

## Newssheet 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before 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.



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**Hymns:** 428 Love divine (omit 3 and 4), 949 Wait for the Lord, 18 All I once held dear, 32 And can it be, 695 To God be the glory

**Collect:** Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Post Communion:** God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Romans 8: 18-25

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### Matthew 6: 25-end

<sup>25</sup>'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

## For prayer

- For those living in Tempest Road, the Causeway, The Fernery.
- For the deepening of our faith, and the courage to be open to God's leading.
- For the world, and for world leaders.
- For those who are unwell or have asked for prayer including: Alma, Beth, Richard, Ken, Taylor, Jon, Heather, Judith, Sophia, Jeffrey, Dawn, Carol.
- We pray for all who mourn. At their year's mind we remember John Hayho, John Mansey, Douglas Marshall, Betty Plumbley, Hay Hedges, Molly Symonds, Kathleen Rose.

## What's on this week

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10am Communion service. <i>Streamed to our YouTube channel and zoom</i> <b>Godly Play</b> meets in the hall during the service.
Tuesday 9.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Foodbank
Wednesday 8pm	Thorpe Lea school visit PCC
Thursday 9.30-11 1pm	Stepping Stones Tea and Chat followed by 2pm Communion
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Communion service. <i>Streamed to our YouTube channel and zoom</i> <b>February Feast after the service – see below.</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Eco group meets in church at 7pm

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**26 IN 26:** 26 ways to work for justice and help tackle poverty in 26. Sign up to our WhatsApp group to get involved and see the Church Action on Poverty website for more information. <https://www.church-poverty.org.uk/justchurch>

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**Easter Activities:** Our schools activities at St Paul's are on the mornings of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March and then 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March. Please sign up at the back of church if you can help with the events or to prepare craft activities beforehand. And please can you save your egg boxes!

**Godly Play:** Particularly suitable for 3-14 year olds – meets during the 10am service. If you've not been before please complete a registration form for your child.

**February Feast:** All are invited after the 10am service on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** for a community Chinese lunch. Come and join us for a delicious lunch, cash raffle and celebration. Please sign up in advance using the sheet at the back of church, or by emailing the Parish Office. This is a fundraising event so donations are very welcome.

**Ash Wednesday:** 7.30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Come along to this reflective service as Lent begins.

**Lent Group:** Monday evenings in church from 7.30-9pm – please sign up at the back of church.

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