

## Newsheet 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

Welcome to St Paul's Egham Hythe, and especially if you are visiting or here for the first time. 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: 195 From heaven you came, 360 Jesus shall take the highest honour, 349 Jesus Christ is waiting, 573 Praise to the Lord the Almighty the king of creation.**

**Collect:** Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 15: 1-12, 17-18:** After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates

**Luke 13: 31-35:** At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup> He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

## For prayer this week

- For those who live in New Road, Oak Avenue, Old School Mews.
- For Josh and his family as he is installed as vicar of St Peter's Burnham this week.
- For this season of Lent and our focus on deepening our prayer life.
- 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 Donald Lovell and Alice Turner.

## What's on this week

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| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10am</b> | Holy Communion ( <i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i> ).                                  |
| Monday 7.45pm                            | Lent Group in church   |
| Tuesday 9.30am<br>7-8.30pm               | Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, <i>all welcome</i><br>Foodbank in church              |
| Wednesday 12 noon<br>7.30pm              | Lent Group at St Mary's Thorpe<br>Josh's institution and induction at St Peter's Burnham |
| Thursday 9.30 – 11am<br>1pm<br>2pm       | Stepping Stones<br>Tea and Chat<br>Communion, <i>all welcome</i>                         |
| Saturday                                 | No Morning Prayer or Open Space today  |
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10am</b> | Holy Communion ( <i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i> ).                                  |

Contact [office@speh.org.uk](mailto: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 this Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the back of church.

**Lent Groups:** Come along to our Lent group on Monday evenings in church (7.45-9pm). We're 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'. Wednesdays 12-2pm with soup and bread lunch.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> April, and the roll closes for new entries on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts, and Nomination forms for PCC members and churchwardens are now available at the back of church or on the website.

**Easter Activities:** Thorpe Lea and Hythe schools will be with us again at the end of March (24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April). Please see ways to help at the back of church.

**Mothering Sunday:** Our Mothering Sunday service is at 10am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – all welcome. We'll be needing volunteers to help prepare the bouquets on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am – please try to come along to help if you are able to.

Eco Church – we have a WhatsApp Group to share ideas and information – contact [office@speh.org.uk](mailto:office@speh.org.uk) if you're interested in joining it.

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