

ST MARY'S OXTED and ST PETER'S TANDRIDGE

Knowing Christ | Growing Community | Renewing Our Heritage

7th February 2021

Gospel Reading this week – John 1.1-14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (v14)

During this national lockdown our main Sunday focus each week will be our Team Youtube service, available from 9.30am each Sunday. Look out for the link by email.

Our churches will be open for private prayer at the following times:

St Mary's

Sunday 9.30am – 11.30am

Wednesday 11am – 12pm

St Peter's

Sunday 11am – 12pm and 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Sundays at 4.30pm is Lockdown Café on Zoom – not a service, but a chance to see others and to enjoy fellowship and fun. Join in with a cup of tea and slice of cake! Same Zoom details each week:

Meeting ID: 818 1543 9068 Passcode: 667289 OR

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81815439068?pwd=YS9ZeWpRM2lqeEMyZjBza2dlZUJBUT09>

Prayer Breakfast – Saturday 6th February at 9.00am on Zoom – please join us to pray for our church, our community and the wider world. God hears our prayers!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84314337474?pwd=U08yTWVvSnJua1RSV21EeWRHSTgydz09> OR

Meeting ID: 843 1433 7474 Passcode: 217152

Pray for the nation at 6pm every day - COVID-19 has caused much suffering and sadness and many deaths. In response, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invite us to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm, starting on 1st February. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love.

A printable prayer booklet is available on our website: see 'What's On' - 'Private Prayer'.



Monday evenings at 8pm on Zoom – 'Four Gospels, One Jesus' – join Stu and James, and others as we enjoy looking at the Gospels, their different emphases and the aims of the Gospel writers. This Monday is John's gospel – why not read it in advance.

Zoom details will be the same each week: Meeting ID: 869 4450 8430 and Passcode: 827604

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86944508430?pwd=dkxCZXZvREJTSWxDTkIwVDVmQllrZz09>

Home groups – we have some regular ‘home’ groups, which are currently meeting on Zoom. If you would like the opportunity to stay connected in that way, then please speak with Mark or James.

Lent is a time for reflection, re-evaluation, a moment to turn away from the luxuries and distractions of daily life and face God. In doing so we face light, love and life’. #Live Lent challenges the Church to consider our care and honouring of God’s Creation and of our Neighbours across the world. CTOD offers a ‘Lent Course with a Difference’ due to COVID19 restrictions, as the Climate Change Conference is to be held in UK in 2021.

Hosted on Zoom, these small group discussions will be with people from various local churches. Please sign up on the list posted in church, the CTOD website or contact Wendy at CTOD: whotsanemail@gmail.com – or call 01883 722556 if you wish to receive online PDF copies for you or your family. Hard copy booklets are also available.



All are welcome to join us to pray from Monday to Thursday:

Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 820 0689 4969 Passcode: 714098 or
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82006894969?pwd=aNLS1VQV090SjcxdmhwWTFMZlhhdz09>
By phone, dial free 020 3695 0088 and use the same meeting ID and passcode

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 871 2209 6723 Passcode: 958471 or
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122096723?pwd=bXU4OFRidEhjT2dCRm9mdFB0a29Vdz09>
By phone, dial free 020 3695 0088 and use the above meeting ID and passcode.

Things to pray for and about:

- the roll out of the Covid vaccination
- families who have lost loved ones in recent times
- East Surrey Hospital, especially the ICU staff and Covid patients
- teachers, school staff, pupils and parents as learning continues in different and innovative ways
- those who suffering in any way, the lonely, those who lack hope
- for our churches, for renewed vision and purpose as we seek new ways to love and serve our communities.

The Bishop of Southwark’s Lent Call 2021 focuses on the work of food banks in our Diocese and food insecurity in places where as a Diocese, we have strong links: Zimbabwe and the Holy Land.



The theme is “...have compassion” from Mark 8. In this passage, Jesus looks on those gathered around him who have come to hear the Good News and realises that they have nothing to eat. The Disciples bring him the little food that the members of the crowd have and Jesus feeds all of them and there is food over. This familiar story reminds us that Jesus cares for people’s physical needs as well as their spiritual ones, as we should too. More details and ways to give next week.

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