

# Outlook

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but now you are  
light in the Lord.  
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of light."*

Ephesians 5:8

Psalm 100:4 says,

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name."*

As you arrive to worship Jesus with his church today, what 'thanksgiving' can you bring? And what are you particularly keen to praise him for? Why not take a moment to bring these things to mind so that we - as a whole church - might approach him in worship in the way he's asked us to!

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## A Collect for this Week

*Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our  
hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you  
again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## Ephesians 5:8-14

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention

what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible – and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it is said:

‘Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.’

## Mark 10:1-16

1 Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them.

2 Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’

3 ‘What did Moses command you?’ he replied.

4 They said, ‘Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.’

5 ‘It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,’ Jesus replied. 6 ‘But at the beginning of creation God “made them male and female”. 7 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, 8 and the two will become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

10 When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. 11 He answered, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. 12 And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.’

13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

*Follow these links to [read](#) or [listen](#) to the whole of Mark.*

## Study Leave for Ian & Sabbatical for Sue



As you'll probably know, Ian and Sue are going to be away during May, June & July of this year. Here's some information that you may find helpful to know:

- The Churchwardens are responsible for most things during Ian's absence. Please speak to them in the first instance if you have any queries.
- Revd Oliver Bailey will be taking the lead on coordinating the 9:30 service. Dot, Keith & Geoff will be working with him to help with this.
- Mike Sarson & Melanie Douglas will have responsibility for leading the 11 o'clock service.
- Keith will be coordinating the midweek service (Weds 9:15am).
- Dot will be taking the lead on our regular care home services.
- Mike Sarson is the Vice Chair of PCC, and as such has responsibility to lead PCC in Ian's absence.
- We've already arranged for a fantastic group of preachers to come and teach during the services whilst Ian's away.
- Jeremy Douglas will coordinate morning prayer at 9am on Tuesdays (in All Saints') & Thursdays (on ZOOM).
- Mike Sarson has very kindly offered to put together the Outlook each week. *(You can send suggestions for any content to [outlook@eastleighparish.com](mailto:outlook@eastleighparish.com) whilst Ian is away).*



*Please do pray that the whole church benefits from this different season. Pray that God speaks - and that we listen to him - during this season of 'refresh' and 'reset' for all of us!*

## Some Lent Events



- **Spring Clean for All Saints'**
  - ▶ All morning Saturday 28th March
  - ▶ Feel free to bring equipment/cleaning supplies you might need
- **Agapé/Passover Supper: 7:00pm Thursday 2nd April**
  - ▶ [Click here to reserve your seat](#) at this delicious meal
- **Holy Communion for Holy Week**
  - ▶ 9:15am every day Mon 30th March - Thurs 2nd April
- **Saturday Kids' Easter Special**
  - ▶ 2:00-3:30pm Saturday 4th April

## Making the Most of Mark's Gospel



To get the most out of Mark's Gospel, why not make use of these study questions?

>>>[Read Mark 8:30-10:52](#) or [listen to it by clicking here](#)

(Note that "Son of Man" is Jesus' way of referring to himself.)

1. Jesus directly predicts his own death and resurrection three times (Mark 8:31, 9:31 and 10:33-34).
  - ▶ What does he say "must" and "will" happen?
2. In Mark 8:31 Jesus said he "must" die.
  - ▶ Why did he have to die? (See Mark 10:45.)
3. What did Jesus say that following him would mean? (See Mark 8:34.)
4. Each time Jesus predicts his own death and resurrection, Mark records the disciples' response – or lack of it.
  - ▶ How do the disciples respond in each case?
    - ▶ Mark 8:32-33
    - ▶ Mark 9:32-35
    - ▶ Mark 10:35-45
5. In Mark 8:29 Peter recognises that Jesus is the Christ, God's only chosen King. In taking Jesus aside and rebuking him (Mark 8:32), Peter is not treating Jesus as God's King.
  - ▶ How do you think you have treated Jesus?
  - ▶ How would you feel about Jesus being King in every area of your life?
6. Do you have any questions about Mark 8:30-10:52?