

Newssheet 17th 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: He came down that we might have love (see below), Sheet Faithful One, 249 Great is thy faithfulness, 498 O happy Day

He came down that we may have **love** (x3), Alleluia for evermore.

Peace.... Joy.... Power.... Hope.... Love....

(Cameroon Traditional, arrangement Geoff Weaver)

Collect: Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer: Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading: Hebrews 11: 29-12.2:

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.



Gospel: Luke 12: 54-56

Jesus said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

For prayer

- For those living in Osier Place, Park Avenue, Pond Road and Priory Close.
- For those who are unwell or have asked for prayer including: Alma, Beth, Richard, Ken, Taylor and Iill
- We pray for all who mourn and at their year's mind remember Colin Thompson, Trevor Stewart, Dean Vincent, Mary Griggs, Francis Power, Leslie Ward and Arthur Baldwin.

What's on this week

Sunday 17 th August 10am	Holy Communion in church (streamed to YouTube and zoom)
12 noon	Holy Baptism
Tuesday 9.30am	Morning Prayer in the chapel
7.30pm	Foodbank
Thursday	No stepping stones or tea and chat (back on 4 th September)
Sunday 24 th August 10am	Holy Communion in church (streamed to YouTube and zoom)

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

St Mary's Thorpe: On Sunday 31st August we're delighted to welcome Stephen Girling, the vicar of St Mary's Thorpe to conduct our 10 am service and Rosie will be going to take the service at Thorpe.

Welcome Service: Our service on Sunday 14th September will have Godly Play in the hall (for 4s to 14s) during the 10am service and then we're planning a Welcome BBQ after the service – who will you invite? If you can help with the BBQ please speak to the wardens.

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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