

God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are going out to those whose lives are being torn apart by grief in Israel, Palestine, Afghanistan, Ukraine and other troubled places.

We pray for the peace of the Christ child to bring an end to violence and suffering so that the challenging work of rebuilding can begin. Help us, O Lord, to build together for justice and peace.

Gracious God strengthen and heal through the power of the Holy Spirit the sick and suffering. We particularly pray for Jennifer, Sally, Nicky, Simon, Eddie, Charlie, Mark, Peter, Tessa, Judy, Doreen, Dan, Claire, Sandy, Sharon, Nick, Bill, Mike, Chris, Margaret, Pete, Shirley, Dik and Michael.

We pray for the Family and friends of Francis McFaul, who died shortly before Christmas.

Go tell it on the mountains!

Quite a few of us struggle getting to grips with new ways of communication, even trying to understand what is meant by 'social media', let alone using it in our own lives. The PCC has dabbled in this magical world with a FaceBook (FB) page called 'Capel and Ockley church'. We invite all who already use FB and those who feel they should but are wary, to join us for an informative session after the Parish service on 21 January.

The session will be grounded in the principle of 'In the land of the blind, one-eye is king'. Therefore we would also like to see some of you who have a bit more experience to chip in and add to what will be on offer.

The more people know about FB the more will be able to help spread news from our church community to the wider community: the internet way of telling it on the mountains.

Last but not least:

Rev Liz and the PCC wish you all a blessed 2024!

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

Sunday 31 December 2023

First Sunday of Christmas

Welcome to your church.



Today

09:30 Parish Worship, Matins Ockley, St Margaret's

Sunday 7 January The Epiphany

09:30 Matins Ockley, St Margaret's
10:30 Family Communion Capel, St John the Baptist

Sunday 14 January Second Sunday of Epiphany

09:30 Holy Communion Ockley, St Margaret's
10:30 Café Church St John the Baptist

Sunday 21 January Third Sunday of Epiphany

10:30 Parish Communion Capel, St John the Baptist
Followed by Facebook workshop

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

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

This sentence holds the salvation of humankind and an often-overlooked word is 'so'. Try this little exercise: whenever you encounter this very small word in scripture or communion liturgy, replace it with the phrase 'in such a way'. Nine out of ten times you will see the phrase take on a much deeper meaning than how you had ever read it before.

In case of changes to events in these notes, the latest information can be found on: www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar/