



The Theydon Parishes

7th March 2021

Third 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 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:

Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

THEYDON PARISHES SERVICES

Sunday Holy Communion at 8.00am at **All Saints TG**

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 for Lent at **4.00pm** on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83682566693?pwd=eIBvWVNjTIB5dWs3UmN4Y1VQWDR1QT09>

Meeting ID: 836 8256 6693 Passcode: 267502

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 third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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
	7.30pm	St Mary's TB PCC 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.

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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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 9th March at 11.00am is the second of our four Lent Lunches on Zoom. We will be sharing a favourite soup lunch recipe and updating you about the work of The Church Army. 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, including the Church Army. The Church Army is a mission-focused community of people who are

transforming lives and communities through the work of evangelists, staff and supporters. They are committed to sharing the Christian faith in the UK through words and action, with local initiatives supporting people with difficult life circumstances. If you would like to make a direct donation to the work of The Church Army, please use the following link

https://churcharmy.org/Groups/303340/Church_Army/web/Ways_to_give/Give_now/Give_now.aspx

To sign up for our remaining Zoom Lent lunches, please email office@theydonparishes.org or telephone Sarah Bowen on 01992 814725. Please note that if you are unable to make it on the day, we hope to make a recording of each Zoom lunch available for you to watch at a later date/time. Thank you so much for your support. St Mary's Mission Committee.

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. (We continue to take donations for the foodbank on the Vicarage step, and the clergy are able to make client referrals to the foodbank).

RECORDED SERVICES

As services begin to resume in our church buildings, a recorded service will continue to be posted weekly at www.theydonparishes.org/recorded-services. This will be available from lunchtime on Sunday as it will be a recording of a service which took place that morning.

PRAYER LINES

In the Bible, in Proverbs 13.23 we read: "A poor person's farm may produce much food, but injustice sweeps it all away." Sadly, this is as true today for so many farmers and producers worldwide as it was in Old Testament times. But as Fairtrade Fortnight reminds us, we can do something about it by shopping carefully, choosing Fairtrade products whenever possible. We can also pray, for the poor workers who are struggling to make a living and for fairer treatment and remuneration for farmers and producers and all involved in the fair trade chain.

"Lord, we pray that your love and justice will transform the rules and practices of trade. May we ourselves do our best to encourage our local shops and supermarkets to make a genuine commitment to fair trade. Amen."

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MORNING READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY – MOTHERING SUNDAY

14TH MARCH	9.15am	All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday at All Saints TG
	10.30am	Mothering Sunday service on Zoom
	6.00pm	Sung Evensong on Zoom

ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK'S NOTICE SHEETSend by 9.00am Tuesday to Sarah Bowen at notices@theydonparishes.org

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