

DIARY

Notices

Friday 16th October, 7:30pm
Quiz Night

Monday 19th October
2pm and 3pm
Tea and Chat

Wednesday 21st October, 2pm
Film Afternoon

7:30pm Thursday 22nd October
Church of the Good Shepherd
Annual Meeting.

To sign up to be on the electoral
roll see the application forms in
the annexe



**Want to be part of the
Borough Green Village
Advent Calendar?**

We are looking for at least 24
households to help us celebrate the
run-up to Christmas together. Each
household will produce a Christmas
related display in their front window
or garden and keep it hidden until
their day. Then when it's time to
open their 'door' on the calendar the
display is revealed for all to see.

We'll produce a guide showing
where each day's 'door' will be for
those who want to tour the village
and see them all.

Interested in taking part? Contact
Chris (01732) 882447



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
BOROUGH GREEN
1906—2020



Vicar Revd. Chris Turner 882447 vicar.cogs@gmail.com (Not available Tuesdays)
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19th Sunday after Trinity — 18th October 2020

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Communion - Sunday 18th October 10:00am in church
**Spaces are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions
so please book**

This service can also be joined via Zoom
See our Church Near You page for details

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16920/> .

The Collect

O God, forasmuch as without
you we are not able to please
you; mercifully grant that your
Holy Spirit may in all things
direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever.

Prayer after communion

Holy and blessed God, you
have fed us with the body and
blood of your Son and filled us
with your Holy Spirit: may we
honour you, not only with our
lips but in lives dedicated to
the service of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

If you would like to support our work in the community you can now donate by text
Text COGSGIVING 5 to 70085 to donate £5

Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about
our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to
receive marketing communications, text COGSGIVINGNOINFO 5 to 70085.

IN OUR PRAYERS *Please remember those who are ill or in special need at this time:*
Judi Couldrey, Pat Head, Victoria Sharp, Jackie Billitch, Shirley Bowman, Celia Smith,
Alan Soames, Phyllis Hodge, Gillian Aitkenhead, Barry Corbishley, Gill Russell,
Pam Jones, Gary Sulivan

RIP: Peter Castle, David Pinnell, Nancy Nutton

For changes or additions to the pew sheet please email: vicar.cogs@gmail.com

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45.1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Psalms 96:1-13

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name; tell out his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations

and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are but idols; it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him; power and splendour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king. He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them; let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.

For he comes, he comes to judge the earth; with righteousness he will judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING

I Thessalonians 1.1-10

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living

and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22.15-22

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.