

We continue to pray for a lasting peace in your Holy Land and for the many who have lost their lives and for those who are left bereaved. We pray that there will be a lasting ceasefire and that more hostages will be released and humanitarian aid will increase. Gracious God strengthen and heal through the power of the Holy Spirit all who are sick and suffer today. In our own community we pray for Jennifer, Sally, Nicky, Simon, Eddie, Mark, Peter, Tessa, Judy, Doreen, Dan, Claire, Sandy, Sharon, Nick, Bill, Charlie, Mike, Chris, Margaret, Pete and Shirley. We also pray for all those who have asked for prayers on our prayer board. We pray for those who are bereaved remembering the family and friends of James Brant and Patricia Hewson who died recently.

New Archdeacon of Surrey appointed - Bishop Andrew has announced that Revd Canon Catharine Mabuza will be the next Archdeacon of Surrey. Catharine currently is serving as Vicar of Warfield in Berkshire and will take up her new role as one of the most senior clergy in Guildford Diocese in March 24.

PCC Net Zero Statement

Following the lead of the central Church of England, the PCC of Capel and Ockley has adopted a Net Zero Carbon statement in their meeting of 8 November. PCC members and members of the congregation (and the wider community!) can hold their life and work against the light of this statement: **'The Parish of Capel and Ockley, Church of England, is committed to reaching Net Zero Carbon by 2030. To achieve this requires action by all parts of our Church. The priority is to reduce the emissions arising from the energy use of our buildings, our transport and the activities we run as a church.'** In recent years, even before thinking about the 2030 deadline, our churches have come a long way: Both St John the Baptist and St Margaret's are registered ECO churches (www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk) with a bronze award, each looking for the best way to reach silver. Both churches have a new low-energy lighting system indoors and out and are on a green tariff for electricity. Lights are also automatically switched off when not in use. LOAF (Local, Organic, Animal-friendly, Fair trade) goods are on sale regularly in both churches and at all our events we strive to offer vegetarian options, organic coffee and tea and more.

Teas and LOAF in church

Last week's teas saw a record number of visitors. We are looking forward to welcoming many more for the last teas of the year next week, 10 December. Dineke will be there again with her stall, offering Fair trade, organic and other ethical stocking fillers and groceries. If you shop for the hampers she will give you a discount!

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

Sunday 3rd December 2023

ADVENT SUNDAY

Welcome to your Church!



Sunday 3rd December - Advent Sunday

9.30am	Matins	Ockley, St Margaret's
10.30	Family Communion	Capel, St John the Baptist
2-4pm	Capel Choral Society 'Carols and Cakes' in church	

Sunday 10th December - Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Holy Communion CW - Ockley	
10.30	Christmas Cafe Church - St John the Baptist, Capel.	
3pm	Church Teas and LOAF stall at Capel - the last teas of the year	
4pm	Christingle Service in the Ockley Cricket Pavilion	

Sunday 17th December - Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Parish Family Communion - Ockley	
6pm	Service of Lessons and Carols - Capel with mulled wine and mince pies	

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

9.30am	Parish Family Communion BCP - Ockley	
4pm	Crib Service - Capel	
11pm	Midnight Holy Communion - Capel	

Every Wednesday 9 - 12 Pavilion Café in Ockley, Cricket Pavilion

Turn us again, O God; show us the light of your countenance,
And we shall be saved.

Psalm 80