EASTLEIGH PARISH

15th November 2026

Outlook



In our Philippians passage today, towards the end of the letter, Paul and Timothy pleaded with the church to *"stand firm in the Lord."* Like us, they knew that being blown over or knocked down is no fun at all. But more than that, not only is it not nice to fall ourselves, it's truly awful to watch someone we love take a tumble and hurt themselves or those around them.

God's desire has always been for a *"radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."* (Eph 5:27) Today's passage not only encourages us towards this, but it reminds us of one practical way in which we can "*stand firm in the Lord*" and live and act in a way that blesses both ourselves and those around us - and gives glory to God too!

Join Us to Pray!

- Find us in All Saints' (with coffee) each Tuesday at 8:45am, and;
- Join us online (link via EastleighParish.com) every Thursday at 9am.

A Collect for this Week

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Philippians 4:1-9

1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
you whom I love and long for, my joy
and crown, stand firm in the Lord in
this way, dear friends!
2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with
Syntyche to be of the same mind in
the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you, my true
companion, help these women since
they have contended at my side in
the cause of the gospel, along with
Clement and the rest of my co-
workers, whose names are in the
book of life.
4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say
it again: rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness
be evident to all. The Lord is near.
6 Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present
your requests to God. 7 And the
peace of God, which transcends all
understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is
admirable – if anything is excellent or
praiseworthy – think about such
things. 9 Whatever you have learned
or received or heard from me, or
seen in me – put it into practice. And
the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 13:5-13

5 Jesus said to them: 'Watch out that
no one deceives you. 6 Many will
come in my name, claiming, "I am
he," and will deceive many. 7 When
you hear of wars and rumours of
wars, do not be alarmed. Such things
must happen, but the end is still to
come. 8 Nation will rise against
nation, and kingdom against
kingdom. There will be earthquakes
in various places, and famines. These
are the beginning of birth-pains.
9 'You must be on your guard. You
will be handed over to the local
councils and flogged in the
synagogues. On account of me you
will stand before governors and kings
as witnesses to them. 10 And the
gospel must first be preached to all
nations. 11 Whenever you are
arrested and brought to trial, do not
worry beforehand about what to say.
Just say whatever is given you at the
time, for it is not you speaking, but
the Holy Spirit.
12 'Brother will betray brother to
death, and a father his child. Children
will rebel against their parents and
have them put to death. 13 Everyone
will hate you because of me, but the
one who stands firm to the end will
be saved.

Julie Shea



Julie's funeral will take place at 12:30pm on Monday 30th November in All Saints'. It's likely that we'll be hosting a buffet meal after the service. If you can help serve/tidy up, please let Ian know. Please keep her brother Richard, sister Karen, and mum in your prayers.

AV Team Members

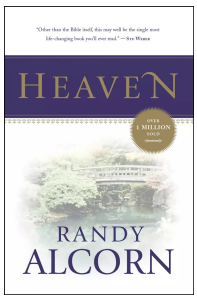
We're keen to find some new AV team members. If you're interested in serving in this way please speak to Sue.

Advent Reading

As we approach Advent, we'd like to recommend 2 different books:



- We've bought 100 copies of "Silent Night" by JM Stiles, and you can buy one from us for just **£2.00** (RRP is £3.99). It contains short daily readings to take you through Advent - to help prepare our hearts for the Christmas season.



- On Sundays in Advent we're going to think about what the Bible teaches about life after death. There is an excellent book by R Alcorn called "Heaven" which does a great job of diving deep into this most vital of topics. You can buy a copy here. Or you may prefer to purchase the equally excellent (but much shorter!) "Heaven for Kids" by the same author.

When You Pray at Home, please pray for:

- The many special events for Advent/Christmas, incl. numerous visits to care homes & Nightingale School;
- For the lost to be saved, and the saved to be fruitful disciples;
- Those who are ill or recovering from surgery, including Wendy I, Julie G, Wendy R, Revd Oliver & Dave S.

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Philippians 4:1-9

A) Standing Firm on the 'Big Things of God' (v1)…

B) …Enables Us to Tackle the Challenges of Life, such as:

- broken relationships (vv2-3)
- the anxieties we experience (vv4-7)

C) God Longs for us to Know:

- his peace of mind (v8)
- his paths of peace (v9)

Advent & Christmas Dates



- **Pray** for God's blessing on all these plans;
- **Invite** friends/family/neighbours where appropriate;
- Offer to **serve** where you can, and;
- Put them in your **diary** now!

☆ Biblical Insights into the Christmas Story
- 6:15pm Sunday 6th December *(see separate leaflet)*

☆ Christingle for Uniform Groups (Scouts, etc.)
- 7:00pm Wednesday 9th December

☆ Carols on the Green (OUTSIDE St Francis')
- 6:30pm Saturday 19th December

☆ Christmas, Carols, and, Cake
- 4:00pm Sunday 20th December

☆ Family Nativity
- 10:30am Tuesday 22nd December

☆ Launchpad & Friends Christmas Special - with lunch
- 11:00am Wednesday 23rd December

☆ Christingle Services
- 4:30pm & 6:00pm Christmas Eve

☆ Midnight Communion
- 11:15pm Christmas Eve

☆ Communion for Christmas Day
- 10:30am Christmas Day