

PRAYERS

At this special time of year, we think and pray for all those who are in need, who don't have loved ones with them, who are in pain or struggling with difficult problems. Dear Lord, please be with them and show us when to help, when to listen, when to speak, when to keep quiet and when to offer a hand of friendship

Heavenly father, may you wrap those who are unwell in Your love, keep them safe and cherished in your everlasting care and bless the hands of the medical teams that care for those we love. We particularly pray for **Nick Ward, Jennifer Morshead, Eileen and Peter Bennett, Sally Calvert, Nicky, Sandy, Beryl, Win, Clare, John Dendy, Peter Fairbrother, Spencer Thorpe, Claire Boothby, Margaret Dale, Eileen Steeden, Simon, Betty Mitchell, Mark Bromham, Richard Lake, Pat White and Paul Tucker.**

We particularly remember all those who have been recently bereaved at this time and offer our love and support to the families of **Filomena Edwards, Dennis Parkins, Maureen White, Jill Fairs, and Finley Relf** may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

The beautiful picture at the top of the previous page is an image created by Deborah an inmate of HMP Send and is the Bishop's Christmas card for this year. Here what Deborah says about her lovely picture:

"When I am painting, I get so engrossed in what I am doing that it releases me from the prison setting. Why did I choose this subject for the bishops' Christmas card? I had watched the Afghan refugee crisis evolve and was trying to imagine the horror of what the mothers and their families were experiencing. So, I wanted to make my painting capture Peace, Hope and Love. Hope is the halo; Love the mother looking down at her baby; and Peace that she has found hope in a new destination and escaped the war around her"

We wish you all a peaceful and happy New year and look forward to welcoming you in church on Sunday 2 January. If you would rather watch services online the Church of England broadcasts a service every Sunday which can be found via their website here: https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/advent-and-christmas-services?mc_cid=6520732f32&mc_eid=51b5011308

Recycling your stamps: Don't forget that all the stamps you have received on your Christmas cards can be recycled at our churches, where they will be sent to the RNIB who sell them on for additional funds for their talking books and periodicals service. One request: please trim them to a maximum of 1cm margin round each stamp.

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

Sunday 26 December 2021

First Sunday of Christmas

Welcome to your church

Due to the current rise in Covid infections no refreshments will be served after services

Sunday 26 December

First Sunday of Christmas – Boxing Day

9.30am Matins Ockley

9.30am Holy communion Capel

This service will be taken by Revd Jo Elvidge

Sunday 2 January Second Sunday of Christmas

9.30am Matins Ockley

10.30am Family Communion Capel

Sunday 9 January First Sunday after Epiphany

9.30am Holy communion CW Ockley

10.30am Café Church Capel church

'She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'

Matthew 1:21

Please observe the following guidelines whilst in church:

At both churches: The wearing of masks inside places of worship is now mandatory unless you are exempt. Congregations are requested to keep masks on whilst singing.

Please tell us if you would prefer to be seated in a socially distanced area. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Hand sanitiser will be available for use by the entrance door.

Holy communion is now available in both bread and the wine. Consecrated wine will be served in individual glasses whilst we are still at risk from the pandemic.

At Capel: One of the hymns (usually the 3rd) will be designated as an offertory hymn. The bag will be passed round by the sidesperson but should not be handled by others.

At Ockley: The collection plate will be on the table at the back of the church for donations.

