

Newsheet 8th December 2024 (Advent 2)

Welcome to St Paul's Egham Hythe, and especially if you are visiting or here for the first time.



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Hymns: 480 O come O come Emmanuel, 574 Purify my heart, 527 On Jordan's bank, (during Communion 87 Broken for me) 282 Hills of the north rejoice

Response for lighting of the Advent Candles:

Come Lord Jesus: **And bring hope**

Come Lord Jesus: **And bring peace**

Collect: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Post Communion: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight— indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

For prayer this week

- For all the different Christmas activities and events at church and in the community.
- For those who live in The Hythe, Thorpe Lea Road, Thorpe Road, Timsway.
- For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including Heather, Ian, Peter, Jon, Alma, Jane and Debbie.
- We pray for those who mourn, and at their year's mind we remember Ann Cole, Lawrence Nelson, Roger Richens, Elsie Reynolds, Father Silas Mante.

What's on 8th – 15th December

Sunday 8 th 10am 3pm 5pm	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>) Christingle Service – suitable for all ages Community Christmas Meal in the Hythe Centre 5pm https://www.tickettailor.com/events/eghamcountycouncillor/1488206
Monday 9 th 7.30pm	Clear up from Christmas Tree Festival Bible Study Group in the vestry
Tuesday 10 th 9.30am 3-4.30pm 7-8.30pm	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel Youth Space for year 7 (last before Christmas) Foodbank in church
Thursday 12 th 9.30am – 11am 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones (last before Christmas) Tea and Chat (last before Christmas) Communion
Saturday 14 th 9.30am 10am – 11am	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel Open Space
Sunday 15 th 10am 12 noon	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>) <i>Daniel Walker, Chaplain of Royal Holloway University will be preaching.</i> With Godly Play in the hall for children ages 4-14 Baptism

Contact office@speh.org.uk for zoom joining codes and to sign up for weekly email updates

Thank you to everyone who has been getting involved in the Christmas Tree Festival this week in the various different ways. There's lots more festivities coming up – do offer to help if you can, and think about who you can invite along to the various Christmas services.

Christmas Services:

See website for more information – hope to see you there!

- ✚ **Carol Service** – Sunday 22nd 6pm
- ✚ **Crib Services** – 3pm and 4pm Christmas Eve – 24th December
- ✚ **Midnight Communion** – 11.30pm 24th December
- ✚ **Christmas Day** All Age Celebration Communion 10am 25th December

