

# Outlook

*"And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."*

Ephesians 2:22

Good morning and welcome to another Sunday with Eastleigh Parish Church. Last weekend we gathered to celebrate the harvest and to give thanks to God for all that he blesses us with, whilst today we're returning to the book of Acts and will be thinking particularly not about fruit and veg, but buildings.

In 1Cor 14:26 Paul says, *"When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up."* God's vision for his Church is not that we'd live as isolated believers, but would instead be, *"joined and knitted firmly together"* (Eph 4:16). The Bible uses at least 2 pictures to help us think about this heavenly vision; that the Church should operate like a healthy body (1Cor 11) and function like a holy temple (1Peter 2).

As we arrive to worship today, we might like to ask ourselves:

- ▶ What have I been given by God that I can use to build up his church?
- ▶ How might I become better connected to Christ's Church going forwards?

## A Collect for this Week

*Gracious Father, 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.*



## Acts 2:38-47

**38** Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

**40** With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' **41** Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

**42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship,

to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

## Luke 17:11-19

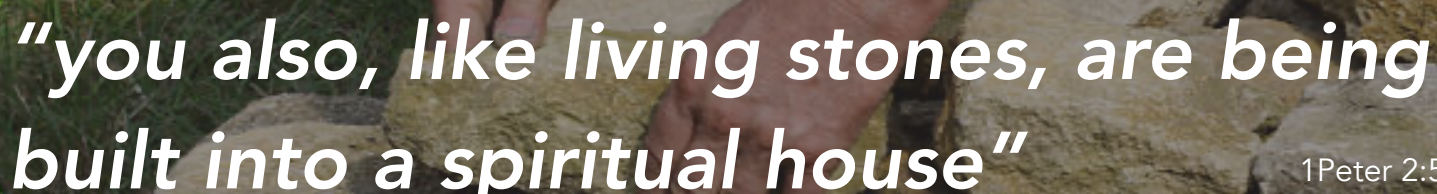
**11** Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. **12** As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance **13** and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!'

**14** When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed.

**15** One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. **16** He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan.

**17** Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? **18** Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?'

**19** Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has made you well.'



***"you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house"***

1Peter 2:5a

## Jayne Martin's Quiz Night: 7pm Sat 1st Nov in All Saints'



Jayne is hosting another of her fun quiz nights on Saturday 1st November. The cost is £8/person and includes supper. Please bring your own drinks. All profits will go to Eastleigh Basics Bank. Teams of up to 7 people. For more info speak to Jayne on 07557 273 554.

## Light Party: October 31st



Naomi will be coordinating our annual **Light Party on 31st Oct**. Can you help with face painting; serving hot dogs & other refreshments; running games; skittles; crafts; etc? Let **Sue or Naomi** know.

## Study Leave for Ian & Sabbatical for Sue



Having served in the parish for 12 years, Ian has been given permission to take 3 months of study leave in May-June-July 2026. Sue too will step down from all her duties during this time. The PCC are fully behind Ian & Sue in this and wish them a great time of refreshment & revitalisation.

## All Souls: 5pm Sun 2nd Nov



Each year we hold a service to give thanks to God for those whom we have loved but have now died. We call this service "All Souls" and it will be held at 5pm on Sunday 2nd November. There is a draft list of names (that we plan to read out during the service) that can be seen/checked. It is on the PCC noticeboard in All Saints'. Please feel free to add the names of loved ones you'd like to remember.

## Keep in Touch



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## Planning Ahead for Advent/Christmas: A Few Helpful Dates



Why not take a minute to put these dates in your calendar now? (And who might you invite?)

- 6:30pm Tuesday 9th December: **Carols on the Green** with a brass band (!) outside St Francis'
- 11:00am Sunday 14th December: **No Rehearsal Nativity**
- 4:00pm Sunday 21st December: **Christmas, Carols & Cake**



## Gardening at All Saints'



For many years Richard J has done a great job of caring for the gardens surrounding All Saints'. As this year's growing season draws to a close, Richard is going to step down from these duties. Might you be able to take up this role? Or commit to helping in a particular way with the gardens once things start growing again in 2026 (lawns; hedges; flower beds, etc.)? Please let Keith (Church Warden) know if you can help.

## New Wine Celebration: 6:30pm Sun 19th Oct



The regional New Wine team have organised for another celebration event to take place in All Saints' at 6:30pm on Sunday 19th October. Please do consider coming along... and is there anyone who might be able to run refreshments for us? Let Ian/Sue know.

### Some Helpful Extra Bible Readings

#### Ephesians 2:19-22

*19* Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, *20* built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. *21* In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. *22* And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

#### Ephesians 5:29-30

*29* After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church – *30* for we are members of his body.

#### 1Peter 2:4-5

*4* As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – *5* you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

#### 1Corinthians 12:12-14

*12* Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. *13* For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. *14* And so the body is not made up of one part but of many.