

EASTLEIGH PARISH



ONLINE, IN-PERSON



Outlook for Sunday 20th & 27th September

Church Services/Events This Week		
On the Telephone	Telephone Service	9:00am Sunday (call 07809 668 118 if you need access details)
In All Saints' & on ZOOM/Facebook	A Service Remembering the Lord's Supper	9:30am Sunday
Outside St Francis'	Informal Service, including kids' activities	11:00am Sunday (bring a seat & use your 'phone to access song words, etc.)
On ZOOM only	Prayer Meeting	9:00am Tues & Thurs

Welcome to Outlook, the weekly newsletter for Eastleigh Parish Church

In recent weeks we've been thinking about the Church. In particular, we've been keen to take a look at what Paul's letter to the Ephesians teaches us about the Church. Last Sunday Ian talked about 'the Jesus-shaped Church' (with Jesus as the chief cornerstone; Eph 2:22). When you sit quietly to pray and read your Bible this week, why not take a few minutes to see what you notice about the shape of the community of disciples that Jesus built during His 3 years of public ministry? You could read any of the 4 Gospels to gain an insight into this, but you may like to start with some fascinating passages in Matthew such as:

- Matthew 8:23-27; 10:1-20; 13:47-52; 16:21-28; 28:1-10, and; 28:16-20.

Don't forget: As disciples of Jesus, we want to see Eastleigh Parish Church reflecting all that Jesus hoped to see in His Church. Having read these or other Scriptures you might find it helpful to jot down a few key thoughts or even a goal that you'd like to pursue.

For the next 2 Sundays (20th & 27th) our readings are going to give us a cosmic view of the Church! These perspectives of what the Church is and what the Church is for are crucial for us to grasp if we are ever to gain the same view of the Church that God Himself has.

"God's purpose in all this was to use the Church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers & authorities in the heavenly places."

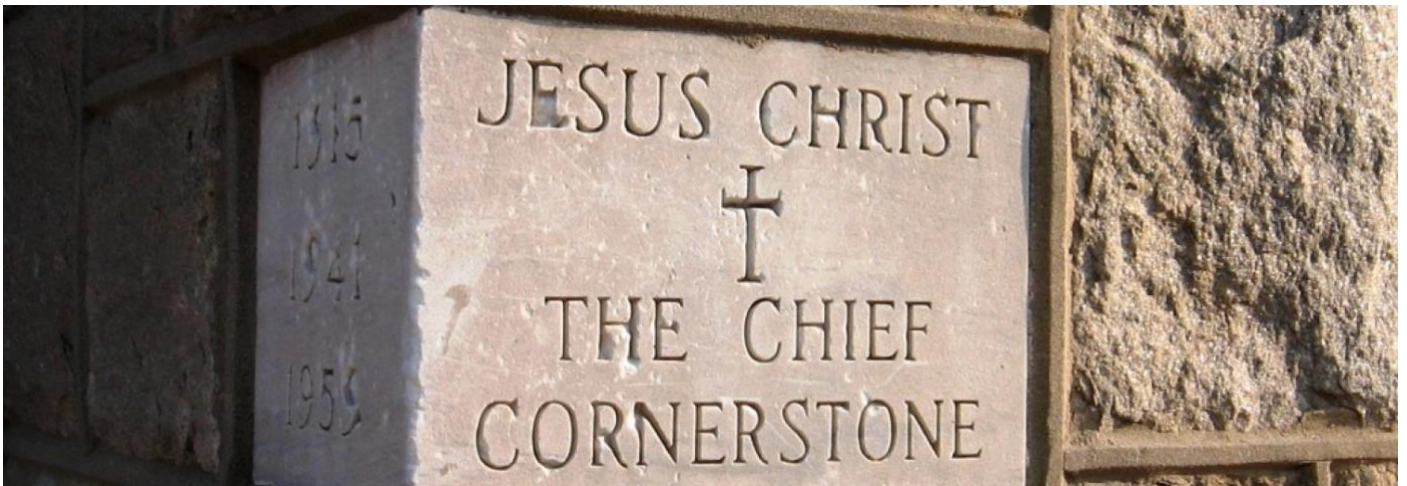
Ephesians 1:22 (NLT)

Bible Reading 20th September

Ephesians 3:7-19

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³ I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.



Bible Reading 27th September

Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



Above: 2 pictures from Church on the Green; including Michael W giving an illustration of how we should build our lives on Jesus the chief cornerstone!

Have You Met Michael Yet?



Hi! My name is Michael Weatherall and I am the new Youth & Children's Minister here at EPC! I am so excited to get stuck in here and see how God works through this role and in this church. I would really love to meet the families of Eastleigh Parish and get to know you better, whether that be in your homes or out for coffee! You can expect a call from me at some point soon but if you want to get in touch with me to arrange a time and place to meet please call me on 07311820975 or email me at

Michael@eastleighparish.com. I look forward to hearing from you all!

[Please do get in touch with Michael – he's already been a real blessing to many of us, and you won't want to miss out on how he can encourage you!]

Harvest Festival



This year's Harvest services will be on Sunday 18th October. It would be great to prepare for a bumper crop to be given to Eastleigh Basics Bank. Perhaps you could start stocking up on some good items to bring in?

Below is a list of the items that they have specifically asked for:

- Tinned meat meals (hot dogs, ravioli, curry, sausages & beans, chili con carne, meatballs, mince, stew, chicken, etc.)
- Corned beef
- Spam
- Tinned ham
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines)
- Cook-in-sauce jars
- Instant pasta sauces & noodles
- Tinned vegetables (potatoes, carrots, peas and sweetcorn)
- Tinned fruit (peaches, mandarins, pineapple, fruit cocktail)
- Rice pudding
- Custard
- Desserts (jelly, sponge puddings, Angel Delight)
- Sugar
- Spreads (jam, marmalade, peanut butter, etc.)
- Coffee
- Squash
- Cereal
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Deodorant
- Loo rolls

The Basics Bank team would also love to hear from you if you had the time (and the transport) to do some bulk-buying on their behalf (from local supermarkets). They are able to promptly reimburse you for everything you buy. If you can help in this way, speak to Dan on 07563 609994.

Stuart Weeks; May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory



On Monday last week, Stuart Weeks died and went to be with the Lord. Stuart had worshipped with us at All Saints' for many years and was a very kind and gentle man. He began to feel unwell over the weekend and died surrounded by his family in hospital just 24 hours later.

Stuart's funeral will take place at All Saints' at 12noon on Friday 2nd October. In order to leave space in the church building for Stuart's family, everyone is warmly invited to attend via ZOOM.

Please do keep his daughters, Annette & Suzanne, in your prayers.

"I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far." Philippians 1:23

Prayers

Please do keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Norma Francis, who continues to be poorly, and also her wider family as they care for her
- Michael Weatherall, who has just taken up his new role at EPC
- Noah Aquino – see detailed update below
- Steve Hughes (Clare Bradford's dad), who continues to receive treatment for cancer

Further Update on Noah from Naomi & Luis (Noah's mum & dad, EPC mission partners):



"Hello again,

Noah had his appointment to get the biopsy results and talk about his surgery. Due to some kind of error, they were unable to obtain results, so they will have to repeat the biopsy on Monday. These results will determine whether he is able to have the transplant or if he'll need more chemo first.

He has the go ahead for surgery on Wednesday 23rd Sept and will be admitted the evening before, for a blood transfusion and prep for the operation.

The surgeon said that Noah's primary tumour has improved considerably in comparison to the first images and she is pleased at how well he has responded to the chemotherapy, praise God!

The other good news is that we found out there's no cancer in the peripheral blood!

For prayer:

- *For God to use the surgeon!*
- *That they will be able to remove the tumour alone and won't have to touch his left kidney.*
- *Good health leading up to the surgery.*
- *Protection from Covid in the operating theatre.*

Thank you, prayer warriors!"

Would you like to join with a day of prayer/fasting for Noah & his family? Many of us will be fasting/praying in the 24hrs leading up to Noah's operation: Tues 22nd-Weds 23rd

Virtual Macmillan Coffee Morning: 10am 26th September

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Dot Chadwick is organising **an online** Macmillan Coffee Morning on 26th Sept from 10am onwards. How about baking a cake, making some cup cakes or a rocky road and joining us via Zoom (just like we do for church services) to eat, drink and be merry? You can then send your donations to Macmillan. (There'll be a collection box at All Saints' for those wishing to donate, along with a Gift Aid Form.

Collections will be gratefully received over two Sunday mornings following our Virtual Coffee Morning on the 26th September.)

Any queries re donations please contact Dot 023 8069 6591. A link to the ZOOM room for this event can be found on our website alongside details of all our [online & in-person events](#).

APCM: 9:30am Sat 24th October – via ZOOM and at All Saints' (APCM: Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

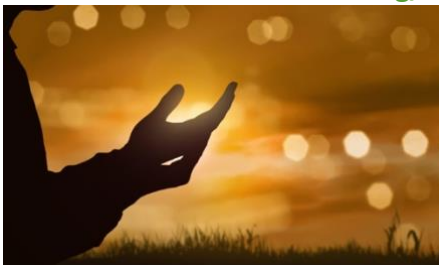


Our APCM had been postponed due to lockdown, but we can now confirm that we've been given the green light to go ahead. **Our APCM will take place at 9:30am on Saturday 24th October.** We plan to finish by 11am. There really is a great deal to give thanks to God for in the life of EPC in the church year 2019-20, as well as some exciting ideas on the horizon for 2020/21 that we'd like to share. With this in mind, the APCM should be a terrific meeting for all of us who care about EPC.

You'll be able to attend (and vote, if necessary) both online and in person. The APCM is the annual opportunity for us to take stock of 'where we are' as a parish, and to elect Church Wardens & other officials. If you consider EPC to be your 'spiritual home', please will you make sure that you're signed up to the Electoral Roll (see note above) so that you can play your part at the APCM. Also, if you'd like to know more about serving on PCC, or as a Warden, please speak to Ian or any member of the PCC.

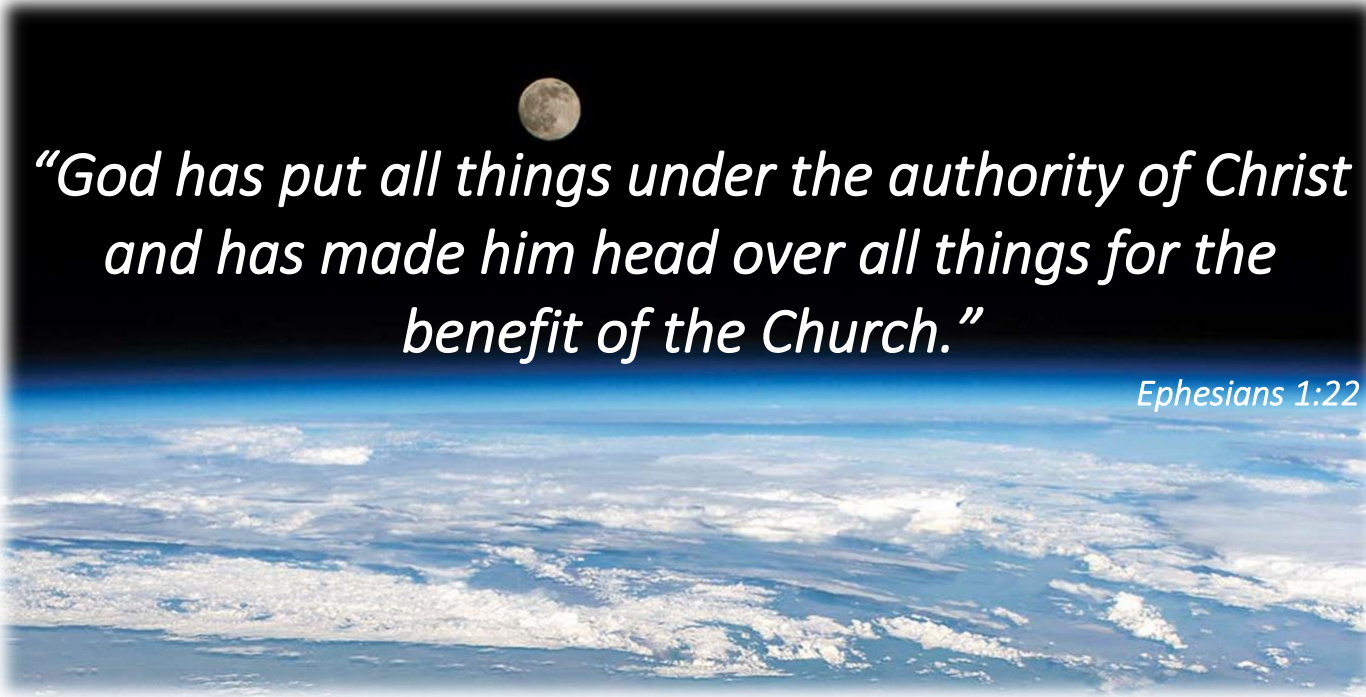
Please see the separate attachment regarding the Electoral Roll – are you on it? Would you like to be added to it? Speak to Dot Chadwick (Electoral Roll Officer) for more info on 023 8069 6591.

Whole-Church 24hrs of Fasting/Prayer



The next 24hrs of whole-church prayer/fasting has been set by the PCC to take place on **Fri 23rd/Sat 24th October. Please put it in your diary now!** In addition to this, please see the note above about a special day of fasting/prayer for Noah Aquino.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14



*“God has put all things under the authority of Christ
and has made him head over all things for the
benefit of the Church.”*

Ephesians 1:22

Sundays in October?



It has been really good to be able to meet outside St Francis' at 11am and also in the All Saints' building/online at 9:30am on Sundays during September. As we now move towards October, we need to start thinking about planning for cooler weather.

As before, we're going to continue making short term plans for our Sunday gatherings

based on the most up-to-date government information available at the time (which seems to be constantly evolving). This means that we will announce our plan for Sundays in October in the days leading up to the 1st weekend.

It is possible that we'll need to think creatively about appropriate ventilation at All Saints' once the temperature drops and it is no longer feasible to leave the doors wide open. Likewise, it is possible that we'll lay out 2 different sets of chairs for Sundays – one for 9:30 and the other for 11am (which would allow us to use the building twice in a day without needing to clean all the chairs between users).

Thank you for bearing with us as we try to navigate the best way forward for every member of EPC. Please do keep your helpful feedback coming – it has been very helpful to us.

Keep in Touch



Ian (Vicar): 07809 668 118 & **Sue:** 07502 427 693 (*Ian & Sue are on holiday Tues 22nd – Thurs 1st*)

Phil Watson (Church Warden): 07966 159 684

Adrian Nance (Licensed Lay Minister): 07973 232 872

Keith Pickering (Deputy Church Warden): 07905 249 860

Michael Weatherall (Youth & Children's Minister): 07311 820 975

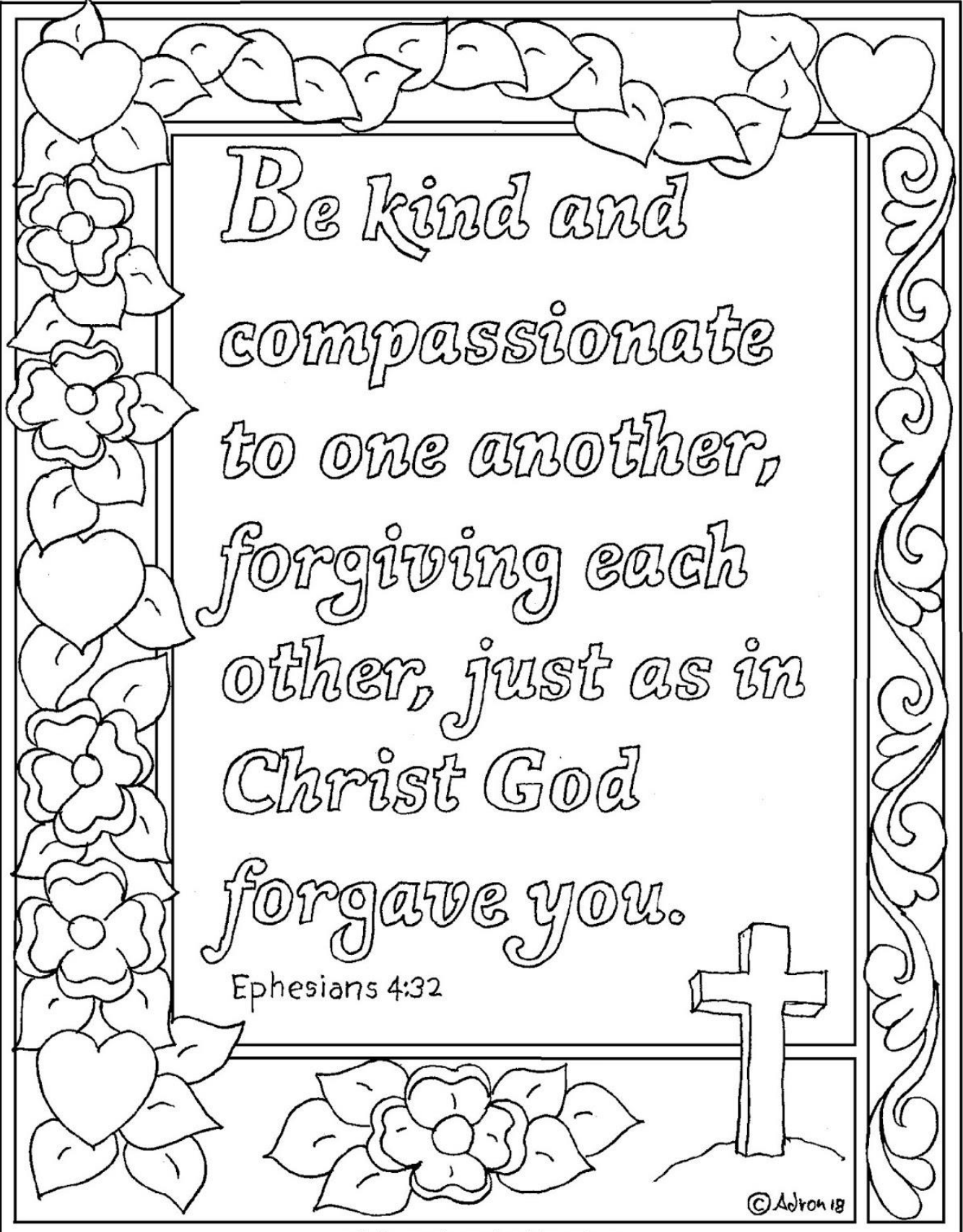


At the foot of Outlook you'll find some worksheets you might like to use that tie in with our series on Ephesians and the Church.



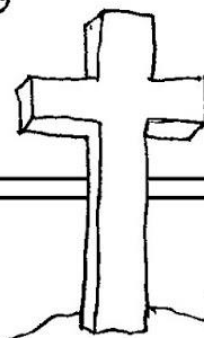
Paul wrote 13 letters that are in the New Testament: Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

What's Bible?
from volume 12
letters
Romans through
Philemon
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*Be kind and
compassionate
to one another,
forgiving each
other, just as in
Christ God
forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:32



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Can you colour this in, and then learn the verse off by heart?