

This week's readings encourage us to ask questions of God and the way we live our lives, especially when we don't understand what God is asking of us. These are not the questions of the non believer or the sceptic, but the curiosity of believers. The questions of Abram and Paul arise when they're already on the journey of faith. Nicodemus and his people have faith, but its unclear how much they include Jesus in their vision of God's purposes. The readings suggest that faith always seeks greater understanding and that asking questions is integral to its development.

We pray for our world, with all its uncertainties about the future. We pray for scientists, thinkers and policy makers as they tackle the big issues of our times.

We pray for the Church, that we may offer to our world a sense of perspective showing our trust in the God who made us and who promises never to let us go.

We pray for the communities in which we live and work, for community leaders and for those who give their time in the service of others; that there may be peace among us.

We pray for those who are ill or in any kind of distress. May they find companions along the way, and relief from their suffering. We name before you Tessa, Nicky, Nick, George, Sally, Doreen, Joy, Shirley, Margaret, Chris, Paul, Pete, Hannah, Phil, Megan and Bishop Andrew. Bring them comfort and healing in their hour of need.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died, praying that we may, at our own appointed time, join them to share in eternal life in God's Kingdom.

Prayer vigil for Bishop Andrew at Guildford Cathedral

Several hundred people from all across the Diocese and beyond attended the prayer vigil and the Sung Evensong for Bishop Andrew and his family this last week. It was a very humbling occasion and Bishop Paul has since described it as a beautiful and moving display of love and support for our deeply valued diocesan bishop, knowing how much this prayer vigil meant to Bishop Andrew. We continue to keep him and his family in our prayers.

Dorking Foodbank have thanked us for our continued support and have told us what would be most needed for the week ahead: Jam, long life semi-skimmed milk, 1 litre long life fruit juice, pasta sauce, muesli bar multipacks and tinned meat.

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

Sunday 1st March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent



Welcome to your church!

Sunday 1st March - Second Sunday of Lent

9.30 Matins - Ockley

10.30 Family Communion - Capel

Tuesday 3rd March - Alpha

7pm 97 The Street Capel

Saturday 7th march - Parish Needs Process follow up day

10am Follow up day for our Parish Needs Process - Capel Church
-12pm

Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

9.30 Holy Communion CW - Ockley

10.30 The Sunday Session - Capel

Church for the curious, the questioning and the confused!

Tuesday 10th March - Alpha

7pm 97 The Street Capel

Wednesday 11th March - Lent Lunch

12-2 Home made soup, bread, cheese, fruit and cake - Capel Church
Donations to the Bishop of Guildford's Lent Appeal

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

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.'

John 3.16

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