

Newsheet 12th January 2025

The Baptism of Christ

Welcome to St Paul's Egham Hythe, and especially if you are visiting or here for the first time. Do stay for refreshments after the service. Today we have our first Godly Play session of 2025 running in the church hall for children aged 4-14.



Offering towards the work of St Paul's: If you are able to make a donation to the church, we have a card reader and an offering plate at the back of church, or you can scan the QR code on this sheet. If you would like to give regularly please see details of the Parish Giving Scheme on website www.speh.org.uk/support-us.

Hymns: Heart of Worship (sheet), 85 Brightest and Best, Before the Throne of God Above (sheet), 70 Be Thou my Vision

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: 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.

Reading: 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. 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.'

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.'

For prayer this week

- For the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us live out our baptismal promises
- For those who live in Chandos Road, Charta Road, Holbrook Court, Chertsey Lane
- For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including Heather, Ian, Peter, Jon, Claire, Alma, Jane and Debbie.
- We pray for those who mourn, including the family of Sandra Morris, and at their year's mind we remember William Ball, Reverend Iris Keyes, Phyllis Ball, Gordon Smith, Elsie Bonney, Gwen Mason

What's on 12th- 19 January 2025

Sunday 12 th 10am <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>) with Godly Play in the hall for children aged 4-14.
Tuesday 14 th 9.30am 3-4.30 pm 7-8.30pm	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel Youth Space returns! Foodbank in church
Thursday 16 th 9.30 – 11am 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones in church Tea and Chat in church Communion
Saturday 18 th 9.30am 10am – 11am	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel Open Space
Sunday 12 th 10am	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>) with Godly Play in the hall for children ages 4-14

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

Getting involved: As we begin the new year there are many opportunities to get involved at St Paul's. Could you help with setting up/clearing up for Communion? Would you like to carry the cross or serve at the altar? Have you thought about offering to help serve refreshments? Would you like to be more involved with the music? Is it time to offer to join the reading or intercessions rotas? Are you able to help welcome people to the service? Do you have some time to help with cleaning? Those are just some of the ways that we can participate within the church family on Sundays. There are many other ways to get involved. Talk to one of the clergy if you'd like to help.



Save the date! **Messy Church** returns on Monday 3rd February. Join us from 3.15pm as we explore faith together through crafts, stories, music and activities.