

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

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.

Details can be found here:

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



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

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

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



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN

1906—2020



Vicar Revd. Chris Turner 882447 vicar.cogs@gmail.com (Not available Tuesdays)

Church Wardens: Dominick Pearce 490116; Julie Sweeting 885437

Lay Minister Elaine Almond 886440 **Reader** Chris Almond 886440

PCC Secretary Sally Metcalf 845549 **Treasurer** Mark Sweeting 885437

Parish Safeguarding Officers: Carole Simpson 883073, Chris Atkins 366615

2nd Sunday before Advent — 15th November 2020

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Online Communion Service - Sunday 15th 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/service-and-events/events-regular/>

The Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer after communion

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90.1-8, 12

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.'

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.

You have set our misdeeds before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING

I Thessalonians 5.1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness,

for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you

handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."