

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021 : First Sunday Of Lent

**SERVICES TODAY : 10.20am Morning Prayer on Zoom**

(phone connection also possible – all information on separate Order of Service document)

**Webpages** – each of our benefice churches shares its news and activities on the national website, [achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com) – have a look and see what is happening near you!

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11005](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11005) for St John's, Pitney

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11003](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11003) for Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11004](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11004) for St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10995](http://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



**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 from the Covid virus, 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

### 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!*

### CHURCHWARDENS for The Levels Arc Benefice

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## 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



## NOTICES

**LENT 2021** – our strange world continues and it is impossible to gather in person to study together and although the internet makes so many things we miss possible, it is not an easy platform for leading and sharing. So this year, your ministry team invite you to set an alarm each day, find a comfy chair, light a candle and dedicate 10mins to be with God, to let your soul rest, to let your spirit fly. If you can, we particularly recommend the CoE app, #LiveLent.



Throughout the season of Lent each day it has a 5min audio talk, a Bible reading, a prayer and something to think about focussing on our journey with God, how it began, the highs, the lows, those who have walked with us and where we are now. As Lent ends in April and we hope to join together in our church buildings again, we pray that we will then have a chance to share together our journey through Lent this year. May God be with us all!

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story> to download the app or subscribe to the emails

**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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> March through a recorded video available through YouTube and social media if you would like to watch it then ([www.wwdp.org.uk](http://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](mailto:p.jones969@btinternet.com) and then please retain the service sheet for our own service in June.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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.