

The Church of the Good Shepherd is now open each day for individual private prayer,

We would ask **all our visitors** to follow the government's guidance for social distancing, hygiene and isolation. Remember to stay safe.

God bless

Rev. Chris Turner (01732) 882447

There is an online Remembrance Sunday service at 9am, Sunday 8th Nov—Led from the Royal Military Chapel by Rev John Vincent CF, the service honours those who gave their lives for the peace of our nation. —watch online here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

4pm Sunday 15th November

All Souls Service

a service in remembrance of those we love but see no longer. Please pass names of those you would like remembered to Chris Turner.

This service will now be held online as we are unable to meet in the church.



Happy Birthday

Alan Currie and Ian Simpson



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. Interested in taking part? Contact Chris (01732) 882447



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN 1906—2020



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Remembrance Sunday —8th November 2020

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Online Remembrance Service - Sunday 8th November 10:30am
While we are physically apart we come together in spirit to celebrate God's gracious gifts to us in bread and wine. For more information, to join in with us and to find the order of service, use the web address below

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

The Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Prayer after communion

God, the source of all holiness and God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

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 Sullivan, Brenda Hewson, Linda Valance
RIP: Peter Castle, Nancy Nutton

FIRST READING

Amos 5.18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70

O God, make speed to save me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; let

them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.

Let those who mock and deride me turn back because of their shame.

But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord.'

As for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

SECOND READING

I Thessalonians 4.13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the

sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25.1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil

with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

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