

Newsheet 25th May 2025 (Easter 6)

Welcome to our service at St Paul's Egham Hythe, and especially if you are visiting or here for the first time, or have come to support Magpie as he is baptised. Do stay for refreshments after the service.



Hymns: 528 *Only by grace, Holy Spirit you are welcome here (sheet)*, 150 *Do not be afraid*, 304 *I come with joy*, 498 *O happy day*.

Collect: Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Reading: Acts 16: 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Gospel: John 14: 23-29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.



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What's on this week

Sunday 25th May 10am	Holy Communion with Baptism in church (streamed to YouTube and zoom).
12 noon	Holy Baptism in church
Tuesday 27th 7.30pm	Foodbank
Thursday 29th 11am	No Stepping stones or Tea and Chat this week (half term – back on 4th) Ascension Day Communion service @ St Mary's Thorpe – all welcome
Saturday 9.30am	No Morning Prayer or Open Space today
Sunday 1st June 10am	Holy Communion in church (streamed to YouTube and zoom)
12 noon	Holy Baptism 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 Ayebridges Avenue, Barons Way and Bishops Way.
- For Jayden and Magpie being baptised and all those preparing for Baptism.
- For the work of Christian Aid, giving thanks for the walk and tea last week which raised over £1000!
- For our new churchwardens, Val and Steve, and our new Safeguarding Officer Gill.
- For those who are unwell or have asked for prayer including: Alma, Debbie and Beth.
- We pray for those who mourn, and at their year's mind remember William Hunt, Leslie Rosewarne, Alfred Carpenter and Florence Loughrey.

Churchwardens: Following the Meeting of Parishioners last week Steve Bayes and Val Monk have been appointed as our new churchwardens. Please pray for them as they take on this responsibility, and as we seek to enable more people to be involved in a variety of roles.

Safeguarding: The PCC are delighted to have appointed Gill Whittingham as our new Safeguarding Lead. Please pray for her and for Alison in the transition, and many thanks to Alison as she stands down. The safeguarding email safeguarding@speh.org.uk is unchanged.

Ascension Day Service at St Mary's Thorpe Thursday 29th May:

We have been invited to attend the Ascension Day Communion service at St Mary's Church in Thorpe at 11am this Thursday 29th May (there's no Tea and Chat at St Paul's that day). All are welcome and let us know if you would like a lift.

Thy Kingdom Come: Ascension Day marks the start of ten days of prayer (Ascension Day 29th May – Pentecost 8th June): It's a time when we're particularly invited to pray for the growth of the church. There are cards to take to pray for 5 and a range of other resources at the back of church, or see their website for material to download, including new Cheeky Pandas videos particularly suitable for children. <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

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