

God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine as well as those suffering in Afghanistan, Ukraine and other troubled places in our world.

At this Christmas time we pray for the peace of the Christ child to bring an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging world of rebuilding may begin. Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, Shirley, Michael, Dik and Francis. We also pray for all those who have asked for prayers on our prayer board. We pray for all who are bereaved and remember especially those for whom Christmas evokes pain and sadness. May they be especially touched by God's Holy Spirit and know His peace and joy now and in the year ahead.

Thank you to those who have decorated our parish churches so beautifully for Christmas. We are blessed by your creativity not just today but throughout the year by the wonderful flowers and decorations.

Christmas Message from Dorking Foodbank

Thank you to you all for your support over the last year. Whether you collect and donate - money or food - or refer clients to us, we are so grateful for all of your help this year. We are seeing massive demand for our services and for the first time in our 8 years, demand for food is far outstripping supply. Have a very peaceful and happy Christmas. We look forward to working with you again in 2024.

Capel Christmas Fair

The results are now in! Well done to Suzanne and her team for raising £1,421.61 for MNDA and £1,421 for our parish funds. Thank you to everyone who has helped to raise these wonderful amounts. We look forward to next year's fair!

PCC Net Zero 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.'

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

Monday 25th December 2023

CHRISTMAS DAY

Welcome to your Church
and we wish you a very
happy Christmas and a
happy New Year!



Monday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

10AM - Christmas Celebration Service - Capel
*Both churches together with Christmas quiz
as we welcome and worship the new born King!*

Sunday 31st December -

First Sunday of Christmas - New Year's Eve

9.30am - Parish Family Communion - Ockley

Sunday 7th January 2024 - The Epiphany

9.30am - Matins - Ockley

10.30am - Family Communion - Capel

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a
father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1.14