

St Paul's Egham Hythe, Thorpe Road TW18 3HJ

"We are a diverse community of people who receive God's love and seek to show, share and tell of that love to everyone."

A special welcome if you are visiting or here for the first time.

Sunday 26th January St Paul's Patronal Festival with The Royal Holloway Founder's Choir

Introit: Thomas Campion, Never Weather Beaten Sail **Hymn: 252 Guide me O thou great redeemer** Anthem: Purcell, Hear my Prayer O Lord **Offertory Hymn: 32 And can it be?** During Communion: Victoria, Feria Sexta in Parasceve, O Vos Omnes **Final Hymn: Go forward people of God** (sheet)



Do stay afterwards for our shared lunch together with the choir

During the week at St Paul's 27th January – 1st February

Wednesday	12:30pm	Communion in the hall followed by
	1.00pm	Lunch – all welcome
Thursday	9:30am	Songs and Stories in hall
	2pm	Songs and Stories planning meeting
Saturday	9.30am	Worship Space in the chapel
	10-12am	Open Church with jobs to do around
		the church and grounds – do come
		along if you're able.

Next Sunday 2nd February (Candlemas) 10am Communion with children@stpauls

7.30pm men@SP meet at Thames Side Brewery, Bridge Street

Collect for Conversion of St Paul

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9: 1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹ All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" ²² Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Matthew 4: 18-23

¹⁸ As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart.

We pray

For those living in: Wapshott Road, Wards Place, Wendover Place and Wendover Road.

For those who are sick or needing our prayers including: Ria, Edna K, Phyllis A, Laura, Sammy and Sarah, Kevin T, Isabelle, Stamford, Peter, Debbie F, Les, and Bill.

For those who have died, including Harry Hill, and at their year's mind June Morris, Jean Curtis and Kenneth Hill.

Eat Pray Love next month is on **Tuesday 18th February at 7.30pm** – please come to eat and pray together for our church, community and world. If you're able to help with providing the food please speak to Rosie.

Open Church – the church is open on Saturday mornings and there's always jobs to do to set up for Sunday and generally care for the church and grounds. Do come along to help any Saturday from 10am to 12 noon. Paul's Place meets on the third Saturday of each month with space to meet and chat, and refreshments including homemade cakes – the next Paul's Place is on **Saturday 15th February** from 10am to 12 noon.

men@stpauls meetings in February: next Sunday 2nd SP@Pub at Thames Side Brewery, Bridge Street from 7:30pm; Friday 7th February evening with speaker and meal from 7.30pm in hall; Saturday 29th February prayer breakfast starting with prayer in chapel at 9.30am.

Mapping Matthew through Art, Poetry and Music

Come and explore together – next session Wednesday 5th February at 11am in the Hall. Stay afterwards if you'd like to for Communion at 12.30 and lunch at 1pm. Do come along, and if you would like a copy of the book, please let Janet know.

Foodbank 'really needs' items:

Tinned tomatoes, tinned meat, tinned custard, coffee, sponge puddings, UHT milk, long-life juice, squash, deodorant (male & female), shaving foam and razors, shower gel, washing powder, washing-up-liquid, antibac surface cleaner. We are well stocked for cereals, soup, baked beans and tea.

Ecumenical visit to Wisley with Weybridge Synagogue –

Sunday 9th February – please see Sue Loveday if you're interested.

Messy Pancakes - Shrove Tuesday 26th February from 3.30 – 4.45. Please sign up if you can help with this event.

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