 

**Newssheet 10th August 2025**

*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***: 178 For all the saints 74 Blessed Assurance 625 Take my life 181 For I’m building a people of power

***Collect:*** Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Post Communion Prayer:*** Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

**Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16:**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2**Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. **3**By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. 8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

**13**All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, **14**for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. **15**If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. **16**But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**Gospel: Luke 12: 32-40**

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **33**Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. **34**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**35**“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; **36**be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. **37**Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. **38**If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

**39**“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. **40**You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**For prayer**

* For those living in New Road, Oak Avenue and Old School Mews.
* For those who are unwell or have asked for prayer including: Alma, Beth, Richard, Ken and Taylor.
* We pray for all who mourn and at their year’s mind remember Roy Burt, Julian Lloyd, Victor Stearn, Irene Hill, Patricia Davis, George Potter, Christopher Thomson, Peter Haddon and Richard Loveridge.

**What’s on this week**

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| **Sunday 10th August 10am** | Holy Communion in church *(streamed to YouTube and zoom)* |
| Tuesday 9.30am  7.30pm | No Morning Prayer this week  Foodbank |
| Wednesday 7.30pm | Eco church meeting in church and on zoom. |
| Thursday | No stepping stones or tea and chat |
| **Sunday 17th August 10am**  **12 noon** | Holy Communion in church *(streamed to YouTube and zoom]*  Holy Baptism *(Benjamin and Celia)* |

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

**Eco Church:** We are meeting this week in church and on zoom this Wednesday at 7.30pm to look at the a Rocha awards scheme in more detail. All welcome. If you would like to be added to the St Paul’s Eco Church WhatsApp group please email the office with your number or talk to Kate.

**Alpha:** We’re planning for an Alpha course on Monday evenings starting in September. It’s a great way to think about our faith, and to invite others along. It will also be preparation for those thinking about Confirmation. If you can help with planning, refreshments, prayer, or set up please speak to Ben.

**Check out our website:** Did you know you can catch up on our Sunday 10am services on our YouTube channel on our church website? Click on the YouTube logo at the top of the homepage.

You can also find copies of the latest newssheet on the What’s On page.

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