

EASTLEIGH PARISH

Outlook for Sunday 2nd August

Welcome to another week in the life of Eastleigh Parish Church!



“nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus”

Romans 8:39

How well do you know today's Bible passage? For many people, Romans 8 is like the 'Crown Jewels' of the Scriptures and have been a source of help and encouragement – especially at times of great challenge and hardship in the Christian life. If you've never learned a large passage of Scripture off-by-heart before, why not have a go at learning today's reading? It may prove to be one the best investments of time and effort you'll ever make!

Both of today's church services have been pre-recorded – so you can have a lie-in and still be on time without anyone knowing just how long you have slept for.

Next Sunday (9th August), we'll be meeting online & in the church building at 10:30am. We'll send out an email in the middle of the week with all the details you'll need. The 9am telephone service will also be available.

Bible Reading

Romans 8:26-39 (NIRV)

²⁶ In the same way, the Holy Spirit helps us when we are weak. We don't know what we should pray for. But the Spirit himself prays for us. He prays through groans too deep for words. ²⁷ God, who looks into our hearts, knows the mind of the Spirit. And the Spirit prays for God's people just as God wants him to pray.

²⁸ We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with his purpose. ²⁹ God planned that those he had chosen would become like his Son. In that way, Christ will be the first and most honoured among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those God has

planned for, he has also appointed to be saved. Those he has appointed, he has made right with himself. To those he has made right with himself, he has given his glory.

³¹ What should we say then? Since God is on our side, who can be against us? ³² God did not spare his own Son. He gave him up for us all. Then won't he also freely give us everything else? ³³ Who can bring any charge against God's chosen ones? God makes us right with himself. ³⁴ Then who can sentence us to death? No one. Christ Jesus is at the right hand of God and is also praying for us. He died. More than that, he was raised to life. ³⁵ Who can separate us from Christ's love? Can trouble or hard times or harm or hunger? Can nakedness or danger or war? ³⁶ It is written,

"Because of you, we face death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be killed." (Psalm 44:22)

³⁷ No! In all these things we are more than winners! We owe it all to Christ, who has loved us. ³⁸ I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can separate us. ³⁹ Not even the highest places or the lowest, or anything else in all creation can separate us. Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.

Key Prayer Point for this Week



On Wednesday, Sue, Phil & Adrian will be interviewing a very promising candidate for the post of 'Youth & Children's Minister'. Please will you pray for the following?

- For the interview team to clearly discern God's will for EPC – that would be blessed with wisdom
- For the candidate, that this process would be a blessing to them – whatever the outcome may be
- That God would appoint the most marvellous person to lead our ministry with children & young people
- That EPC would now see a wonderful new season of ministry to-and-with children & young people and their families

You'll notice that we have changed the job title from 'Children & Families Minister'. There's a good reason for this. Whilst the main focus of this job will be to encourage parents and carers to disciple their own children (rather than simply relying on church-based activities like Sunday School), this particular candidate has a gifting in the area of working with older young people. Having had some preliminary conversations with the applicant, we think that it is right in this instance to broaden the age-range of the work that they would lead should they be appointed.

Thank you for praying!

Reopening the Church Building: The PCC's Plan



Thank you for all of your prayers and helpful feedback on this topic. The PCC had a very fruitful conversation when we met last week and fairly swiftly reached a unanimous decision on how to proceed at this time.

Some of the main points we wanted to incorporate into our plans included:

- A desire to ensure that those who are unable to return to the church building who do not have internet access continue to have the option of attending the 9am telephone service.

- A recognition that there are some very good reasons why not everyone is able to return to the building at this time.
- We mustn't give the impression that attending online or in person is somehow 'better than' or 'less than' the other when genuine reasons keep us apart from others at this time.
- We noted that it is very disappointing that our insurers, acting on the advice of the CoE authorities, won't allow us to share wine as a part of Holy Communion (even though government guidance would have permitted this!).
- Whilst Sunday services are helpful, being a part of a weekly Discipleship Group is very beneficial to Christian growth.

This is the unanimous decision that the PCC made:

The church building will reopen for worship in August. Once All Saints' reopens on 9th August:

1. The telephone service will continue to be provided at 9am each Sunday until further notice.
2. There will be one service at 10:30am each Sunday that can be accessed both online AND in person.
3. We will review the situation and make plans beyond August in due course.

Below is a table to summarise what we plan for the next month, but in short, rather than offering 10am & 11o'clock services via ZOOM/Facebook, from August 9th we will hold **one** main service that can be accessed both online and in person. Some contributors to the service (e.g. prayers, readings, etc.) will be in-person, whilst others will be online.

Sundays in August 2020		
Date	Telephone Service	Joint Service – Online & In All Saints'
August 2nd	9am telephone service	<i>Day off for AV team - all content will be pre-recorded and available online via www.eastleighparish.com – church building still closed today</i>
August 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th	9am telephone service	<p><i>Worshipping together at 10:30am – both online via ZOOM/Facebook & in church building</i></p> <p><i>Music will be provided via screens in church building for two main reasons: 1) singing is not yet permitted in groups, 2) we want to ensure a good sound quality for those attending online</i></p> <p><i>Being as though we are not able to distribute wine at this time, please have ready/bring your own bread & wine so that we can share an "Agapé Meal" together (we will not be providing bread & wine at the church building – you need to provide your own)</i></p> <p><i>More details to follow prior to August 9th</i></p>
Sundays in September 2020		
No decisions made yet – please send feedback / suggestions to Ian		

Before we open the church building for worship you will receive a special email detailing what to expect if/when you attend in person during August. Dave Savage has led the preparation of an excellent Health & Safety Risk Assessment for using the church building. As you might expect, this plan includes hand gel, a one-way system for moving around the building, new signage, etc. We will be careful to incorporate all new guidance as it emerges. We now know that face coverings should be worn when attending (N.B. some people are exempt from wearing face coverings. See government advice for full details).

Midweek in August		
Wednesday August 5 th	9:15am midweek service	<i>Final online midweek service – church building still closed today</i>
Wednesday August 12 th 19 th 26 th	9:15am midweek service	<i>In church building – possibly streamed to Facebook</i> <i>As with Sundays, please bring/have ready your own bread & wine so that we can share an “Agapé Meal” together (we will not be providing bread & wine at the church building – you need to provide your own)</i>

Online Summer Festivals



One positive consequence of the COVID pandemic is that the amazing Keswick Convention was broadcast FOR FREE online last week. You can still watch the whole programme via their YouTube channel.

Daily Programme

09:00	Prayer (Tuesday – Friday)
10:00	Bible readings by Christopher Ash on 'Hope in Jesus' from the Psalms
11:00	Coffee break
11:15	Seminar / Keswick 4 Kids / Keswick Youth
12:00	Count Everyone In – a devotion for adults with learning disabilities
20:00	Evening Celebration : Various speakers
20:00	Keswick Youth

Other Events

Musical ministry duo Awesome Cutlery will be leading families in sung worship on Tuesday afternoon

Keswick Unconventional, which engages with life and faith through the arts, will be holding a Night Shift event on Wednesday after the Evening Celebration.

You can access all of these great events online by [clicking here](#) or going to: <https://vkc.keswickministries.org/>

In the coming weeks, other regular Christian festivals are going online too, including:

Connect Festival

<https://commission.global/connectfestival>

Creation Fest

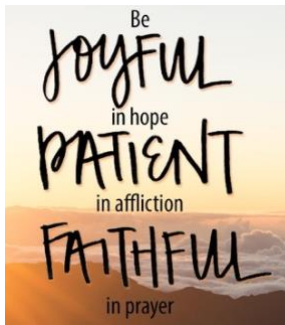
<https://creationfest.org.uk/>

New Wine

<https://www.new-wine.org/>

All of the above events have their merits. Please do feedback what you have learned, enjoyed, been challenged by, etc.

Prayer Points



Did you know that we hold a prayer meeting every Tuesday and Thursday at 9am via ZOOM? You can join in by clicking the link at <https://www.eastleighparish.com/live-stream>.

At the moment, we regularly make use of the 'Prayer During the Day' service, which you can find here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Some key prayer points today include:

- Noah Aquino (aged 7) continues to receive treatment in northern Spain. Do pray for his whole family and his healing.
- Steve, Clare Bradford's dad, is receiving chemotherapy. (Clare's mum's name is Chris.)
- Clover Hughes is recovering from a recent operation.
- Our DGs continue to bless many people. Do pray for the group leaders to be ever-refreshed and full of joy as they lead these very important groups.

We're Hiring: Cleaners/Caretakers Required



The PCC are seeking to fill 2 paid posts. Both are for 3 hours per week, plus occasional extra hours (spring cleaning, big events, extra COVID cleaning, etc.)

- Post 1: Cleaner/Caretaker for St Francis'
- Post 2: Cleaner/Caretaker for All Saints' site (hall & church building)

For more information or an informal chat, please call Sue on 07502 427 693.

Keep in Touch

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Kids' Corner



At the foot of Outlook, you'll find some worksheets you might like to use that tie in with this week's Bible passage.

Can you colour these in, and then learn the verses off by heart?

AND WE KNOW THAT
GOD
CAUSES ALL THINGS
To Work
TOGETHER FOR GOOD
To Those
WHO LOVE GOD
& To Those Who Are
CALLED
ACCORDING *To His* PURPOSE
ROMANS 8:28

ROMANS

Bible journaling

✱ PRINTABLE TEMPLATES FOR NON-ARTISTS ✱

THE
Love
of
GOD
has been
poured
out in our
hearts
by the
Holy
Spirit
Romans 5:5

IF
GOD
is for us
WHO
can be
against
US
Romans 8:31

Who-
ever
calls
on the
Name
of the
LORD
will be
saved
Romans 10:13

BE
joyful
in
HOPE
patient
in
affliction
faithful
in
PRAYER
Romans 12:12

SERMON NOTES

Draw the preacher

Favorite Song



What I learned

Bible Verse

My Prayer

