

WELCOME HOME!



Easthampstead
Parish Church

Welcome home!



It is a joy to welcome you to our community, whether you are exploring faith for the first time, returning after a time away, or simply looking for a place to belong.

Here at Easthampstead, we seek to nurture faith and grow as disciples, walking alongside one another in our journeys of hope, discovery, and renewal.

Church is more than just a building—it is a family. We come together to worship, to pray, and to support one another through life's joys and challenges. Whether you join us for a Sunday service, a quiet moment of reflection, or one of our many ministries, you are always welcome here.

If you're new, I encourage you to introduce yourself, ask questions, and find ways to connect. There are many opportunities to be involved, from small groups to community outreach, and we would love to journey with you in faith and fellowship.

May you find peace, encouragement, and belonging among us. We look forward to getting to know you and sharing in the richness of this faith community.

With every blessing,

Revd. Gareth Morley
Rector

**“You are not here by accident.
You belong.**

You are most welcome.

You are loved by God.

**You are precious in His sight,
just as you are,**

in whatever circumstances brings you here.”

Our purpose

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."
(Matthew 28:19-20a)

Through the Great Commission, commandments of God and other biblical texts, our purpose as a Church is to be, and to make, life-long disciples of Christ who seek to care for all the community of creation through loving service.

Our vision

"It is he whom we proclaim, warning and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ."
(Colossians 1:28)

We believe our primary role is to nurture spiritual growth in those who have no faith, a little faith, or great faith. This is not 'faith-pushing', its about showing genuine care and support for those around us through nurture. In this way we show out the love of Jesus and faith is thereby nurtured. We can all grow in our faith which is not achieved by just attending services; we believe we need to as a church be intentional in our own and others growth. This vision will empower believers to live out their faith, impact their communities, and draw closer to God.

Our values

"Keep alert; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love."
(1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Our values are taken from the passage above from 1 Corinthians. These values shape a Christian's character, guide their actions, and reflect their relationship with God and fellow humans. They provide a compass for navigating life's complexities, anchoring believers in their faith journey.

Meet the team



Gareth Morley
Rector



Rachel Moss
Lay Minister
(Pastoral Care Team)



Judith Collyer
Churchwarden
(Finance Committee)



Lee Townsend
Churchwarden
(Buildings Committee)



Helen Edwards
Parish Administrator

Our lovely parish administrator is our communication hub. She handles emails, phone calls, and visitor enquiries. She also produces the parish newsletter, manages the church diary, and provides much needed legal and liturgical support. She also looks after the management of the parish centre which is available for hire.

Safeguarding

"Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all."
(Proverbs 31:8)

We take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously and are committed to making our church a safe space, and to dealing openly and transparently with any issues raised.

Our commitments

- We will strive to promote a safe environment and culture for all,
- We will safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults,
- We will respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation,
- We will care pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons,
- We will care pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons, and
- We will respond to those that may pose a present risk.

If you have any questions please do speak to our Parish Safeguarding Officer.



Gerry Samuelsson-Brown
Parish Safeguarding



We do have a loop system in the church which is used for most services. If you require any other accessibility assistance do ask the churchwardens.

Sunday

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8:00am

Traditional | Quiet | Communion

This is a traditional service with readings from the bible, a sermon and communion.

This service lasts approximately half an hour.

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9:30am

Hymns | Organ | Family-friendly | Communion

The Service for all the Church Family. This is a traditional service with hymns, readings from the Bible, a sermon and communion. You will be welcomed to the Church by the sound of our bells. There is usually an Organist, Choir, and Serving Team present for this service.

This service lasts approximately one hour.

Refreshments are served afterwards.

We run a Children's Church at this service during term time on the first, second and fourth sundays of the month.

You can also watch this service online via our YouTube channel (link is to the top right of the webpage).

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6:00pm

Traditional | Hymns | Prayer Service

Evening prayer with readings from the bible.

This service lasts approximately twenty minutes to half an hour.

Monday



9:00am

Traditional | Prayer Service

Morning prayer with readings from the bible (you are unable to register attendance at this service for schools).

This service lasts approximately half an hour.

Tuesday



6:00pm

Meditation | Healing | Communion

On the first Tuesday of the month a short service of Holy Communion with the laying on of hands, prayers for healing and anointing with oil.

On the fourth Tuesday of the month a quiet, reflective service for those who've experienced suffering or loss.

At other times this is a quiet evening service with readings from the bible, a short address and communion. The service involves some form of Christian meditative, contemplative or reflective prayer.

These services last approximately half an hour.

Thursday



10:30am

Traditional | Communion

This is a traditional service with readings from the bible, a sermon and communion. Refreshments are served afterwards.

This service lasts approximately half an hour.

Guide to a Communion Service

Welcome! If you're new to church, everything might feel unfamiliar—but don't worry! This guide will walk you through each part of the service and help you feel at home.

1. Gathering & Welcome

When the service begins, the clergy, choir, and other ministers process into the church while a hymn is sung. This marks the start of worship, bringing us together as one. The presiding minister welcomes everyone and there is the sharing of any important church news.

2. Opening Prayers

We pray together, asking God to cleanse our hearts and prepare us for worship. This reminds us that God knows us completely, welcomes us, and invites us into His presence just as we are.

3. Confession & Forgiveness

We acknowledge that we don't always get things right and ask God for forgiveness. This is an opportunity for reflection, knowing that God's love and mercy are always available.

4. Hymn of Praise (Gloria)

This joyful hymn celebrates who God is and His love for us. We praise Him for His goodness and grace! This song of the angels in Luke 2:13-14, when they appeared to the shepherds on the night of Jesus' birth.

5. Bible Readings

We listen to passages from the Old Testament and New Testament, including a reading from the Gospels (the stories of Jesus' life and teachings). The Gospel is processed to the center of the church, reminding us that Jesus is at the heart of everything we do.

6. Sermon

The priest or preacher offers a reflection on the readings, exploring how they apply to our lives today. This is a time to learn, reflect, and grow in faith.

7. The Creed

We stand to declare our faith together using words that Christians have shared for centuries. This is a way of affirming our belief in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

8. Prayers for Others (Intercessions)

We pray for the world, our community, those in need, and those who have died. This is a moment to bring our hopes, concerns, and gratitude before God.

9. Sharing Peace

We turn to those around us and say, "Peace be with you." This reminds us that we are all part of one family, united in God's love.

We usually shake hands with the person next to us as a sign of peace, others wave and you may see others hugging each other.

10. Holy Communion (Eucharist)

This is the central part of the service. We bless bread and wine just as Jesus did at the Last Supper, remembering His sacrifice and love.

- If you usually receive Communion in your own church, you're welcome to receive it here. If you are baptised you can receive communion.
- If you don't want to take Communion, you can come forward for a blessing instead—just hold a hymn book to show this.
- If you want to stay in your pew for now, that's ok as well.

11. Closing Blessing & Sending Out

The service ends with a final blessing and words of encouragement to go out and live our faith. We then sing a final hymn, and the ministers process out.

On Sunday at 9:30am and Thursday 10:30am, this is not the end! We move to the annexe for refreshments and conversation. Please come through and make some new friends. You are most welcome

Easthampstead Parish Church: A Living Heritage

Easthampstead Parish Church has stood at the heart of community and worship for nearly a thousand years. Beneath its ancient tower and beside a venerable yew tree — itself likely older than the building — generations have gathered to pray, serve, celebrate, and grieve together. The church's enduring presence tells a story not just of architecture and tradition, but of people. People like you.

Through the centuries, Easthampstead Parish Church has weathered wars, reforms, celebrations, and quiet seasons of faith. It remains more than stone and stained glass — it is a living home to the prayerful and the questioning, the long-rooted and the newly arrived.

As you arrive at Easthampstead Parish Church, you join a living history. This isn't just about the past — it's about who we are becoming together. The prayers spoken in this space have shaped lives, healed wounds, and sparked hope. And now, your voice is part of that.

Whether you are seeking solace, friendship, connection, or purpose, you are welcome here. We don't expect you to have all the answers, or any at all — only a willingness to walk with others in faith, curiosity, and love.

Our church community is built on stories — of ancient trees and monarchs, yes, but also of volunteers who brew tea, children who light candles, neighbours who gather for worship, and people who dare to believe that healing and hope are still possible.

So please, make yourself at home. Ask questions. Sing with us, or sit in silence. Add your story to ours. The door is open, the light is on, and the next chapter begins with you.

Visit our website to discover more about your new home.

Your presence is a gift

It's customary for members of our church family to make a regular financial contribution. There's no fixed amount—just the invitation to give joyfully and freely, as St Paul encourages:

"God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Your support helps sustain worship, ministry, and care—now and for future generations. If you're ready, consider joining our Planned Giving scheme you can do so here:



[https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/
find-your-parish/easthampstead-bracknell/](https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/easthampstead-bracknell/)

Through this system you have complete control and can increase or decrease payments depending on your own circumstances.

If you are not ready to do this yet, that's ok! The invitation remains open, and we're really glad you're here.



Oliver Sommer
Treasurer

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