

Collect for the week.

**Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and
bodies in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**



Join Us for Morning Prayer, Every Tuesday & Thursday Jeremy Douglas will be leading morning prayers in Ian's absence. Why not come along and join with him and others? We meet: 8:45-9:30am each Tuesday in All Saints' (with coffee!) 9:00-9:30am each Thursday on ZOOM (click the link on the home page of our website: <https://www.eastleighparish.com/>) "The fervent prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16



Next Sunday 2nd August 2026 is our Come to the Table service during which we will be having Holy Communion. Afterwards, we will have a time of fellowship. We would usually have a shared lunch together, but several folks are away. Therefore, please just bring your own food.



Next week we will start our 'Summer of Psalm' series starting with Psalm 2.

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In our last look at Acts (15:36-16:10), the passage recounts Paul's proposal to revisit the churches they had founded, but he and Barnabas sharply disagreed over taking John Mark. They separated: Barnabas took Mark to Cyprus, while Paul chose Silas and travelled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening believers. In Lystra, Paul met Timothy, whose good reputation led Paul to take him along; Timothy was circumcised to avoid hindering ministry among Jews. They delivered the Jerusalem Council's decisions, and the churches grew. The Spirit prevented them from preaching in Asia and Bithynia, directing them instead to Troas. There Paul received a vision of a Macedonian man pleading for help, and they concluded God was calling them to bring the gospel to Macedonia.

We are grateful today to have the Rev.'s Oliver and Danny Stupple 9.30am) and Danny Stupple (11am) officiating.

Acts 15:36-Act: 16:10 - Disagreement between Paul and

Barnabas ³⁶ Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.' ³⁷ Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸ but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. ³⁹ They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹ He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. ¹⁶ Paul came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was Jewish and a believer but whose father was a Greek. ² The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. ³ Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they travelled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.



⁶ Paul and his companions travelled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Luke 24: 44-53 - ⁴⁴ He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.' ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'



⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then

they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.