Loving God, at the start of Lent, help us as we explore what it means to survive and thrive, even in the difficult times. Thank you that you go before us and show us the way. We pray for those who are ill, sad, or in particular need. May they find healing and peace. We bring before you: Kim, Jennifer, Philomena, Nicky, Tessa, Nick, George, Sally, and Doreen. Remembering Patricia White who sadly died following an accident, we pray for all who are recently bereaved and pray for those in our own church family mourning the loss of much loved parents.... especially Suzanne, Stuart and family, Sarah, Craig and family, Jo, Andy and family. Please help each to know that their loved one now rests in God's love and that they are at peace.

Lent Soup Lunch and Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund

During this time of Lent we are holding three soup lunches, the first one is this coming Thursday 13th March at Capel Church. Donations will be given to the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund (BGCF) which provides grants to local projects which help people facing financial hardship and other vulnerabilities Including loneliness and disability. Lent for some is about giving up something they enjoy as a test of self discipline. This year the charity is encouraging People to donate the money they might normally spend on luxuries to help boost funds. Last year the Fund raised £24,000 which enable 16 grants to support Community projects that are providing meals for vulnerable families, hosting cafes for those who are isolated, as well as funding youth and community work. So do come and enjoy some delicious home made soups, bread and cheese. Also If you cannot join us, do consider setting aside some money to add to donations! Thank you in advance.

Notice of preparation of new Electoral Roll

Please note that a notice of preparation of a new electoral roll is now displayed on church noticeboards Everyone will need to complete a new electoral roll form before the closing date of Friday 28th March 2025. These will be available from Rosemary Relf who is our electoral roll officer as well as online from our church website <u>www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk</u> Paper copies are now available in both churches.

Notice of APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at St John the Baptist Church Capel at 11.45am on Palm Sunday 13th April 2025. Please put this date in your diaries and if you are submitting a report for the Annual Report please send asap to Norman Ede please. We are hoping to have copies for the congregation two weeks before the APCM.

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent



Sunday 9th March First Sunday of Lent

9.30	Holy Communion CW - Ockley
10.30	Cafe Church - Capel

Tuesday 11th March

3pm	Women of Holy Week study book continues
	1 Old Barn Drive - all welcome

Thursday 13th March

12-2pm Lent Soup lunch with bread and cheese - Capel

Sunday 16th Second Sunday of Lent

9.30	Matins - Ockley
10.30	Family Communion - Capel

Tuesday 18th March

3pm Women of Holy Week study book continues 1 Old Barn Drive - all welcome

Sunday 23rd Third Sunday of Lent

- 9.30 Holy Communion BCP Ockley
- 10.30 Family Worship Capel

Every Wednesday 9 - 12 Pavilion Café in Ockley, Cricket Pavilion with visit from Community Fridge

"It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him"

Luke 4.8

In case of changes to events in these notes, the latest information can be found on: www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/events-calendar/