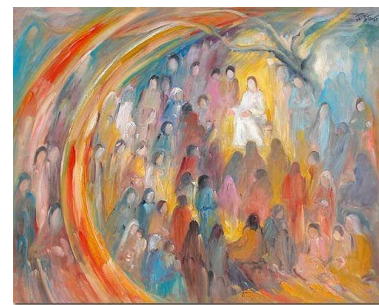


Newsheet 16th February 2025

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.



Offering towards the work of St Paul's: If you can 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.



Hymns: **509** O Lord all the world belongs to you, **77** Blessed are the pure in heart
411 Lord Jesus Christ, **19** All my hope on God is founded

Collect Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Luke 6:17-26 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

For prayer this week

- For those who live in Huntingfield Way, Hythe Field Avenue, Hythe Park Road
- 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 Marion Clarke. Marion's Funeral will be held at church on March 3rd at 11am. At their year's mind we remember Betty Rosewarne, Doreen Wigley and Ted Odam.

What's on 16th - 23rd February 2025 (half term) With the exception of **Foodbank on Tuesday 7.30-8pm**, our weekday activities and groups are taking a half term break.

Stepping Stones (9.30- 11am) and Tea and Chat (1-2pm) both return on Thursday March 6th

Shrove Tuesday Community Party: All are welcome to join in from 3pm on **Tuesday March 4th** to celebrate the beginning of lent with music, crafts, activities and pancakes! This event will be Rev Josh's last time with us before moving to his new parish, so do come along and say goodbye.

Helpers for Easter Activities: Takes place on 24th and 25th March for Thorpe Lea and 31st March 1st, 2nd April for Hythe School. If you would like to help, please speak with Rosie or Sue.

Electoral Roll: This is the year when the church Electoral Roll has to be fully updated, so even if you are currently on the Roll you will need to complete a new form. Christine is our Electoral Roll officer and has forms at the back of church, or they can be downloaded from the website. The Roll will be closed for two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting (which is on Sunday 6th April after the 10am Service).

Standing for Election: Both our churchwardens and our safeguarding officer need to stand down this year. Please think and pray about who might be suitable for these roles, and also consider whether you might like to stand for election to the PCC.