



The Theydon Parishes

4th April 2021

Easter Day



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 – Family Communion outside
(see page 2 for further details)

6.00pm - Holy Communion

THEYDON GARNON ALL SAINTS

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.15am – Family Communion

STAPLEFORD TAWNEY ST MARY'S

10.45am – Holy Communion

TODAY'S MAIN SERVICE READINGS

Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; John 20.1-18

THEYDON PARISHES ONLINE

Easter Sunday worship at www.theydonparishes.org/recorded-services (service available from early afternoon on Easter Day)

COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

THIS WEEK IN THE THEYDON PARISHES

Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints TG
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion with the Mothers' Union at St Mary's TB

GENERAL NOTICES

PUBLIC WORSHIP IN THE THEYDON PARISHES

Sunday morning worship has resumed in all the Theydon Parishes. Services will continue to be conducted in accordance with government and Church of England guidelines, which now allow congregational singing outside and a small choir to lead worship inside. 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. In person groups for children and young people resume later in April subject to the lifting of restrictions published by the government; more details will follow in due course. Sunday evening and Wednesday morning services remain online on Zoom (except for the first week of the month when they are held in person in St Mary's TB). Holy Communion continues to be said weekly in All Saints TG on Tuesdays at 10.00am.

EASTER DAY AT ST MARY'S TB

On Easter Day, the 10.30am service at St Mary's TB will be held outside in the churchyard. This will allow us to sing together following the update to the national guidelines published last Friday. Please enter the churchyard from the gate onto Coppice Row and gather in household groups in the spaces which will be marked out, coming as near to the front as possible. (The church car park will be available for those who need it as usual and seats can be brought outside from the parish centre to any who would need them). The service will last around half an hour, and will conclude with the distribution of Holy Communion and the opportunity to place a daffodil into the wooden cross which has been crafted as is traditional from the Christmas tree. Exit from the service will be via the gates onto Piercing Hill, from where children who have completed the trail in the churchyard can collect an Easter bag. The 8.00am and 6.00pm services will take place in the church building as usual.

EASTER TRAIL

A trail of Easter images has been set up in the churchyard at St Mary's TB. All welcome to come and walk the route and explore the meaning of Easter on the journey.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (APCM) INCLUDING IMPORTANT CORRECTION FOR ALL SAINTS TG

The APCM for each parish in the Benefice will take place as follows:

- Parish of Stapleford Tawney and Theydon Mount, Sunday 18th April at St Mary's ST immediately after 10.30am service;
- Parish of Theydon Bois St Mary, Wednesday 21st April at 7.30pm on Zoom;
- Parish of Theydon Garnon All Saints, Thursday 29th April at 8.00pm in **All Saints TG, preceded by Evening Prayer at 7.45pm.**

Due to the current national situation, special permission has been given for annual meetings to be held virtually. These are important opportunities to reflect on the last year and pray, plan, and dream dreams for the future and elect Churchwardens and PCC members where vacancies occur. Mike Palmer has decided not to stand as Churchwarden when his term of office comes to an end at the APCM this year, after serving for 7 years. Please speak to the Vicar in the first instance if you would like to find out more about that role or to stand in the various elections. The agenda and annual report for each meeting will be available online on the Benefice website - to request a paper copy, please contact the Benefice office. In order to vote at the meetings or to stand to serve on the Parochial Church Council it is necessary to be on the electoral roll. Membership is open to all who live in the parish or have attended church regularly for a period of 6 months. The deadline date to register if you have not already joined differs in each church; please look out for the notices posted on the door and complete the form which will be found at the back of each church. If you are unsure about this, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer for your parish - this can be done through the Benefice Office.

PRAYER LINES.

We are so used to the Easter story we cease to wonder, to feel the joy. Imagine being there the first Easter Day, you saw Jesus on the cross and now he is alive saying "Don't be afraid."

"Jesus, our Lord, we praise you

That nothing could keep you dead in the grave.

You are stronger than death and the devil,

Help us to remember

That there is nothing to be afraid of,

because you are alive and by our side."

The Lion Prayer Collection

ST MARY'S TB MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

We've just enjoyed four "Virtual Soup Lunch" sessions on Zoom, when we heard about how the lunches began and discussed favourite recipes. We also had an opportunity to hear more about five of the Christian charities we support. Each week the participants received a surprise gift: cakes baked by our Vicar and others! A big "Thank you" to John. We would also like to thank all of you who donated so generously: A grand total of £600 was raised!! So at least we can help some of our charities at this difficult time when their need is so great. Many thanks.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS

Acts 4.32-35; 1 John 1.1-22; John 20.19-end

NEXT SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11TH APRIL	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's TB
	9.15am	Family Communion at All Saints TG
	10.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's TB
	10.45am	Holy Communion at St Michael's TM
	6.00pm	Sung Evensong 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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