

Outlook

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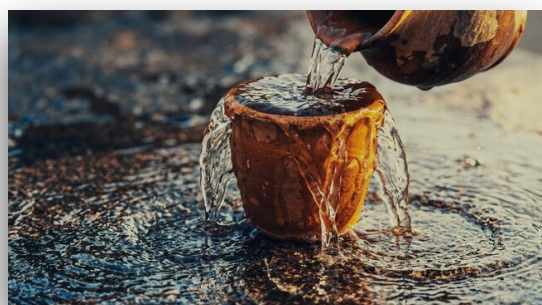
Philippians 1:27b

The sight of an Olympic Rowing boat being powered towards the finishing line has been something that has brought countless fans to their feet over the years. In a similar way, today's reading from Philippians calls for the Church to "strive together" in such a way that those around us might stop and take notice of who/what it is we are working together for; Jesus Christ & his gospel!

Don't Forget!

Harvest Sunday: 4th October

- ✓ **Just one service** at 10:30am, celebrating Harvest/ Feast of Tabernacles
- ✓ Book your place at the special lunch [via ChurchSuite](#) or speak to Sue - tickets just £6/person & under 10s eat for free (still need to book)
- ✓ Please consider bringing some gifts to donate to **Eastleigh Basics Bank** (long life/tinned goods; toiletries; etc.)



A Collect for this Week

*Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our
anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

Philippians 1:27-30

27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel **28** without being frightened in any way by those who

oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. **29** For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, **30** since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

John 14:1-7

31 When he [Judas] was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. **32** If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

33 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

34 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this

everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

36 Simon Peter asked him, 'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus replied, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.'

37 Peter asked, 'Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.'

38 Then Jesus answered, 'Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the cock crows, you will disown me three times!

Safeguarding at Eastleigh Parish



One way we can show our love in action is by doing all we can to be a safe church for everyone. There's some helpful online training that we now need to ask everyone who serves in any capacity within this parish to complete. Mike/Sue will be in touch with more info soon.

When You Pray...



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

- ▶ Please keep our hard-working Church Wardens, Dot Chadwick & Keith Pickering in your prayers. Pray that they will know great joy as they serve the Lord, and his blessing on all they do for him!
- ▶ Give thanks for all those who are attending this term's "Discipleship Explored" course. Pray that their walk with the Lord would be strengthened & enriched.
- ▶ Thank God for the role Michelle (pictured here) now has helping promote the brilliant work CAP (**Christians Against Poverty**) do. Pray that local families would become debt free - and find lasting hope in Jesus.
- ▶ Pray for those being baptised on 18th October. Ask the Lord to fill them with his Holy Spirit; and pray that we would see many more new believers becoming obedient disciples of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ 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)

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Philippians 1:27-30

*Suffering for Jesus Christ is, "a gift many of us would prefer not to unwrap."
Barry Cooper in 'Discipleship Explored'*

(space for your own notes)

Getting Ready for Harvest Sunday & the Feast of Tabernacles



Next weekend we'll be celebrating the harvest. Here in England we have a long history of giving thanks to God for all his good gifts at Harvest Festival, but did you know that as a worldwide Church we have a much older tradition that dates

back to the time of Moses in Leviticus 23? As we've done in previous years, we're going to mention this old feast, known as the "Feast of Tabernacles", during our joint service next weekend. If you'd like to know more about this rich piece of Bible teaching you could try reading [this helpful article](#) which includes this summary:



Harvest/Feast of Tabernacles, "is a time that he [God] wants his people to recognise what they have by offering food from their harvest, and it is a time when he has commanded his people to REJOICE! God wants us to go through this process of remembering, gathering, thanking, giving, and rejoicing."

(from OneForIsrael.org)

Perhaps you could prepare for this year's Harvest Festival by:

- ▶ Taking a moment before next weekend to write a list of all the ways in which God has blessed you this year;
- ▶ Learning a bit more about the biblical Feast of Tabernacles;
- ▶ Praying about what you might "sow" in the year ahead in order to see a bumper harvest in years to come;
- ▶ Bringing with you some practical gifts for Basics Bank.