

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 and wear a face covering.

We are also open for communal worship, but please
remember you **must not “interact with anyone
outside your household or social bubble”**

Remember to stay safe and keep each other safe.

God bless

Rev. Chris Turner (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: Rosina Petrucci

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



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN 1906—2020



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1st Sunday of Christmas — 27th December 2020

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Communion - 27th December 2020 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

Almighty God, who wonderfully
created us in your own image and
yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ: grant
that, as he came to share in our
humanity, so we may share the life
of his divinity; who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Prayer after communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son
shared at Nazareth the life of an
earthly home: help your Church to
live as one family, united in love and
obedience, and bring us all at last to
our home in heaven; through 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

Isaiah 61.10-62.3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm 148

Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise

him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created.

He made them fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and women, old and young together; let them praise the name of the Lord.

For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven.

He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4.4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So .

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2.15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.'

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

