



Newsheet 25th February 2024 (Lent 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

10 am Communion Hymns: 626 Take up Thy Cross, Oceans(sheet), Teach me to Dance(sheet), 503 O Jesus I Have Promised

Collect: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Genesis 17.1–7, 15, 16 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous.'³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.'⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Mark 8.31–38 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

For prayer this week

- For those who live in Tempest Road, The Causeway, The Fernery.
- For those preparing for baptism
- For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including baby Albert, baby Matilda, Ted, Edna, Hazel, Pauline, Christine, Jon, Alma, Trevor, Corinne and Mary
- For those who mourn including the family of Ted Odam, Ron Pratt, Michael Mason, May Hedges, Johnny Hayhoe. At their year's mind we remember Irene Beddos and Ellen Thurgood

What's on 25th February – Sunday 3rd March 2024

Sunday 25th Feb 10am	Holy Communion in church (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>)
Monday 1.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	Funeral in church Lent Group in church (week 2). All welcome.
Tuesday 9.30am 3-4.30pm 7-8.30pm 7.30pm	Prayer Space Youth Space Foodbank and warm space Watch and Pray Zoom Prayer (zoom room open from 7pm)
Thursday 9.30-11am 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones Tea and Chat Communion
Friday	World Day of Prayer 2024 (See below)
Saturday 9.30am 10am-12noon	Prayer Space Open Space
Sunday March 3rd 10am 12 noon 7.30-10pm	Holy Communion in church (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>) <i>with Godly Play in the hall for ages 4-14.</i> <i>Holy Baptism</i> <i>St Paul's Pub Social @ Thames Side Brewery, Staines</i>

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

World Day of Prayer: A global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year's local venues are St Jude's in Englefield Green at 2pm and Staines Methodist Church at 8pm. All welcome.



Easter Activities: We're still collecting egg boxes at the back of church please and offers to help with cutting out. There's also a sign-up sheet for help during the activities. Financial donations towards the resources we need to buy would also be very welcome.

Join us in prayer for our Open Space Project: O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**