

THE LEVELS ARC BENEFICE

In Vacancy from November 2020

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St John the Baptist
PITNEY

Holy Trinity
LONG SUTTON

St Peter & St Paul
MUCHELNEY

St Catherine
DRAYTON

THE LEVELS ARC SUNDAY NEWS

for Sunday 14th February 2021 : Sunday Next Before Lent

SERVICES TODAY

10.20am Morning Prayer on Zoom (phone connection also possible)

Bible Readings for Sunday 14 February 2021:

2 Kings 2.1-12

Psalm 50.1-6

Mark 9.2-9

The Collect for Sunday 14 February 2021:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ZOOM DETAILS for Sunday 14th February 2021 opening at 10am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88375604447?pwd=YU5PVXcwaVBySUpScWRHOTRLK0h4Zz09>

Meeting ID: **883 7560 4447**

Passcode: **881015**

Reserve Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84160102222?pwd=RjVpbmtCVG1maTBIRjdKd3V3T2QvZz09>

Meeting ID: **841 6010 2222**

Passcode: **222331**

To join by TELEPHONE Dial 0131 460 1196 or 0203 051 2874 from 10am.

Follow the directions you are given. You will need the meeting ID followed by # and password followed by#. You use your keypad to input the numbers. Calls are charged at national rates (you are calling Edinburgh or London)

Webpages – each of our benefice churches shares its news and activities on the national website, achurchnearyou.com – have a look and see what is happening near you!

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11005 for St John's, Pitney

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11003 for Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11004 for St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10995 for St Catherine's, Drayton

PRAYERS – each month we will be choosing FIVE areas to focus our prayers; a HANDFUL OF PRAYERS each month! Please send any prayer requests for next month to a churchwarden.



Our Prayer Handful for February:

- 1.The NHS
- 2.Care homes – residents & workers
- 3.Retired clergy
- 4.Victims of Covid-19
5. The challenges of home schooling

As the total of deaths relating to Covid-19 exceeds 100,000, the CoE invites all Christians to dedicate the month of February to prayer every night at 6pm :

Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.

Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

A VACANCY PRAYER :

God our Father, help us to put our trust in you to send your chosen person to lead us on to where you would have us to be. Amen

The Week Ahead

EVERY DAY – Daily Hope; a free phone line of hymns & prayers! a CoE initiative in partnership with Connections at Holy Trinity Claygate & Faith in Later Life

ASH WEDNESDAY 17th February

10am Service for Ash Wednesday with ashing with Revd Wendy Griffiths on ZOOM



ZOOM DETAILS:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82503725607?pwd=dkhKcUpzbVA2OFFMOWd3Q2dkTVY3QT09>

Meeting ID: **825 0372 5607**

Passcode: **898369**

6.30pm Evening Prayer for Ash Wednesday with Area Dean, Revd Bruce Faulkner on ZOOM

ZOOM DETAILS:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88168123884?pwd=cHFZOEfmaU9TekxBWdDiRzJ2ekx2QT09>

Meeting ID: **881 6812 3884**

Passcode: **015898**

By phone only – dial either 0044 203 051 2874 UK or 0044 203 481 5237 UK

The liturgy will be shared on screen for Zoom users but if you are joining by phone, please contact your churchwarden to receive a copy of the liturgy

CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:

Holy Trinity, Long Sutton - Sundays and Wednesdays from 12noon to 4pm

St John's, Pitney – Mondays and Thursdays 10am to 12noon

St Catherine's, Drayton – Sundays and Wednesdays 9.30am to 3.30pm

Please remember that you must wear a face covering, use the hand sanitiser and refrain from touching anything unnecessary!

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 21st February – Lent 1

10.20am Morning Prayer on Zoom

NOTICES

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 17th February this year. Your ministry team will be holding a Lent Course online via ZOOM every Wednesday evening in Lent. Please let a churchwarden know if you are interested. Paper copies will be available – please ask! More details to come....

GETTING IN TOUCH... Please note that during the current restrictions Sarah, our Benefice Administrator, is working from home on the restricted hours of Thursdays, 9am – 12pm when she will be able to take telephone enquiries and answer emails. Please use the new mobile number, 07597 723795. If Sarah is not available, please leave a message or send her an email on thelevelsarc@gmail.com. Alternatively, please contact your churchwarden



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Pitney was to host the World Day of Prayer this year on the first Friday in March. Unfortunately, because of the current lockdown and suspension of services in the Levels Arc Benefice, we cannot host it in March. It is now our intention to hold it on 18th June when we shall be thinking about and praying for the people of Vanuatu. However the World Day of Prayer will still be observed on 4th March through a recorded video available through YouTube and social media if you would like to watch it then (www.wwdp.org.uk). If you would like a copy of the service to follow please contact me on 01458 274263 or p.jones969@btinternet.com and then please retain the service sheet for our own service in June.

Friday 12th March – Please mark your calendars for another evening with Graham Stoddart-Stones who will be hoping to enliven our lives with another presentation on behalf of Holy Trinity Church. For a mere £5 (please email gcstones52@gmail.com for Zoom invitation and payment details), you will be able to hear about "The World Game", played for decades around the world to see what people really want for themselves, their families, their countries and the planet. Have your wine and cheese ready for the Zoom session at 7.30pm.

Inspiration on our Webpages – on 24th January, Sarah invited church members to create an inspiring digital church for our neighbours. Ideas received so far include a monthly Prayer Page, a midweek Service of Morning Prayer on Zoom and the offer of a professional & confidential listening ear. If you have additional suggestions or a helpful opinion, please contact either Sarah or another churchwarden. Let's allow our church to reach out into our villages and further afield too!

Talk in Confidence – our world has been turned upside down and we live under peculiar restrictions. Our God gives us hope but if your world is surrounding you in darkness, we invite you to talk in confidence with retired priest, Wendy Griffith on 01458 241 771, experienced counsellor for FCN and others.

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