10; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7; Luke 2.33-35

THEYDON PARISHES SERVICES

All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday at 9.15am at **All Saints TG** (available to watch from lunchtime at www.theydonparishes.org/recorded-services)"

Mothering Sunday Service at 10.30am on Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 793 8945 5002 Passcode: B4HdrH

Sunday Sung Evensong for Lent at 6.00pm on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/75478007374?pwd=N210dTdGUUN4ZGRJS3RzazFVZU45dz09>

Meeting ID: 754 7800 7374 Passcode: yi7cU7

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 MOTHERING SUNDAY

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.

THIS WEEK IN THE THEYDON PARISHES

Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints TG
	11.00am	Lent soup lunch on Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom

GENERAL NOTICES

PUBLIC WORSHIP IN THE THEYDON PARISHES

All Saints TG reopens for public worship this week, with a service of Holy Communion at 8.00am; there will be no 9.15am service. St Mary's ST, St Michael's TM and St Mary's TB remain closed for public worship until Sunday 28th March. Holy Communion will be celebrated weekly in All Saints TG on Tuesdays at 10.00am from now on. Services will continue to be conducted in accordance with government and Church of England guidelines. Unfortunately, there will not be congregational singing at this time, and Holy Communion will be offered in one kind (ie bread only) following physical distancing as was the case at the end of 2020. Face coverings should continue to be worn inside the church buildings, and please refrain from coming to a service in person if you have any symptoms of COVID-19.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES

This week, Mothering Sunday services will be held at on Zoom at 10.30am or in person at All Saints TG at 9.15am. If you are joining the service on Zoom, it would be helpful to have daffodils, a square of silver foil, an elastic band and some greenery to hand.

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CONFIRMATION

Subject to the continuing lifting of restrictions, Bishop Peter will be visiting the Benefice on Sunday 30th May, for our joint Benefice service, and there will be the opportunity to be confirmed. Confirmation is a special service where those who were baptised as children have the opportunity to affirm belief in Jesus Christ for themselves, and traditionally it was the custom to receive Holy Communion afterwards. To find out more, please speak to the Vicar, a short preparation course will be offered beforehand.

ST MARY'S TB 2021 LENT "LUNCHES" ON ZOOM

Next Tuesday 16th March at 11.00am is the third of our four Lent Lunches on Zoom. We will be sharing a favourite soup lunch recipe and updating you about the work of

CMS and Bible Society. There will also be a home-baked surprise delivered to your door for you to enjoy. We are asking for a donation of £10 (in total) to sign up for our Zoom Lent lunches. Your donations, together with other funds raised during the year, will be donated to those charities and organisations supported by St Mary's.

This time we are thinking of two charities:

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY, founded in 1799, works with Christian all over the world. There are 147 MISSION Partners across 35 countries, including Britain, plus 60 local partners. They use their skills and gifts to help local communities, and to support local Christians demonstrating their faith through their love and commitment, and through the programmes they initiate or support, such as medical services, especially to the poor, initiatives to transform attitudes to disability, visiting prisons, reaching young people, and empowering local Christians through education and training. To find out more and to donate, visit churchmissionsociety.org

BIBLE SOCIETY aims to bring the Bible to life for every man, woman and child worldwide. There are local groups in over 200 countries, providing Bibles, at low cost or sometimes free, translating parts of the Bible into local languages, running literacy classes, trauma healing and practical support with portions of Scripture to people in need, eg in refugee camps and after natural disasters. The pandemic has severely affected the work in many countries: in at least 88 our donations have helped to sustain the staff and volunteers who had nothing. In some countries, staff and Christians are in great danger from war and Islamic and other terrorists.

“Dear Lord, bless and strengthen the faith of all your workers for CMS and Bible Society and keep them safe.” Amen

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Epping and Theydon Joint Charities and the Theydon Trust are looking for a new Administrative and Development Officer. The Charities and Trust, which have existed for many years, support local people who are in need, through the provision of accommodation and also grants to individuals and the organisations that are seeking to help them. The Joint Charities also provides educational grants. After many years providing great support to both organisations, their administrator is hanging up her mouse and moving into retirement. The part time, paid role will involve day to day administrative duties as well as supporting the Trustees of both charities who are determined to use their resources more effectively and provide more support to eligible people. Details of the vacancy, including how to apply, can be found by following this link: <https://thedovepartnership.co.uk/jobs/administration-and-development-officer-part-time-charity-sector/> The closing date for applications is 22 March.

ST MARY'S TB LYCHGATE LARDER

A new community pantry is located in the entrance to the churchyard at St Mary's Theydon Bois. This is a place where anyone in need can pick up emergency food supplies with no questions asked. The box stocks tinned food only - if you can and are passing, please drop off a tin or in times of need, take what you need.

PRAYER LINES

Bishop George Appleton wrote a lovely book of prayers, “Prayers from a troubled heart”. I think we all have troubled hearts at the moment, here is one of his prayers:

“O Lord, so many sick, so many starving, so many deprived,
So many sad, So many bitter, so many fearful,
When I look at them my heart fails, When I look at you I hope again.
Help me to help you to reduce the world's pain

O God of infinite Compassion, O ceaseless energy of love”
I love the idea that we are sometimes included in answering our prayers.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS


Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33

NEXT SUNDAY – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

21ST MARCH	9.15am	Parish Communion at All Saints TG
	10.30am	Family service on Zoom
	6.00pm	Sung Compline on Zoom

ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S NOTICE SHEET

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

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