St Paul's Church
Egham Hythe

Newssheet 24th May 2026 Pentecost

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.

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Hymns: 114 Come down O love divine, 47 As we are gathered, 615 Spirit of the living God, 67 Be still for the presence of the Lord, 695 To God be the glory

Collect: Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 2: 1-21
"When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, 'Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Even Cretans and Arabs! They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!'

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: 'What's going on here?' Others joked, 'They're drunk on cheap wine.' That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: 'Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy. I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvellous; And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."'

This week at St Paul's

Sunday 24th May 10am Pentecost	**Special Service of Holy Communion as we celebrate the Holy Spirit** *(streamed to Zoom and YouTube)*
Tuesday 6.30pm	Foodbank
Thursday 9.30am-11am 1pm	No Stepping Stones (half term) we're back next week! No Tea and Chat or Communion (back next week)
Sunday 31st May 10am	**Holy Communion in church** *(streamed to Zoom and YouTube)*

Contact office@speh.org.uk for zoom joining codes or to sign up for email updates (approx. monthly)

For prayer

- For those living in Meadow Gardens, Medlake Road, Monsell Gardens.
- For those who are unwell or have asked for prayer including: Beth, Richard, Taylor, Jon, Heather, Judith, Sophia, Jeffrey, Dawn, Graham, Danny, Bill, Jane.
- We pray for all who mourn and at their year's mind we remember William Hunt, Leslie Rosewarne, Alfred Carpenter, Florence Loughrey.

Youth and Children's Activities Dates

- **Stepping Stones** for pre-school children on Thursdays from 9.30-11am in term time. We take a break for half term this week.
- **Youth Space** meets on Tuesday 2nd June from 3pm in church for secondary school students.
- **Godly Play** meets on 14th June during the 10am service for 4-14s.

Tea and Chat meets on Thursdays from 1pm, followed by Communion at 2pm for those who would like to stay. Why not come along and share a cuppa?

Christian Aid Walk and Tea: Thank you to all who walked, made cakes, came to the tea, and donated to Christian Aid. We've raised around £425 so far (including gift aid). There's still time to donate – envelopes at the back of church.

Eco Church: On Thursday the PCC reviewed our net zero plan – talk to Kate to find out more, or email to office if you'd like to be added to the Eco Church WhatsApp Group.

Offering a financial gift towards the work of St Paul's: To make a donation to the ministry of this church please use the card reader or offering plates at the back of church or scan the QR code.

Volunteering? If you'd like to volunteer with us there are all kinds of ways of doing that. Talk to one of the clergy or wardens, or contact office@speh.org.uk

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