

Sunday 21st January

It's so cold. This is a sentence many of us have said repeatedly over the last couple of days.

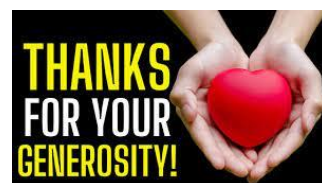


The sudden drop in temperature had been felt by us all. It was nerve-wracking to drop Leon (our PAIS Apprentice) off at the Train Station on Monday just before 6 am! I felt so cold, and I can only imagine how cold he must have been on Monday and throughout his training in South Yorkshire! He will long for warmth and sunshine when he gets back! The week has been difficult for

many of us with roofs over our heads; I can only imagine what it has been like for those who are homeless, refugees or those in war zones in Gaza, Yemen, Ukraine and other places that experienced the cold snap. Please join me in praying and supporting the work of our mission partner, Rentstart, and other agencies that work to relieve suffering.

Last Sunday was challenging but also "glorious" as we could say farewell to Revd Phil as he moved to his new parish in Effingham and Little Bookham. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

In the last few days, I have reflected on God's abundant generosity. It is through his generosity that the Cross of Christ saves us. It is through his generous spirit that our sins are forgiven, and through his divine provision and generosity, we have all that we have. God's generosity is limitless, and I am also grateful for the generosity of His people, most notably those who give their time, skills, energy and money to support His work here in Oatlands. Thank you to everyone who, in various ways, continues to contribute to the work of our church. May you know His abundant blessings on you and your household.



Amen. This Sunday, we will meet at 8 and 10 am. There will be facilities for younger children during the 10 am Service. We will also meet at 4 pm for a Family Praise Service, which Hot Tea will follow in the Hall. Please come and invite friends. We will also meet on Wednesday at 10.30 am. There is also a Churches Together in Weybridge Service at Saint James' Church on Sunday at 2.30. It will be an opportunity to worship, pray together, and hear about what is happening in our various churches. I hope you can come.

I wish you a fantastic week and always remember that God loves you more than you can imagine.

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This Week's Bible Readings: Gen 14: 17-20, Rev 19: 6-10 & John 2: 1-11.

Our Prayers this week: We pray especially for the people of the Middle East, Morocco and Libya, for all those who have lost friends, families and livelihoods as a result of war, earthquake and flooding. We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, Sudan, and many other places. For all refugees and displaced people and all who welcome and support them.

Families, individuals and businesses are suffering from the impact of the increased cost of living. **Please remember our Mission Partner:** The Bible Society.

We pray for the sick in our parish especially remembering all who suffer from mental ill health and are victims of abuse and discrimination. **From the Diocesan Calendar of Prayer: CofE Calendar:** Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304. **Anglican Diocese:** The Church of South India (United). **Anglican Church:** Parish Christ Church, Shamley Green. **Incumbent:** Sally Davies. **Other clergy:** Gussie Walsh (PTO). **School:** Longacre School; Womersley & Shamley Green CofE Primary School. **Prayer requests:** Bless our work with children and families at Messy Church and Little Stars (midweek baby and toddler group); support and engaging with our many village community groups; wisdom in engaging with our School Trust. **We Remember the Recently Departed:** Christine Incedon and David Basham. **From the Memorial Book at their year's mind:** Marion Sims, Drene Tanner, Jennifer Evans, Geraldine Reacher, Henrietta Balding, Alan Vickery, Evelyn Baker, Peter Rowe, Sybil White, May Day, Anne Shepherd, Peter Atkinson, Dora Fairhead, Graham Cole, Kenneth Maidment, Arthur Howard and John Archer.

Activities and Events at St Mary Oatlands

Churches Together in Weybridge Service at St James' Church, Weybridge. Sunday 21st Jan 2.30pm An opportunity to worship, pray together, and hear about what is happening in our various churches. Join us if you can.

New!!! 'Activation Youth' Term time Fri evenings in St Mary Oatlands Church Hall. School Yr 8-10 aged children 17.30-19.30 & School Yr 11-13 aged children 19.30-21.30. Free of charge. No regular sign up required, just turn up, play games, talk, have fun and make friends. Tuck shop. Tell someone about it! For more details contact Leon 07881 786309 thepaislad@gmail.com

Meeting Point 'A lunch club for the young at heart'. Wed Jan 24 12.30-2.30pm with a light lunch. Contact Jane R 01932 849510 for more details.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Event Tuesday 13th Feb in the church hall. 3.30-5.30pm. £2 per person. All welcome.

Ash Wednesday 14th Feb 10.30am Holy Communion & 8pm Holy Communion with imposition of ashes.

Lenten Retreat Sat 17th Feb 10am-4pm Led by Revd Folli, exploring themes such as Temptations, Annunciation, God's Love and Patience, Pain and Suffering, Christ's Crucifixion, Forgiveness, and Resurrection. Opportunity for Prayer, Ministry, Reflection and Worship. The Abbey Retreat House, Chertsey. £10 (incl lunch). Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Holy Week and Easter services. Please collect a flyer from the back of the church.

Palm Sunday 24th March. 8am & 10am Holy Communion.

Maundy Thursday 28th March 7.30pm Agape Supper in Church hall. 8pm Holy Communion service with foot washing.

Good Friday 29th March 1-3pm Music & Readings for Good Friday.

2.30-4pm Free Children's Good Friday Craft Afternoon in the Church Octagon room.

Easter Sunday 31st March 8am & 10am Holy Communion. **8.30-9.30am** Parish Breakfast.

We do an excellent hot breakfast! Everyone is welcome for breakfast and fellowship.

Please use the sign up sheet at the back of the Church. If you can offer help with the breakfast do please contact the Parish Office.