



Newsheet 18th May 2025 (Easter 5)

*Welcome to our service at St Paul's Egham Hythe, and especially if you are visiting or here for the first time.
Do stay for refreshments after the service.*

Hymns: 565 Praise my soul the king of heaven, 35 A new commandment (v1 and refrain),
736 When I needed a neighbour, We shall go out with hope of resurrection (sheet)

Collect: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Reading: Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Meeting of Parishioners: This is a very short, but important meeting to elect our churchwardens which will be held at the end of our service today.

Christian Aid Walk and Tea today: All are very welcome to join the walk to Laleham Park today – either for the full walk or for part of it - or just come along to the tea back in church at 3.30pm. Christian Aid envelopes and sponsorship details are at the back of church – please give generously.

What's on this week

Sunday 18th May 10am 3.30pm	Holy Communion in church (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>). Meeting of parishioners (to elect churchwardens) Christian Aid walk to Laleham Park and back Christian Aid Tea in church
Monday 19 th May 3.45pm	Messy Church
Tuesday 10am 7.30pm	Community Action Group meeting in church Foodbank
Thursday 9.30am 1pm 2pm	Stepping Stones Tea and Chat Communion
Saturday 9.30am	Morning Prayer in church
Sunday 25th May 10am 12 noon	Holy Communion with baptism in church (<i>streamed to YouTube and zoom</i>) Holy Baptism in church

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

For prayer

- For those living in Amberley Terrace, Argents Close, and Avenue Road.
- For Messy Church this week, and for all our ministries among children and young people.
- For Christian Aid week, and our sponsored walk and the Christian Aid tea.
- For those who are unwell or have asked for prayer including: Alma, Debbie, Beth and Patsy.
- We pray for those who mourn, and at their year's mind remember Gladys Elliott, Joy Goff and Dick Clarke.

Messy Church: Our next Messy Church is tomorrow - Monday 19th May 3.45pm – particularly suitable for primary school aged children accompanied by parents or carers. All welcome.

Thy Kingdom Come – 10 days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost (29th May – 8th June):

There are some new resources for this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' available at the back of church – do take what's helpful. Think about who you can pray for and how we might join in together. More information on their website <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



Offering towards the work of St Paul's: To make a donation to the ministry of this church today please use the card reader or 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. We depend entirely on the support of these donations to make ministry possible and available to all.

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