

Newsheet 23rd March 2025 (3rd Sunday of 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.



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: 161 Father hear the prayer we offer, Lord I lift your name on high (sheet), Blessed be your name (sheet), 374 Just as I am, In Christ alone (sheet)

Collect: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 63: 1-8

- ¹ O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
⁶ when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night,
⁷ for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Luke 13: 1-9



At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem?" ⁵ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did."
⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.' "

For prayer this week

- For those who live in Osier Place, Park Avenue, Pond Road, Priory Close.
- For this season of Lent and our focus on the cross and deepening our prayer life.

- For the Schools Easter activity weeks, and for those who will help
- For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including Heather, Ian, Peter, Jon, Claire, Alma, Jane, Debbie, Dawn, Gary and Nathan.
- We pray for those who mourn, and at their year's mind we remember Joan Burley, John Theobald, William Corbett, Myrtle Martin, Alan Forey, Doreen Brooks, Sue Gilbert, John Otterwell, Stanley Gardiner, George Hickmott.

What's on this week

Sunday 23rd March 10am	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>). Please stay to help set up Easter Activities after the service.
Monday 7.45pm	Thorpe Lea Easter Activities Lent Group in church
Tuesday 7-8.30pm	Thorpe Lea Easter Activities Foodbank in church
Wednesday 12 noon	Lent Group at St Mary's Thorpe
Thursday 9.30 –11am 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones Tea and Chat Communion, <i>all welcome</i>
Saturday 29 th 9.30am 10am	Morning Prayer Preparation of posies for Mothering Sunday – please come along and help if you are able
Sunday 30th March 10am 	Mothering Sunday all age service with uniformed organisations (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>). Don't forget the clocks change! 

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

Lent Groups: Come along to our Lent group on Monday evenings in church (7.45-9pm). We're 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'. Wednesdays 12-2pm with soup and bread lunch.

APCM: The APCM is on 6th April, and the roll closes for new entries this morning (23rd). Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts, and Nomination forms for PCC members and churchwardens are now available at the back of church or on the website.

Easter Activities: Thorpe Lea and Hythe schools will be with us again over the next two weeks. Please pray for the time and help set up after the 10am service if you can. We still need egg boxes!

Mothering Sunday: Next Sunday is our Mothering Sunday at 10am with the uniformed organisations. Do come along and invite others. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the bouquets on Saturday 29th at 10am – please try to come along to help if possible – the more the merrier!

Holy Week and Easter: Keep an eye on the website for details of our special Holy Week and Easter services including Palm Sunday (April 13th) with dramatized reading, a special on-line Maundy Thursday service, Good Friday in church, the Easter Fire on Holy Saturday and our special Easter Day celebration communion on 20th April.

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