

Newsheet 11th May 2025 (Easter 4)

Welcome to our service at St Paul's Egham Hythe, and especially if you are visiting or here for the first time.
Do stay for refreshments after the service.



Hymns: 305 *I danced in the morning*, 248 *Great is the Lord*, 727 *What a friend we have in Jesus*, 54 *At the name of Jesus* (verses 1,2,3,6)

Collect: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading: Acts 9: 36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Gospel: John 10: 22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'



Christian Aid Week 2025. Christian Aid week starts today. To raise funds for this great charity, a walk has been planned for next Sunday, 18th May which will set off from St Paul's after our 10am service and return for a well-deserved cup of tea and slice of cake at 3.30pm. All are very welcome to join for the full walk or for part of it - or just come along to the tea. More details, Christian Aid envelopes and sponsorship details at the back of

church - or speak to Mary. The route is flat and buggy/wheelchair friendly the whole way, walking from the church, across Staines bridge, and then on the towpath to Laleham Park and back. The whole distance is roughly 7 miles, but please join in and just walk as far as you are able. Donations of cake and help to set up the church for the walkers return would be much appreciated.

What's on this week

Sunday 11th May 10am 7.30pm	Holy Communion in church (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>). Godly Play meets in the hall (for 4-14s) after we start together in church St Paul's @pub at Thames Side Brewery
Tuesday 9.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Foodbank
Wednesday 8pm	PCC meeting in church
Thursday 9.30am 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones Tea and Chat Communion
Saturday	No Morning Prayer in church (Deanery meeting at Addlestone)
Sunday 18th May 10am	Holy Communion in church (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>). with short meeting of Parishioners to elect churchwardens Christian Aid walk Christian Aid Tea in church

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

For prayer

- For those living in Wapshott Road, Wards Place, Wendover Place, Wendover Road.
- For Godly Play this week, and for all our ministries among children and young people.
- For Christian Aid week, and our sponsored walk and the Christian Aid tea next week.
- For the first meeting of the new PCC, and for the meeting of Parishioners on Sunday 18th for electing churchwardens.
- For those being baptised in this Easter Season.
- For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including: Alma, Debbie and Beth.
- We pray for those who mourn, and at their year's mind remember William Johnson, Albert Tidbury, Violet Stephen, Leonard Tidbury, Billy-Joe Perrin, David Marshall.

Messy Church: Our next Messy Church is on Monday 19th May 3.45pm – particularly suitable for primary school aged children accompanied by parents or carers. All welcome.

Thy Kingdom Come – 10 days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost (29th May – 8th June):

There are some new resources for this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' available at the back of church – do take what's helpful. Think about who you can pray for and how we might join in together. More information on their website <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



Offering towards the work of St Paul's: To make a donation to the ministry of this church today please use the card reader or 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. We depend entirely on the support of these donations to make ministry possible and available to all.

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