

Outlook

*"I thank my God
every time I
remember you."*

Philippians 1:3

When the Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Church in Philippi he told them, *"I thank my God every time I remember you."* Paul loved the Philippians. He didn't just 'rub along with them' or 'tolerate them'. He loved them, and they in turn loved him.

This term we're going to take a look at this terrific letter. It's only 4 chapters long but for *"those who have ears"* it packs a real punch and is capable of producing in us the sort of fruit that God longs to see in the lives of His disciples.

Here's one of the prayers Paul prayed for the Philippian Church. Perhaps you could take a moment right now to pray it for God's Church in Eastleigh?

"...this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God." Amen.

(from Phil 1:9-11)

A Collect for this Week

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Philippians 1:1-11

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. 8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make

disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Thank You!



We recently asked for help with a number of things in church life, including needing a new '*Hall Hire Bookings Coordinator*' and a '*Free Bibles Coordinator*'. We're delighted to say that 2 great people have come forward to help with these important roles.

Thank you! Speak to Sue if there's a way in which **you** can serve in church life.

When You Pray...



Here are 3 suggestions to help you in your **prayers & devotions** at home:

- ▶ Revd Oliver produces a very helpful weekly newsletter. Sign up to receive it by sending an email to Oliver@EastleighParish.com or see it via his blog <https://fsmins.org/>
- ▶ Barnabas Aid have lots of helpful information on how we can pray for and practically support the suffering and persecuted Church. Visit <https://www.barnabasaid.org/> or send an email to rebekah.Stuppel@barnabasaid.org to sign up for their newsletter.
- ▶ As is often the case, Israel has been much in the news this week. As Christians we're keen to follow the Bible's teaching to "**pray for the peace of Jerusalem**" (from Psalm 122), but how exactly do we do that? Here's a link to a really helpful article that goes some way to helping us see that the only hope for our troubled world is Jesus, and that *all* those who live in or near Jerusalem are no different to the rest of us when it comes to needing the peace only he can offer. See: <https://www.oneforisrael.org/praying-for-israel-on-yom-kippur/>

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Some Dates for the Term Ahead

- * **4th October** 10:30am joint service for Harvest Festival / Feast of Tabernacles, followed by Harvest Lunch. Reserve lunch via ChurchSuite.
- * **18th October** full-immersion baptisms at both 9:30 & 11:00 services AND visit to Eastleigh Parish by Bishop Philip, Bishop of Winchester
- * **Saturday 7th November** 10:00am Friends of African Nursing coffee morning
- * **Saturday 19th December** 6:30pm Carols on the Green
- * **Sunday 20th December** 4:00pm Christmas, Carols & Cake

Philippians 1:1-11

(space for your own notes)

>>> *Philippians is a loving letter to the Church which helps us see that God calls us to be disciples who make disciples <<<*

Disciples are:

- * Partners in the Gospel (v5)
- * Saints (v1)
- * Servants (of Christ v1; for the sake of others v8)
- * Serious (v6)
- * New-hearted (thankful v3; joyful v4; hopeful v6)
- * Pure-hearted (v9,v10,v11)
- * Prayerful (v4, v9)

