

## Weekly News 10th December 2023 - Advent 2

*Welcome to St Paul's Egham Hythe, especially if you are here for the first time. Do stay for refreshments after the service. To join our mailing list email [office@speh.org.uk](mailto:office@speh.org.uk)*



**Hymns for 10am 10<sup>th</sup> December:** 690 Thy kingdom come, 438 Make way, 527 On Jordan's bank, 691 Thy kingdom come O God.

**Collect:** Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

**Post Communion:** Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass; their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers; the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers; the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup> See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom and gently lead the mother sheep.

### Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight,' "

<sup>4</sup> so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## What's on 10<sup>th</sup> – 17th December

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10am 3pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion in church ( <i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i> ) Christingle Service StPauls@pub – social at Thames Side Brewery
Monday 6pm-6pm	Youth Space Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 9.30am 7pm	Prayer Space in office (school rehearsal in church) Foodbank
Wednesday 6-7pm	Thorpe Lea Carol Concert Magna Carta year 11 concert in church – <b>all welcome</b>
Thursday 1pm 2pm	No Stepping Stones (school rehearsal in church). Resumes 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan Tea and Chat in church Communion
Friday	Hythe Carol Concert
Saturday 9.30am 10am – 12 noon	Prayer Space in church Open Space in church
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10am  After service from 11.30 6pm	Holy Communion in church ( <i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i> ) with Godly Play session (for 4-14s) in hall during service Christmas Lunch in the Hythe Centre (booking details below) Carols by Candlelight in church

**For details of our Christmas Services see our website [www.speh.org.uk](http://www.speh.org.uk)**

Contact [office@speh.org.uk](mailto:office@speh.org.uk) for zoom joining codes and to sign up for weekly email updates

### For prayer this week

- For those who live in Glebe Road, Goring Road, Harcourt Close, Holbrook Meadow.
- For our local schools and their Carol Concerts this week
- For our Christmas services and all those who will attend
- For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including baby Albert, Ted, Edna, Hazel, Pauline, Christine, Jon and Alma.
- For those who mourn and at their year's mind we remember David Spooner, Victor Wells, Donald Dandridge, Susan Antill.

**Community Christmas Meal:** We are invited to a Christmas meal being organised by Councillor Rob King on Sunday 17th at the Hythe Centre after our 10am service. To book, visit [www.speh.org.uk/community-2/](http://www.speh.org.uk/community-2/) and follow the link.

**Church Christmas Card:** Use our Christmas board to send one Christmas Card to all your friends at St Paul's, and make a donation to Christian Aid.

### Christmas Services at St Paul's – do join us!

**Christmas Eve, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 10am Communion,  
3pm and 4pm Crib Services (come to either) 11.30pm Midnight Communion  
**Christmas Day, Monday 25<sup>th</sup>:** 10am All Age Communion



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