

Collect for the week.

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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



It's our Come to the Table service today **5th July 2026**. Please consider stopping for some food after the service as there is always plenty. It's good to have the opportunity to catch up and get to know one another.

Churches Together event – Sunday 12th July 2026. The Churches Together event in Eastleigh centre (Bandstand) starts at 10.30am. Consequently, there will be no 11am service at EPC. However, the 9.30am service at EPC will go ahead as usual. If it is raining, the Churches Together service will be held at EPC (10.30am). This would then mean that the usual 9.30am EPC service will be shortened in order to accommodate it.

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Sunday 5th July 2026



In Acts 14:8-20, whilst in Lystra, Paul heals a man lame from birth after seeing his faith, causing the amazed crowd to believe Paul and Barnabas are gods, Zeus and Hermes. The priest brings offerings, but the apostles tear their clothes and urgently insist they are only humans, urging the people to turn from idols to the living God. Despite this, the crowd is difficult to restrain. Soon after, Jews from Antioch and Iconium persuade the people to turn against Paul. He is stoned, dragged outside the city, and left for dead. However, Paul survives, rises, and returns to the city. The next day, he and Barnabas depart for Derbe, continuing their mission despite strong opposition and suffering.

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

Acts 14:8-20 In Lystra and Derbe

⁸ In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and



called out, 'Stand up on your feet!' At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. ¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, 'The gods have come down to us in human form!' ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes be-

cause he was the chief speaker. ¹³ The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵ 'Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷ Yet he has not left himself without testimony: he has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.' ¹⁸ Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them. ¹⁹ Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰ But after the disciples had gathered round him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

Luke 9:51-62 Samaritan opposition

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?' ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village.

The cost of following Jesus - ⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ Jesus replied, 'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ He said to another man, 'Follow me.' But he replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹ Still another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.' ⁶² Jesus replied, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'



IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday 12th July 2026 – Churches Together Service in Eastleigh Town centre at 10.30am – NB. **NO 11am SERVICE AT EPC** (see over for further details).

Sunday 30th August 2026 – Afternoon tea at the vicarage (details to follow).