

Newsheet 23rd February 2025 (2nd before Lent)

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. We welcome some members of the congregation on zoom – if you have any concern about being visible on camera please check with the tech desk.



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. To find out more about giving regularly through the parish giving scheme see our website or talk to one of the wardens.

Hymns: 596 Shout for joy and sing, 67 Be still for the presence of the Lord, 625 Take my life (Tomlin), 153 Eternal Father, 162 Father I place into your hands

Collect: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Psalm 65: (New Century Version)

God, you will be praised in Jerusalem. We will keep our promises to you.

2 You hear our prayers. All people will come to you.

3 Our guilt overwhelms us, but you forgive our sins.

4 Happy are the people you choose and invite to stay in your court.

We are filled with good things in your house, your holy Temple.

5 You answer us in amazing ways, God our Saviour.

People everywhere on the earth and beyond the sea trust you.

6 You made the mountains by your strength; you are dressed in power.

7 You stopped the roaring seas, the roaring waves, and the uproar of the nations.

8 Even those people at the ends of the earth fear your miracles.

You are praised from where the sun rises to where it sets.

9 You take care of the land and water it; you make it very fertile.

The rivers of God are full of water. Grain grows because you make it grow.

10 You send rain to the ploughed fields; you fill the rows with water.

You soften the ground with rain, and then you bless it with crops.

11 You give the year a good harvest, and you load the wagons with many crops.

12 The desert is covered with grass and the hills with happiness.

13 The pastures are full of flocks, and the valleys are covered with grain.

Everything shouts and sings for joy.

Gospel: Luke 8: 22-25 One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

For prayer this week

- For those who live in Malet Close, Mayfield Gardens, Mead Court
- For Josh, Nina and the family as they move home
- 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, and at their year's mind we remember Terrence Worall, Karen Theobald, Irene Beddos, Ellen Thurgood

What's on this week

Sunday 23rd Feb 10am	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>)
Monday 7.30pm	Deanery Prayer meeting in church with Archdeacon Martin – all welcome.
Tuesday 9.30am 7-8.30pm	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, <i>all welcome</i> Foodbank in church
Thursday 9.30 – 11am 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones Tea and Chat Communion, <i>all welcome</i>
Saturday 9.30am 10am – 11am	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel Open Space
Sunday 2nd March 10am 7pm	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>). <i>Josh's last Sunday with us – do stay for refreshments after.</i> St Paul's @ pub at Thames Brewery – all welcome
Monday 3 rd March 11am	Marion Clarke's Funeral in Church
Tuesday 4 th 3pm	Community Party – see below

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

Shrove Tuesday Community Party: Party time after school from 3pm on Tuesday 4th March With our own DJ Francis, craft, activities and pancakes! Do come along for our Carnival event before Lent and to say farewell to Revd Josh as he moves to his new parish.

Godly Play: Meets on Sunday 9th March in the hall during the 10am service (for children aged 4-14).

Lent Groups: Come along to our Lent group starting on Monday 10th March in church (7.45-9pm). We'll be using Pete Grieg's Prayer Course – talk to Ben Niblett for more information. We've also been invited to join with St Mary's Thorpe for their Lent Group 'The Way to Easter – a pilgrimage in film'. Wednesday lunchtimes from 12th March (12-2pm with soup and bread lunch) in the Rutherwyke Room at Thorpe Church (there's also a Wednesday evening group – see poster for details).

Electoral Roll and APCM: This is the year when the church Electoral Roll has to be fully updated, so don't forget to complete your form – any questions to Christine our Electoral Roll Officer. The APCM is on 6th April, and the roll closes for new entries for two weeks before. Please also think and pray about whether you may be being nudged to stand for election to the PCC or as churchwarden.

Easter Activities: Thorpe Lea and Hythe schools will be with us again at the end of March (24th, 25th 31st March and 1st and 2nd April). Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church if you can help.

World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March: Churches Together are holding special services at St Jude's Englefield Green at 2pm or United Church Egham at 7.30pm. All welcome

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