St Paul's Egham Hythe

St Paul's Church, Thorpe Road, Staines TW18 3HJ www.speh.org.uk 9th January 2022 The Baptism of Christ



Collect: Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Post Communion Prayer: Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 43: 1-7:

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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What's on 9th – 16th January 2022

Sunday 9 th 10am	Holy Communion in church (streamed to Zoom and YouTube)
Tuesday 11 th 4.30pm	Cheesy Church on zoom
Wednesday 12 th 7.45pm	PCC in hall
9.45pm	Night Prayer with PCC and on Zoom (NB later time)
Thursday 13 th 9.30am	Stepping Stones Toddler Service (bible story, songs and craft)
10am – 11am	Play Space in church (with refreshments and ride-ons)
11am – 1pm	Open Space
1pm – 2pm	Cornerstones Tea and Chat
2pm	Cornerstones Communion
Saturday 15 th 9.30am	Morning Prayer in church
10am – 12 noon	Open Space in church
Sunday 16 th 10am	Holy Communion in church (streamed to Zoom and YouTube)

Contact <u>office@speh.org.uk</u> for zoom joining codes or to sign up for news via email. Visit our YouTube channel St Paul's Egham Hythe to catch up on Sunday services

For Prayer

- For the PCC meeting this week.
- In our cycle of prayer for the parish we pray for those who live in Malet Close, Mayfield Gardens, Mead Court.
- We pray for those who are in need of our prayers including: Edna, Cliff, Sophie, Stamford, Trevor, Mabel, Mary, Gwen, Bob and Sue, David, Isabelle and Lesley.
- We pray for all who mourn and remember those who have recently died including Margaret Schofield. At their year's mind we remember John Lipscombe, Violet Roberts, Harry Blaber, Joyce Andrews, Thomas Barwell, Marjorie Smith, William Ball, Revd Iris Keyes, Phyll Ball, Gordon Smith and Elsie Bonney.

Stepping-Stones for pre-school children: Toddler Church resumes at 9.30am on Thursday 13th January, followed by Play Space between 10am and 11am in church.

Cornerstones on Thursday afternoons: Tea and Chat and Communion meets in church on Thursday 13th January. Join us for informal Tea and Chat between 1pm and 2pm followed by a short Communion service at 2pm for those who would like to stay.

Cheesy Church: A zoom gathering particularly suitable for primary school aged children, generally once a fortnight on Tuesdays from 4.30 – 5.15. We meet on Zoom on Tuesday 11th January - please contact <u>office@speh.org.uk</u> if you'd like more information.