



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

Part of the Farncombe and Godalming Ecumenical Group Ministry

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 10th January 2021

The Baptism of Christ



The Collect for the Baptism of Christ:

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan You revealed Jesus as Your Son:
may we recognize Him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be Your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Lectionary readings for this week
10th January - 16th January

Sunday Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Monday Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 97:1-2, 6-10; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8; Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday Hebrews 2:14-end; Psalm 105:1-9; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95:1, 8-end; Mark 1:40-end

Friday Hebrews 1:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3-8; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday Hebrews 4:12-end; Psalm 19:7-end; Mark 2:13-17

Janet and Joseph Adams, Bob Arnold, Sylvia Boxall,



Christopher Chamberlain, Jean and Brian Cornwall, Steve Daniels,
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.

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St Peter and St Paul's Church is open and with St Mark's we are still here to support you

St Peter and St Paul's Church

To keep our congregation as safe as possible, whilst remaining in line with the current guidance, the following has been agreed:

We will continue to be open for Sunday morning worship for the next two Sundays (10th and 17th January) whilst also sharing the services on Zoom. Some parts of the services will be pre-recorded and shared during the service. The service on the 24th January will be the annual Churches Together Service which will be pre-recorded and only available online (link details to follow.) For safety compliance we will reduce our maximum numbers from 100 to 50 for any service in church, creating more space between pews and to further enlarge the space for our welcoming, test and trace and hand sanitiser station as people enter the church.

In view of a reduction in the number of stewards, and for safety concerns, the church will not now be able to offer weekly Private Prayer, or the Tuesday Holy Communion Service, for the foreseeable future.

We will review these arrangements at our next PCC meeting on Monday 25th January, and ensure everyone is kept aware of any decisions relating to church services or Private Prayer sessions.

All worship services will be also available via Zoom so if you would prefer to join the services from home rather than come to church in person, please contact Matthew at mcgreenfield@googlemail.com for service link details.

St Mark's

We will be meeting on Zoom and will be beginning a series of sermons based upon 'Creating a culture of invitation'. Each week the reading and sermon will reflect the call on all of us as Christians to share the love of God in words and actions with those we know. Our reading for this Sunday is Ephesians 3.14-21 and we'll be focusing upon praying for friends. Sundays 17th January - Living a life that shines, 24th January - Online Churches Together Service and 31st January - Journeying. For service link details or for more information please email Sheila at curate.godalming@gmail.com.

If you do decide to come and worship in St Peter and St Paul's on a Sunday, it is now of vital importance that we all work keep us all protected and safe from the virus whilst in church, we ask that you follow these recommendations.

- When entering the church, please ensure that you are wearing a face covering and that you have sanitised your hands on entering the church.
- Please ensure that your name has been added to our contact and trace list, before making your way straight to your seat.
- 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.

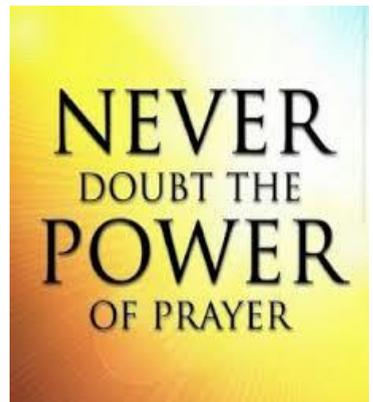
Parish Administrator

Sarah will now be working from home until the current lockdown restrictions come to an end. Messages will be collected from the Parish answerphone on a Monday when she will also check the church. If you wish to contact Sarah with a question, query or just for a chat, please send an email to godalming.church.office@gmail.com. If you provide a telephone number, she will call you back.

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 2nd February**. Please contact Canon John for details.



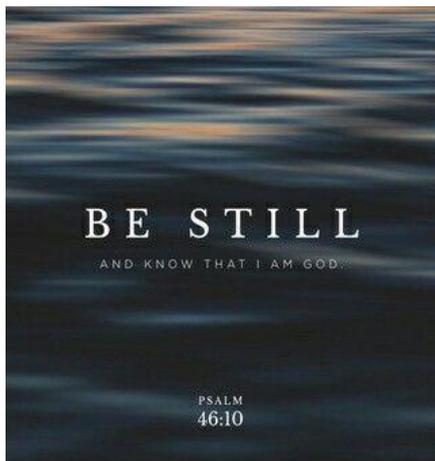
Zoom

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.

Tuesday Oasis

Jacky is arranging five Zoom sessions for the above, starting on Tuesday 19th January at 1pm. These will run weekly until Tuesday 16th February. They will be based on 'To Worship in Stillness' by Susan Sayers, a resource involving stillness, silence, music and reflection. These sessions are open to anyone. If you would like to join Jacky, please contact her and she will send you the link. Thank you.

Jacky Tickner, St Mark's.



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 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 who have experienced church related abuse but who might want to talk through their experiences before taking any next step. [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 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/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.

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 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

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

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

Acorn Effective Listening Practice (Digital Event)
Tuesday 9th February 10am £40

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

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 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.parihofgodalming.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 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
- Building your confidence
- Coping with rejection
- Staying motivated

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

Sincere grateful thanks to Matthew and Hannah for their beautiful singing,



and to John for his wonderful organ playing,



over the Christmas period.