

Newsheet 9th March 2025 (1st Sunday of Lent)

Welcome to St Paul's Egham Hythe, and especially if you are visiting or here for the first time. Today we have Godly Play in the hall for children between 4-14 – please register your children when you arrive in church. 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. To find out more about giving regularly through the parish giving scheme see our website or talk to one of the wardens.

Hymns: 161 Father hear the prayer we offer, 528 Only by grace, 190 Forty days and forty nights, 19 All my hope on God is founded

Collect: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 10: 8-14 What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",

¹¹and

"On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

For prayer this week

- For those who live in Meadow Gardens, Medlake Road, Monsell Gardens
- For Josh and his family and the people of St Peter's Burnham as they prepare for this next season of life and ministry
- For the deepening of our prayer life during this season of Lent
- For the preparations for the Schools Easter activity weeks, and for those who will help
- For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including Heather, Ian, Peter, Jon, Claire, Alma, Jane, Debbie and Dawn.
- We pray for those who mourn, and at their year's mind we remember Lena Foster, Frank Hyder, Doris Gray, baby Noah Chellingworth, Rosemary White

What's on this week

Sunday 9th March 10am	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>). With Godly Play in the hall for children aged 4-14.
Monday 7.45pm	Lent Group starts in church
Tuesday 9.30am 7-8.30pm	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, <i>all welcome</i> Foodbank in church
Wednesday 12 noon 8pm	Lent Group at St Mary's Thorpe (please sign up on the list by 9 th) PCC in church
Thursday 9.30 –11am 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones Tea and Chat Communion, <i>all welcome</i>
Saturday	No Morning Prayer or Open Space today
Sunday 16th March 10am	Holy Communion (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>).

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

Josh's Licensing Service: Josh will be licenced as Vicar of St Peter's, Burnham at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th March. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the back of church.

Lent Groups: Come along to our Lent group starting this Monday 10th March in church (7.45-9pm). We'll be using Pete Grieg's Prayer Course – talk to Ben Niblett for more information. We've also been invited to join with St Mary's Thorpe for their Lent Group 'The Way to Easter – a pilgrimage in film'. Wednesday lunchtimes from 12th March (12-2pm with soup and bread lunch) in the Rutherwyke Room at Thorpe Church. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church – lifts are available.

Electoral Roll and APCM: This is the year when the church Electoral Roll has to be fully updated, so don't forget to complete your form – any questions to Christine our Electoral Roll Officer. The APCM is on 6th April, and the roll closes for new entries on 22nd March. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts, and Nomination forms for PCC members and churchwardens are now available at the back of church.

Easter Activities: Thorpe Lea and Hythe schools will be with us again at the end of March (24th, 25th 31st March and 1st and 2nd April). Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church if you can help. We're now collecting egg boxes (just the bottom half) at the back of church. If you can help with preparing crafts please see Sue.

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