

Newsheet 1st December 2024 (Advent Sunday)

Confirmation Service with Bishop Paul

Welcome to St Paul's Egham Hythe for this special service, especially if you have come along to support the Confirmation Candidates, or are here for the first time. Do stay for refreshments afterwards.



Supporting the work of St Paul's: If you'd like to make a donation to the church, we have a card reader and an offering plate at the back of church, or you can scan the QR code on this sheet. If you're able to give regularly see details of the Parish Giving Scheme on website www.speh.org.uk/support-us.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus

I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Last Chorus

I will call upon Your Name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

For prayer this week

- For Alison, Andrew, Annabelle, Joni, Vera, Leo, Michele, Rose being confirmed. For our congregations here and at St Jude's Englefield Green. For Bishop Paul as he conducts the service.
- For those who live in Tempest Road, The Causeway, The Fernery.
- For the Christmas Tree Festival and everyone who will participate and visit during the week.
- For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including Ian, Peter, Jon, Alma, Jane and Debbie.
- We pray for those who mourn including the family of Laura Jourdain. At their year's mind we remember Zena Verrill, David Spooner, Victor Wells, Donald Dandridge, Susan Antill, Les Butterfield.

This year is our 15th Egham Hythe Christmas Tree Festival!

See the calendar below for details of the various activities, There's lots of ways you can help so do speak to Steve or email the office at

office@speh.org.uk to find out more. Come along yourself and invite friends and family!



What's on 1st – 8th December

Sunday 1 st December 10am 7.30pm	Confirmation service with Bishop Paul (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>) <i>Help appreciated after service to get tables and trees out of hall/store.</i> Christmas SP@Pub at Thames Brewery (<i>all welcome – bring your hat!</i>)
Monday 2 nd	Preparing for the Christmas Tree Festival - Set up 10am-2pm and 4pm-8pm to set up your own trees, or just to come along and help.
Tuesday 3 rd 9.30am 3-4.30pm 7-8.30pm	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, open to all Youth Space for year 7 among the trees Foodbank in church among the trees
Wednesday 4 th 9.30am 10am-12 noon During the afternoon 4pm	Festival Opening with The Mayor of Runnymede and our local school choirs. Afterwards there will be the chance to 'Meet the Trees' whilst enjoying some refreshments. Please do come along and invite members of the community. Schools visits Funeral of Laura Jourdain in church
Thursday 5 th 9.30am for 10am 1pm-3pm 7pm	Stepping Stones Toddler Nativity at 10am, come from 9.30am to get ready and dress children up Tea and Chat special Christmas Tea Party among the trees with carols by Magna Carta school. Surrey Arts Concert – the festival hosts special musical ensembles
Friday 6 th 7pm	Community night with the Scout Panto, music and fun – sense of humour required! All welcome
Saturday 7 th 9.30am 10am – 4pm	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, open to all Come and spend time enjoying the trees, with a Christmas Story for all ages at 10am and 12 for those who'd like to join in
Sunday 8 th 10am 3pm	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>) Christingle Service – suitable for all ages Then why not join in the Community Christmas Meal in the Hythe Centre afterwards – see details below.

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

Community Christmas Meal – Sunday 8th December Hythe Centre:

Cllr Rob King is again organising a Christmas meal open to all the community this year. Why not come along to our Christingle and then go on there afterwards. It starts at 5pm (doors open 4.30pm). We'll post the link to sign up in church and on social media as soon as it's available.

Angel Tree: Each year at our Christmas Tree Festival we invite people to bring a voucher from a major retailer for us to give to Your Sanctuary the Surrey based charity offering sanctuary, support and empowerment to anyone affected by Domestic Abuse. They really value the support that we give in this way.

Christmas Services: See website for more details of our Christmas Services – hope to see you there!

-  **Carol Service** – Sunday 22nd 6pm
-  **Crib Services** – 3pm and 4pm Christmas Eve – 24th December
-  **Midnight Communion** – 11.30pm 24th December
-  **Christmas Day** All Age Celebration Communion 10am 25th December

