



# Parish of Godalming St Peter & St Paul and St Mark's

*Part of the Farncombe and Godalming Ecumenical Group Ministry*

## Weekly News Sheet

**Sunday 13th December 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**



### ***The Collect for the third Sunday of Advent:***

God for whom we watch and wait,  
You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of Your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Lectionary readings for this week  
13th December - 19th December**

**Sunday** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday** Numbers 24:2-7,15-17; Psalm 25:3-8; Matthew 21:23-27

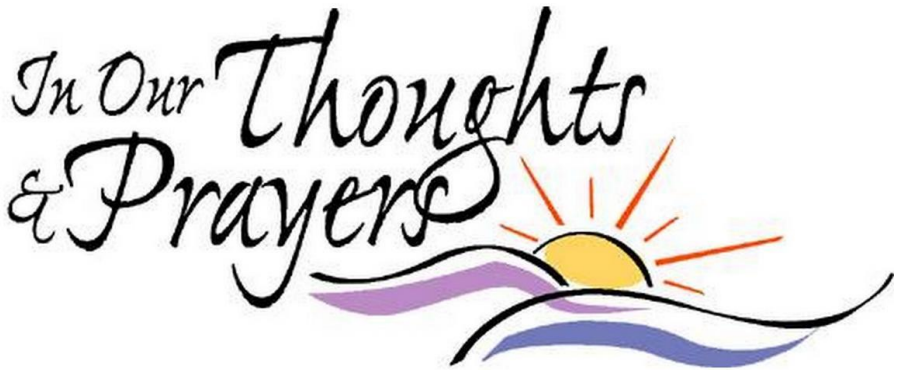
**Tuesday** Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13; Psalm 34:1-6,21-22; Matthew 21:28-32

**Wednesday** Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-end; Psalm 85:7-end;  
Luke 7:18b-23

**Thursday** Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-5, 18-19; Matthew 1:1-17

**Friday** Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-end; Matthew 1:18-24

**Saturday** Judges 13:2-7, 24-end; Psalm 71:3-8; Luke 1:5-25



Janet and Joseph Adams, Bob Arnold, Sylvia Boxall, Christopher Chamberlain, Jean and Brian Cornwall, Roger Jones, Jeffrey Lunn, Richard Rogers, Sarah Stine, Jane Vlach, Joan Young.

Please let the Parish Office know if you would like a name added to the list.

RIP Margaret Atkinson.

We pray for Margaret, her family and her friends at this sad time.

## CONTACTS

The Parish of Godalming - [www.parishofgodalming.org.uk](http://www.parishofgodalming.org.uk)

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## **Our churches are open!**

Both St Peter and St Paul's Church and St Mark's Church continue to be open to offer Sunday worship. This Sunday the 13th December, there is an Advent Communion Service at St Peter and St Paul, in addition to a 10am Holy Communion at St Mark's.

Please note there will be no Tuesday midday communion services at the Parish Church during December.



In order to keep us all protected and safe from the virus whilst in Church, we ask that you follow these recommendations.

- When entering the church, please make your way straight to your seat. Please ensure that you are wearing a face covering and that you have sanitised your hands on entering the church.
- Please do not congregate in groups either at the back of church, other areas of the church building or within the church grounds.
- Please ensure that you are only sitting next to a family member in a pew or are socially distanced from the person nearest to you. With this in mind, we have opened up one of the side aisles of pews - social distancing notices are in place and we have tried to ensure that available pew sight lines enable you to view the screen.
- At the present time, members of the congregation are not allowed to sing.
- Please ensure that your name has been added to our contact and trace list on a weekly basis.

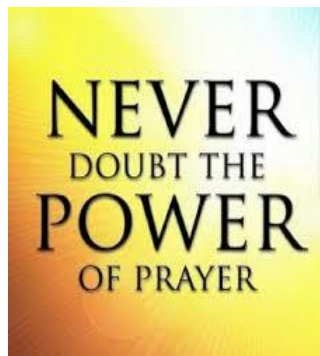
If you would prefer to join the services from home, we will be continuing to offer the services via Zoom. For service link details please contact Matthew [mcgreenfield@googlemail.com](mailto:mcgreenfield@googlemail.com) or Sheila [curate.godalming@gmail.com](mailto:curate.godalming@gmail.com)

## Private Prayer

St Peter and St Paul's Church continue to be open for private prayer on Mondays and Fridays between 11am and 1pm. We do need more volunteers to help with stewarding. The rota is being compiled for January and February; if you might be able to give a small amount of time to this please let Sarah know.

## Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting

It is good to meet together online for prayer at our monthly Prayer meetings. Praying together with other Christians has significant benefits, one of which is that it allows us to grow closer together as members of God's church here in Godalming. All are welcome to join us via Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 5th January**. Please contact Canon John for details.



## Zoom

We are grateful for a significant donation towards the annual cost of Zoom that has allowed us to purchase a second Zoom account. This enables us to have separate services held remotely in both churches. While the current arrangements allow services to be streamed, we would like to improve our audio-visual capability through the installation of effective screens and updates to the existing sound systems in both churches, which should enhance our services. If anyone would like to contribute in some form then please speak with either the Churchwardens, Matthew, Sheila or John. Thank you.

## Parish Christmas Card

We are organising a digital Christmas card to the whole parish, to which you are warmly welcome to add your name. This will avoid the potential risk of spreading coronavirus through the distribution of Christmas cards by hand. We suggest that you might like to make a donation to a charity of your choice (you do not have to share the details of the charity you have chosen) instead of purchasing cards for your friends in the parish. If you would like your name added

to the digital Christmas card, email Sarah as soon as possible please.



## Parish Men's Group

The Men's Group will be meeting online for a drink and a chat. The next Zoom get-together will be on **Monday 21st December** from 8pm to 9pm. Matthew has very kindly agreed to deal with the Zoom technicalities. All are very welcome to take part, and if you would like to, please let John Stevens know on [stevens@tuca.co.uk](mailto:stevens@tuca.co.uk) so that you can be sent the Zoom link details nearer the time. We hope that despite the fact it is being held via Zoom, it will still have the same supportive and convivial atmosphere.

## Welcomers for the Christmas Services at St Peter and St Paul's

With a huge thank you to those who have stepped forward to give their time to this, we are now only in need of additional welcomers for the Crib Service on the 24th December. Please let Sarah know if you might be able to help.

## Nativity Pebbles

These nativity pebbles will be hidden around St Peter and St Paul's Churchyard, bandstand and river area from the end of this week ready for the start of Advent. Another set has now been painted and hidden by Jeannie Campbell. Should you stumble across one please re-hide for others to find. Let's spread a little Christmas hope and joy ✨ Vickie Nye



## Parish Office

Sarah will work in the office on Mondays and from home for the remainder of the week. If you wish to speak to Sarah in person, please contact her first to check that she is in the office email [godalming.church.office@gmail.com](mailto:godalming.church.office@gmail.com) and then ensure that you observe social distancing requirements. Thank you.

## Christmas Services at St Peter and St Paul's



Our traditional Christmas services will go ahead at St Peter and St Paul's Church, and although we will be unable to have congregational carol singing there will still be music and all your favourite carols to enjoy! Due to the current restrictions on numbers (we have a maximum of 100 people who can be seated in church in a safe and secure, socially distanced environment), we ask that you let us know you are coming by reserving a free ticket using the links below:

### Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lessons-and-carols-by-candlelight-tickets-128861216367>

### Joint Parish Midnight Eucharist

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/midnight-eucharist-at-st-peter-and-st-pauls-church-godalming-tickets-129473854785>

### Christmas Day Eucharist

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-day-service-at-st-peter-and-st-pauls-church-godalming-tickets-129472151691>

**The above services will also be available via Zoom.**

**Crib Service 2** - Due to a high demand for tickets, the service on the 24th is now sold out. We will therefore be holding another service on the **23rd December** at 4pm for which tickets are already going fast! The Eventbrite link for tickets for this service are available from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crib-service-st-peter-and-st-pauls-church-godalming-tickets-129469315207>



## **First Sunday of Christmas - 27th December**

The Diocese will be offering a special online service via YouTube on Sunday 27th December, for everyone to be able to share in from the security of their own home. Our PCC have passed a resolution agreeing not to hold services in either of our churches that Sunday, and the link details for the Diocesan Service will be included in next week's Weekly News Sheet.

## **Advent Bible Study, Parish Wide on Zoom**

These began on Tuesday 24th November from 1pm to 2pm, looking at the themes of 'Peace, Hope, Joy and Love'. Please contact Sheila for a Zoom link if you would like to take part.

### **St Mark's December Services**



### **13th December 10am Holy Communion Service**

A Service of the Word with Reverend Margot Spencer  
from Busbridge and Hambledon, preaching on 'Comfort and Joy'

### **20th December 10am Service of the Word**

'Comfort and Joy' theme

**5pm** Carols by Candlelight in Church

or Carols by the tree

### **24th December 3.30pm Crib Service in Church**

**4.30pm** Crib Service in Studio

If you wish to attend either of these services,  
please order a ticket via the following Eventbrite link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crib-service-tickets-130321118975>

### **25th December 10am Christmas Day Holy Communion**

## **St Mark's Christmas Raffle**

Proceeds will be going towards the Centre and The Breakfast Club, 50p per ticket or 5 for £2, please contact Karen if you would like to purchase tickets at [stmarkscentre@googlemail.com](mailto:stmarkscentre@googlemail.com)



## **Are you a survivor or victim of church related abuse? Could you help the Diocese of Guildford to learn from the past and protect the future?**



The Diocese of Guildford is currently reviewing all its records, across all 162 parishes, to ensure that all safeguarding concerns and allegations have been identified, reported, and appropriately actioned. Critical to this, is the voice of survivors and victims. The Diocese of Guildford wants to listen to and to learn from your experiences and ensure that your voices are heard throughout this review process.

### **Coming forward**

Anybody who would like to give information or make disclosures about church-related abuse is asked to contact Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Jackie Broadfoot (email [jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk) or 07918 559387).

### **Support is available**

The Diocese recognises that coming forward may be extremely difficult and dedicated support has been set up for you. Two confidential listening services have been set up, for those people who have experienced church related abuse but who might want to talk through their experiences and feelings before taking any next step. To find out more about the support available please visit [https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/safeguarding/past-cases-review-2-\(pcr2\)](https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/safeguarding/past-cases-review-2-(pcr2))

### **Building the safest community we can**

Bishop Andrew, Diocesan Bishop for the Diocese of Guildford, explains why we are doing this: "It is important we do everything we can to make our churches the safest places they can be. Safe means different things to different people but this review will help us to ensure that the concerns reported to our churches have been dealt with properly, and the care taken and the support given is of the high quality that people rightly deserve. We have learnt from a previous review that that survivors and victims' voices are critical, and I would urge you to come forward.

## **Boiler Loan Repayment**

A big thank you to all who have donated to the heating fund. To date, your red envelope donations, along with proceeds from fundraising events, have covered our quarterly loan repayments to the Diocese. With fundraising events and the red envelope scheme on hold during lockdown, we would be very grateful for donations:

Direct bank transfer to 'Parish of St Peter and St Paul Godalming'

Cafbank sort code 405240

Account number 00015455

Please reference the heating fund.

Cheques, made payable to Godalming PCC, can be sent c/o The Treasurer, 4 Huxley Close, Godalming, Surrey GU7 2AS. Please email Matthew Greenfield [mccgreenfield@googlemail.com](mailto:mccgreenfield@googlemail.com) our Gift Aid Officer, if you are a UK taxpayer so that we can claim back an extra 25p for every £1 donated.

## **Other Giving**

Regular donations are most easily set up through the Parish Giving Scheme (this is also the least onerous method for us to administer). Further information, or to be sent a form, please email or call Sarah in the office.

<https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/for-donors/>



During lockdown, more of us are shopping online than ever. There is a simple way to raise extra funds for the church every time you do, using Easy Fundraising. Follow this link to find out more:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stspeterpaulpc/>

## **Online Giving**

For those who prefer to give individual rather than regular donations, we now have a new way to donate by credit or debit card via our website at

<https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/donations/>



When we give of ourselves, financially as well as through the use of our God-given gifts and talents, we are demonstrating generosity in our daily lives. Thank you for your generosity in giving to the church, this enables us all to continue seek to express the unconditional love of Christ to all those we meet.

### **The Cellar Café**

The Cellar Café is a café in the centre of Godalming which is open to everyone, with the principle objective of providing a caring and friendly meeting place for disadvantaged and vulnerable people in the community. The Café has reopened in its new home in the old staff café within the Waverley Borough Council complex (the entrance is opposite Waitrose in Bridge Street and it is located in the walkway opposite, between there and the rear entrance of the Council offices - it is between the CAB and the Town Council offices). The Café is rebranding its identity after 41 years and will be called 'Cellar Camino Café' where the 'Community Fridge' will also be housed.

**Churches Together in Godalming** will not be able to run their usual Christmas lunch this year, but there may be many people who are on their own with families unable to visit them. We are hoping to put together a list of volunteers who would visit anyone on their own on Christmas Day, with a small gift and card. We would go in pairs and not enter people's houses. If anyone would like to volunteer to join us, please contact Gillian Martin email [martin2ls@btinternet.com](mailto:martin2ls@btinternet.com) or if you or anyone else would like a visit, please contact Gwen Wheatman email [gwenwheatman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gwenwheatman@hotmail.co.uk). For further information, please speak to Sarah Higgins.

### **Community Angels**

Established in 2017 and run by Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy, Community Angels is a befriending project. Our trained volunteers support those who are experiencing loneliness, by offering face-to-face, or telephone, befriending. We support clients who are experiencing isolation for all sorts of reasons, including:

- Mental illness
- Disability

- Physical illness
- Pressures of caring
- Loss of confidence
- Complex family circumstances
- Domestic abuse
- Bereavement
- Facing life changes
- Resettlement, for example, refugees

Support is personalised, the need can be as simple as having someone to talk to, it can involve trying out a new activity or building confidence in connecting with others in a wide range of settings. Many of our clients are experiencing a complex mix of needs and they benefit from the caring, listening, and supportive contact of a Community Angel. Most individuals are supported weekly, for a period of up to 6 months.

We have an on-going need for new volunteers to join our team, who are keen to be equipped to help transform the lives of individuals who feel they have no one to turn to.

Do you:

- Have an hour or two to spare each week?
- Enjoy listening to people?
- Have a non-judgemental attitude?
- Enjoy building relationships?
- Enjoy empowering people?

We provide initial training, ongoing support and networking opportunities to learn from other volunteers. A DBS check is required. We consider your availability, experience and personality when matching you for support.

If you would like to join us, or find out more, please call us on 07825 977309 for a chat. We would love to hear from you.

### **Acorn Christian Healing Mission**

Acorn Christian Healing Mission is now live streaming their regular events, which you can join live or on catch-up. Head over to their YouTube channel and click 'Subscribe'. By doing this you will be notified by email each time Acorn starts a live event



along with how to tune in and be a part of it. Don't worry if you miss the live stream, you can watch it again at a time that suits you via their channel.

**Prayer Requests** contact [info@acornchristian.org](mailto:info@acornchristian.org) or Twitter [@acornchristian](https://twitter.com/acornchristian). The prayer team are given the names of those who you ask them to pray for, and pray daily. The names are then also read out at the weekly Healing Service, and those “attending” are invited to join in the prayers.

**Live@11 on Tuesdays** Services of Healing on YouTube and then available afterwards.

**15-minute Coffee Pods** There is also a series of regular 15-minute Coffee Pods [catch-ups available] exploring big questions on Christian Healing. These have become very popular, and people tune in from all over the world. You can find them through the Acorn Healing website on [www.acornchristian.org](http://www.acornchristian.org)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/acorn-christian-foundation-9805739032> for links to 2021 events.

Live @11 Christmas Service: 'Found'  
22nd December at 11am

Monthly School of Healing (Digital Event)  
2nd January, 6th February £24

Acorn Effective Listening Practice (Digital Event)  
Tuesdays 6th January, 9th February, 10am £40

Grief & Loss: A Journey of Hope in Unprecedented Times (Digital Event)  
Friday 22nd January £45

Mind Matters: to God (Digital Event) Friday 26th February £45

Acorn Professional Volunteer Listening (Digital Event)  
Monday 22nd March 10am £80

Finding a New Vocabulary in Prayer (Digital Event)  
Friday 23rd April 10am £45

Check website for times, dates and more information: [www.acornchristian.org](http://www.acornchristian.org)

## **Foodbank**

Your donations are important and any items you wish to donate should be taken to St Mark's Church. If you wish to donate to the Foodbank by bank transfer, please contact Karen our Community Centre Co-ordinator on email [stmarkscentre@googlemail.com](mailto:stmarkscentre@googlemail.com)



who will provide bank details. If you would prefer to make a donation by cheque, please make it payable to 'St Mark's Community Centre.' The website has now been updated, so for information on current needs contact them at <https://www.parishofgodalming.org.uk/our-church-of-st-marks/food-bank/>

## **Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust Audiology services during COVID-19**

Email [rsc-tr.Audiology@nhs.net](mailto:rsc-tr.Audiology@nhs.net) Telephone 04183 464108

**Hearing Aid Batteries:** If you need hearing aid batteries or replacement tubes please contact the department and they will send them by first class post. Make sure you include the following information in your message:

Name, address, date of birth and type of batteries/tubes

Hearing aid batteries cannot be collected from the hospital, so please do not come to the hospital unless you have an appointment.

### **Hearing Aid Repairs:**

**Postal repairs** - you can post your aids to be repaired and they will be returned by post. It may take up to 2 weeks and if it has been over 2 weeks you will need to contact the department.

**Booked repair appointment** - You can book a repair appointment and current waiting time is between 2-3 weeks

**Walk in Repair Clinic and Drop Off service are NOT running.**

### **Lost Hearing Aids:**

If you have lost one or both of your hearing aids please email the department and they can let you know if replacements can be posted or if you need to be booked in for an appointment.

**If anyone needs help, please contact Derek Randell - 01483 428240.**

## **Rotary Godalming Job Club**

Rotary in Godalming are setting up a job club for anyone who finds themselves made redundant or without work due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The present circumstances can make a job search especially challenging. So, it is even more important that you do yourself full justice when applying!

Our trained volunteer facilitators come from many different professional and business backgrounds and experience. But they share the same purpose - to help you succeed in finding a job that is right for you.

We cannot promise the outcome, of course, but gladly offer, free of charge, independent, practical guidance and support on:

- Understanding your strengths
- Setting yourself a goal and making a plan
- Where to look for jobs
- Filling in an application form
- Creating your C.V. and preparing the right covering letter
- Getting ready for an interview
- Building your confidence
- Coping with rejection
- Staying motivated

If you are interested please contact us at: [rotaryjobclub@godalming-tc.gov.uk](mailto:rotaryjobclub@godalming-tc.gov.uk)  
or website: <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1451>

