



Newsheet 2nd February 2025 Candlemas

Welcome to St Paul's Egham Hythe, and especially if you are visiting or here for the first time. Today is Candlemas, and we will be lighting candles towards the end of the service – please take care! 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: 413 Lord of all hopefulness, 574 Purify my heart, Christ be our Light, 666 Walk in the light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness Bernadette Farrell (born 1957) © 1994 Bernadette

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. **Chorus**

3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. **Chorus**

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stones. **Chorus**

5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. **Chorus**

For prayer this week

- For those who live in Farm Close and Beech Lodge, Farmers Road, Field View.
- For a way through the discussions around our Your Fund Surrey bid.
- 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, and at their year's mind we remember John Coles, Derek Wilding, Ellen Burt.

What's on 2nd – 9th February 2025

Sunday 2 nd 10am	Candlemas Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>)
Monday 3.15pm	Messy Church meets in church – particularly suitable for parents and carers with primary school aged children
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
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 9 th 10am	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>). <i>Godly Play meets in hall for 4-14s</i>

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

Godly Play

Our next Godly Play session is next Sunday 9th February during the 10am service. For children between 4-14. Please make sure you have registered your children at the start of the service if you are coming for the first time.

Josh's Leaving

Josh will be licensed as vicar of St Peter's Burnham on Wednesday 19th March 2025. His last Sunday at St Paul's will be Sunday 2nd March 10am. We plan to have drinks and cake afterward and would welcome home made cakes (no nuts please). His last day with us will be for the Community Shrove Tuesday service from 3pm on Tuesday 4th – we're inviting Stepping Stones, Messy Church and Youth Space to have their opportunity to say farewell, and everyone is welcome.

Electoral Roll

This is the year when the church Electoral Roll has to be fully updated, so even if you are currently on the Roll you will need to complete one. Christine is our Electoral Roll officer and has forms at the back of church, or they can be downloaded from the website. Please could you take one and return it as soon as possible – do ask her if you have any questions. The Roll will be closed for two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting (which is on Sunday 6th April after the 10am Service).

Standing for Election

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 also consider whether you might like to stand for election to the PCC.

Easter Activities

We're preparing resources now for our schools activities days (mornings of 24th, 25th 31st March and 1st 2nd April). If you are interested in helping with the preparations (things that can be done at home) or on any of the days in church, please speak with Rosie, Josh or Sue. We're currently collecting lego for one of the activities – if you have any to donate please bring to back of church.

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