

Outlook

*"For he stands at the
right hand of the
needy,*

Psalms 109:31

*to save their lives
from those who would
condemn them."*

We really hope you've enjoyed our 'Summer of Psalms' these past weeks and the theme that we've followed; seeing Jesus in the Psalms. As we embark on another new school year, why not get into the habit of regularly reading the whole of the Psalms - a little each day - and using them more and more as a help in your personal prayer times at home?



Our final psalm for this summer is no.109 and it leads us to see how we not only need a saviour, but that God himself has made a way for us to be forgiven - even when we rightly stand accused of the wrong things we have done!

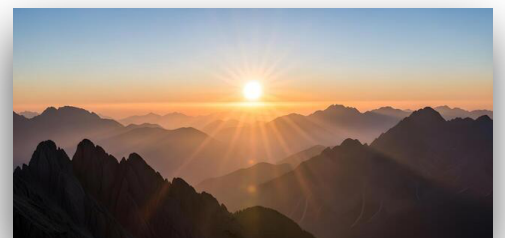
Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage TODAY: *Who will you invite?*



Join us for an afternoon of food & fun in the Vicarage Garden (1 Cedar Rd. SO50 9NR) from **3:00 to 5:00pm on Sunday 30th August**. Everyone is invited, and we'd warmly encourage you to invite a friend or family member to join you. If possible, please bring a deckchair with you.

A Collect for this Week

*Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we
rely on you in strength and rest on you in
weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Matthew 27:38-44

³⁸ Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!' ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked

him. ⁴² 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, "I am the Son of God."'⁴⁴ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

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The Term Ahead



This is some of what we plan to do this term at Eastleigh Parish Church:

* **1) Bible Study.** On **Sunday mornings** we'll be studying the book of **Philippians**. It'd would be great if we all read it through and made a list of questions and comments we might have from reading it in readiness for our regular Sunday services.

* **2) Courses.** Lots of us were really blessed by the Lent Course we ran earlier this year. The same people who published that course ("Christianity Explored") have also written a **terrific 8-week course** entitled "**Discipleship Explored.**" We'd love to invite **everyone** to join in with this course - which helps unpack Philippians. Starting w/c Mon 7th Sept, it will run at 7:30pm Tuesday evenings in All Saints'; 1:45pm Wednesday afternoons in All Saints', and; 7:30pm Wednesday evenings offsite. Please **speak to Sue if you'd like to join in**, and she can direct you to the best group to suit you.

* **3) Baptisms.** On **Sunday 18th October** we plan to fill the **baptism pool** in readiness to baptise 3 very keen candidates! Speak to Ian if:

- ▶ You've **not been baptised before** and would now like to be, or;
- ▶ If you've **already been baptised** and would like to take this opportunity to **reaffirm** you baptismal vows.

Bring-and-Share Meal Sunday 6th September



As part of our 'come to the table' service next weekend, we'll be hosting our regular bring-and-share meal. Michelle and Steve will provide baked potatoes and would be grateful if others could bring either cold or hot toppings (*hot food preferably in a slow cooker*).

Feel free to bring desserts or drinks if you like. *Please ensure allergens are displayed if your item is home made.*

Opportunities to Serve

There's lots of work to do to keep the parish church running well! Would you like to serve in some way? Speak to Sue if you'd like to help out. Here are a few important roles that we're keen to find help with:

AV at the 11o'clock Service



- * This involves using the PC to show the song words, and looking after the sound too. Full training will be given.

Hall Hire Bookings Coordinator



- * We're really blessed to have 2 halls to rent out - which generate a lot of income for this parish. Might you take on the task of coordinating these bookings?

Free Bibles Coordinator



- * Ian has just received the good news that we have been awarded a generous supply of Bibles to give out for free. Might you be willing to be the coordinator of this great scheme?

Some Dates for the Term Ahead



- * **4th October** 10:30am joint service for Harvest Festival / Feast of Tabernacles, followed by Harvest Lunch
- * **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



A Prayer for the Term Ahead

Our Father, we pray that every member of this parish church would come to know and trust you more deeply in the months ahead. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Psalm 109

(Today's psalm is printed on a separate sheet.

Below is space to make your own notes as we go through today's sermon.)

1. King David: The Struggling Shepherd

2. Ourselves: The Sheep Who Have Gone Astray

3. Jesus Christ: The Good Shepherd Who Laid Down His Life for His Sheep

*"We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all."*

Isaiah 53:6