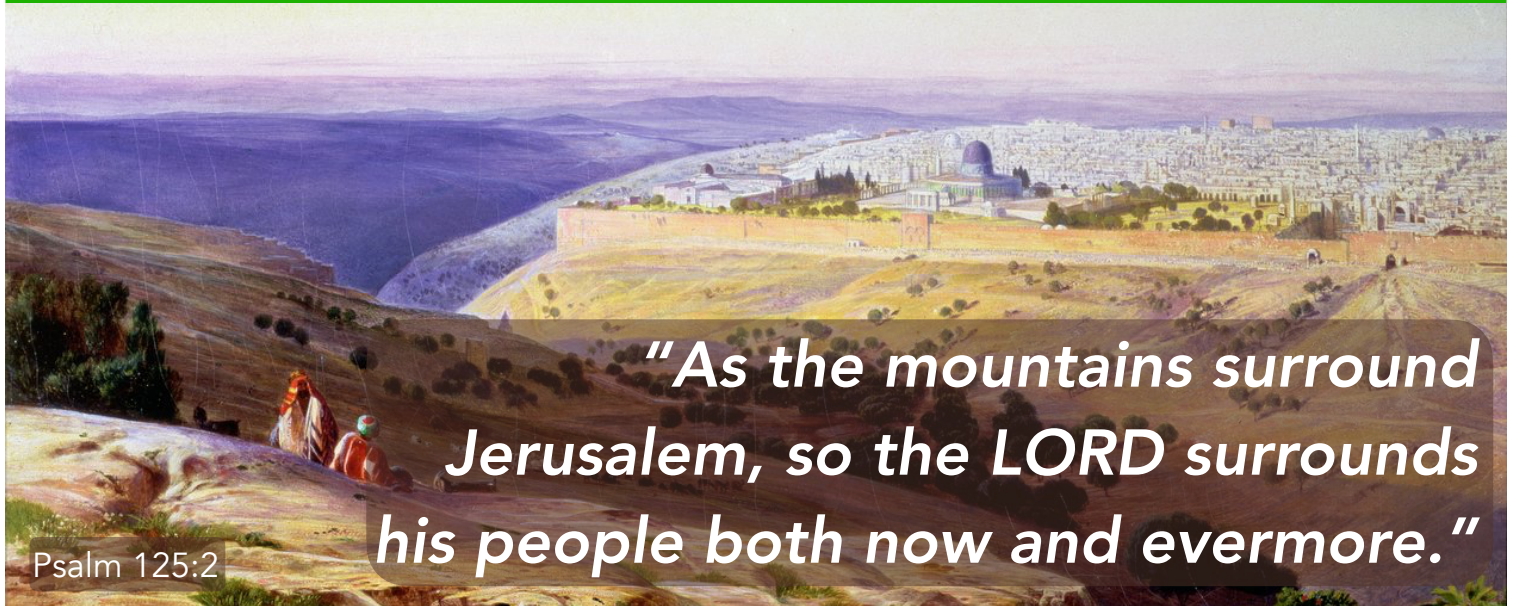


Outlook



Good morning and welcome to Eastleigh Parish Church - and an extra special welcome to the family and friends of **Arthur Jayne** who is being baptised at today's 11 o'clock service.

Throughout the summer we've been focusing on Bible readings from the Psalms. This collection of 150 readings has been dubbed 'the song book of the Bible' and in them we find an expression of just about every human experience and emotion - and how God desires to connect with us and lead us to know him and trust him in every season of life.

The above picture was painted by Edward Lear (who also wrote 'the owl and the pussy cat went to sea'!) and shows us what Jerusalem looked like in the mid 19th century. It's an artistic reminder of a key verse from today's psalm: "*As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and evermore.*" (Psalm 125:2).

Collect for 24th August

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Bible Readings for 24th August

Psalm 125

A song of ascents.

¹ Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

² As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
**so the Lord surrounds his people
both now and forevermore.**

³ The sceptre of the wicked will not remain
over the land allotted to the righteous,
**for then the righteous might use
their hands to do evil.**

⁴ Lord, do good to those who are good,
to those who are upright in heart.

⁵ But those who turn to crooked ways
the Lord will banish with the evildoers.

Peace be on Israel.

*At the end, we all say: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.***

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Matthew 7:24-29

[Jesus said:] ²⁴ 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish

man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.'

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Afternoon Tea in the Vicarage Garden: 3pm Sunday 31st August



Join us for a delicious spread of sandwiches, tea & cakes in the Vicarage Garden (1 Cedar Rd. SO50 9NR). *Please invite* friends & family to this social occasion. If you can help by baking a cake, speak to Dot. Please bring a deck chair if you have one.

March for Life: Saturday 6th September in London



A group of EPC members are planning on attending this year's March for Life in London. 2 weeks' ago it was announced that the CoE bishops of Chichester & Hereford will be there and giving their voice to this really important cause. If you'd like to join us, please speak to Fennie Yap who will be arranging travel - possibly seats on a coach with another local church. See marchforlife.co.uk for more details about the event.

The Alpha Course: Weekly at 7pm, starts on Tuesday 9th September



You are warmly invited to attend the Alpha Course, which will start on 9th Sept and run until 25th Nov (with a break for half term). Each evening will begin with tea/coffee and cake, and will include a mix of engaging video presentations and group discussions. More info at www.alpha.org.uk - or chat to Ian, Rachel, George or Monty.

When You Pray...



...here are some suggested items to take to our Father in Heaven.

Thank God: that Dave S's treatment has gone well this past week and an encouraging prognosis has been given; that numerous church members have been really blessed on summer camps; that we have a super team to help with the Alpha Course.

Ask God: to continue to encourage and heal those who are profoundly ill (including *Alan H; Dave S, and; Amin's sister, Marzyeh*); to bless our plans for the restart of Stay & Play in September; that many would come to the Alpha Course and find lively faith in Christ.

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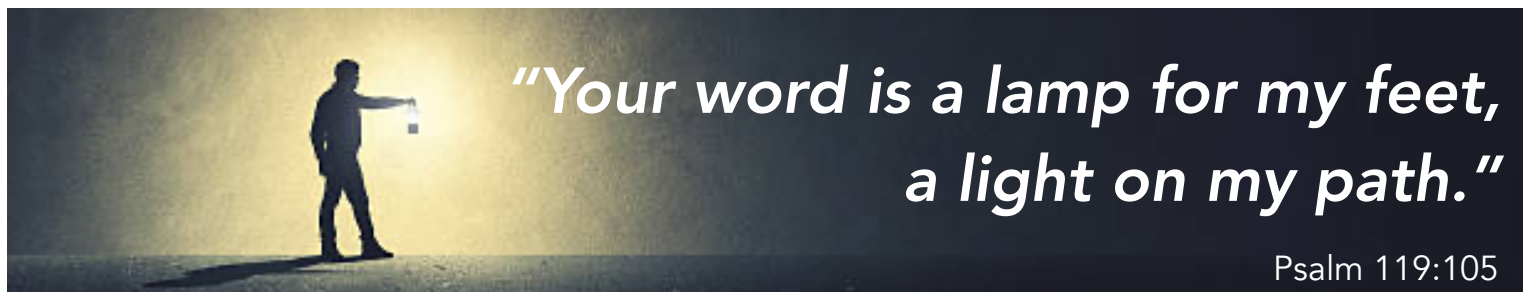
"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you" Psalm 55:22a

Summer of Psalms



Below you'll find a helpful summary of the psalms we've looked at so far this summer. [If you click here](#), you'll find a wonderful collection of musical settings of songs from the psalms that Sue has compiled.

2025's Psalms	One Key Verse
July 20th Psalm 127	<i>"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain."</i> Psalm 127:1
July 27th Psalm 68	<i>"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing."</i> Psalm 68:5-6a
August 3rd Psalm 119	<i>"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."</i> Psalm 119:105
August 10th Psalm 16	<i>"my body will also rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead"</i> Psalm 16:9b-10a
August 17th Psalm 2	<i>"Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction."</i> Psalm 2:12a
August 17th Psalm 125	<i>"As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore."</i> Psalm 125:2



***"Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path."***

Psalm 119:105