



# The Theydon Parishes

14th February 2021

Sunday next before Lent



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: 2 Kings 2.1-12; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

## 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://us04web.zoom.us/j/75478007374?pwd=N210dTdGUUN4ZGRJS3RzazFVZU45dz09>

Meeting ID: 754 7800 7374 Passcode: yi7cU7

Ash Wednesday morning service at 10.00am on Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71774343828?pwd=eEVyTXYxcCtkcThaY3FobjVRTE9kQT09>

Meeting ID: 717 7434 3828 Passcode: YJk1h7

## **Collect for Sunday next before Lent**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
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. The PCCs of St Mary's ST, St Michael's TM and St Mary's TB have decided their buildings will remain closed for public worship until Sunday 28th March. Details for All Saints TG will be published next week.

### **FAMILY SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

This week, our "live" family service continues on Zoom on Sunday morning at 10.30am and can be found:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79389455002?pwd=TVJRdkRiMhFFMm1PNjhwNTY4cVUwQT09>  
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This week, it would be helpful if children could have drawing materials, including colouring pencils, and gold or silver pens, or glitter or kitchen foil.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Lent begins on Wednesday this week, and will be marked by a special service on Zoom at 10.00am during which the imposition of ashes will be offered. To sign up to receive ash and instructions, please email [vicar@theydonparishes.org](mailto:vicar@theydonparishes.org) by 10.00am on Monday morning, and you will receive a delivery before the service.

### **ECO CHURCH**

St Mary's TB PCC is pleased to announce that we will be joining the Eco Church award scheme. The scheme is run by the Christian environmental and nature conservation charity A Rocha UK, partnered with other Christian organisations including the Church of England, the Methodist Church, Christian Aid and Tear Fund. Joining the Eco Church scheme means that we commit to doing as much as we can to become more environmentally aware and more sustainable in all that we do in the five areas of worship, management of our buildings and land, in how we engage with the wider community as well as how we live our lives. Eco Church provides free resources to help us in this journey and the PCC have asked a small working group of PCC members to look at where we are now and what improvements we could make in the five areas. Care for creation is one of the Anglican five marks of mission and the PCC is committed to doing all that we can to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. For more information please visit <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>.

### **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](mailto:office@theydonparishes.org). There is no charge to take part and all materials will be provided.

### **AFFORDABLE COUNSELLING EPPING FOREST (ACEF)**

ACEF is currently offering counselling online, and offers 8 weekly sessions with a minimum donation of £5 towards the cost of each session. It is possible to self refer by calling 01992 573402 or 07583 111796 or via the website [affordablecounsellingeppingforest.org.uk](http://affordablecounsellingeppingforest.org.uk) and there is a minimal waiting list at this time.

### **ST MARY'S TB MOTHERS' UNION AGM**

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 24th February at 1.30pm on Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76209385765?pwd=UHQzNXdhMDZMb0tOamVpdituaDk2dz09>

Meeting ID: 762 0938 5765 Passcode: 36ughF

We will be pleased to see you if possible. Thank you, Carole Fenton

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

The trouble with faith is that it is faith not fact and it wobbles! At difficult times it wobbles more. I don't know anyone who doesn't have times of doubt. A man who wanted his son healed came to Jesus, "Do you believe?" asked Jesus. He replied "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief."

What a wonderful, simple prayer, "Help me to believe Lord." He will strengthen our faith. Mark 9.24.

### **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

### **VOCATIONS DAY**

Have you ever thought that God maybe calling you to something, and are not sure what that is. There is an opportunity to explore this at the Barking Area Vocations Day to be held on Zoom on Saturday 6th March from 10.00am - midday. More details are attached to the electronic version of the sheet, or can be provided by the Vicar.

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

Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-end; Mark 1.9-15

## 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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