

## Newsheet 26th January 2025

Welcome to St Paul's Egham Hythe, and especially if you are visiting or here for the first time. Today is our **Patronal Festival**. During our service of Holy Communion, Albie and Archie will be getting baptised. Do stay for refreshments after the service.



**Offering towards the work of St Paul's:** If you can 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.

**Hymns:** Open the eyes of my Heart (Sheet), 29 Amazing Grace, 532 Open our eyes, Lord, 419 Shine, Jesus, Shine.

**Collect:** Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

**Post Communion:** Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Reading: Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup>He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' <sup>7</sup>The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' <sup>1</sup>

<sup>7</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' <sup>21</sup>All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' <sup>22</sup>Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

## For prayer this week

- For Albie, Archie, their parents and godparents.
- For those who live in Crossways, Cumberland Street, Devils Lane
- For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including Heather, Ian, Peter, Jon, Claire, Alma, Jane and Debbie.
- We pray for those who mourn, including the family of Sandra Morris and Debbie Smith, and at their year's mind we remember June Morris, Jean Curtis, Kenneth Hill, Ron Pratt, Phyllis Addison, Ann Matthews

## What's on 26<sup>th</sup> January - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

Sunday 26 <sup>h</sup> 10am	Holy Communion with Baptism ( <i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i> )
Monday 10am	Funeral of Sandra Morris in church
Tuesday 9.30am 3-4.30 pm 7-8.30pm	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, <i>all welcome</i> Youth Space Foodbank in church
Wednesday 8pm	PCC in church
Thursday 9.30 – 11am 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones Tea and Chat Communion, <i>all welcome</i>
Saturday 9.30am 10am – 11am	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel Open Space
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10am	Holy Communion ( <i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i> ). <b>Candlemas</b>

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

This year our **APCM** is on **Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Both our churchwardens and our safeguarding officer need to stand down this year. Please think and pray about who might be suitable for these roles, and for joining the PCC.

**Easter Activities** takes place on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March for Thorpe Lea and 31<sup>st</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April for Hythe. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Rosie, Josh or Sue.

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