



The Theydon Parishes

**21st February 2021
First Sunday of 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 values 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:

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

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 for Lent at 6.00pm on Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71182160595?pwd=dFFma054NmhNZ0hWKzZlbjBkek1kUT09>
Meeting ID: 711 8216 0595 Passcode: Spg9h4
Please download the Lent extras.

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 first Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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

PUBLIC WORSHIP IN THE THEYDON PARISHES

At present, worshipping together online continues to be the pattern in the Benefice. The PCCs of the Benefice have met over the last weeks and having reviewed the differing circumstances and sizes of each church have prayerfully made plans for the resumption of public worship. At present, St Mary's ST, St Michael's TM and St Mary's TB will remain closed for public worship until Sunday 28th March. All Saints TG will reopen with a service of Holy Communion (BCP) at 8.00am on Sunday 7th March followed by an All Age Mothering Sunday service at 9.15am on Sunday 14th March. Holy Communion will be celebrated weekly in All Saints TG on Tuesdays at 10.00am beginning on 9th March.

FAMILY SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

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

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This week, it would be helpful if children could have a compass for finding the way.

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

For the first four Tuesdays in March (March 2nd – 23rd inclusive) at 11.00am we will be sharing on Zoom a selection of our favourite soup lunch recipes for you to try at home. We will also be giving a brief update on some of our Lent charities and there will be a home-baked surprise delivered to your door for you to enjoy. The past year has been challenging for charities, with fundraising events unable to take place and resources being overstretched. We are asking for a donation of £10 (in total) to sign up for our Zoom Lent lunches, all of which, together with other funds raised during the year, will be donated to those charities and organisations supported by St Mary's including: St Clare Hospice, The Box in Epping, Mercy Ships and others. To sign up for our four Zoom Lent lunches, please email office@theydonparishes.org or telephone Sarah Bowen on 01992 814725. You will be sent the Zoom link and details of how to donate. Please join us for some fun, reflection and a Lenten treat! Thank you so much for your support. St Mary's TB Mission Committee

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 22ND FEBRUARY TO 7TH MARCH 2021

This year Fairtrade Fortnight will feel very different to that which we have become used to. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message this fortnight and is where our role begins. You can be part of the Fairtrade movement and

you have the power to drive long-term change, not only with your shopping choices but also with your support in spreading the message.

One of the main messages for Fairtrade Fortnight 2021 is to highlight the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities Fairtrade works with. The facts are straightforward. Farmers and workers in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and Honduras, who have done the least to contribute to climate change, are disproportionately affected by it. Fairtrade works to raise the voices of farmers and workers and prioritise what they need to respond to the environmental crises unfolding in already vulnerable communities. This Fortnight Fairtrade are asking you to ‘Choose the World You Want’ and use your voice to tell others about the challenges that farmers face from climate change.

How can you get involved this year? Sign up to the Fairtrade online festival with your friends and family. Fairtrade will send you all the latest news as more exciting events are confirmed. Are you a young person between the ages of 5-25? Get involved in the ‘Choose the World You Want’ youth exhibition in Fairtrade Fortnight 2021. Read the stories of farmers affected by climate change. Full details are available on the Fairtrade website www.fairtrade.org.uk. You could also sign the Climate Coalition’s Climate Declaration and tell your local MP or Council about your commitment to putting the voices of farmers and workers at the heart of the climate crisis fight.

PRAYER LINES

We sing and pray the hymn:

“Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldest do.”

How rarely we think of breathing and yet we cannot live without it. Let’s pray today for God to breathe on us and also remember those who are frightened and struggling to breathe, those on oxygen and being ventilated, keep them calm Lord, give them life Lord.

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 17.1-7,15-16; Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-end

ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S NOTICE SHEET

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

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