

## Collect for the week.

*O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of  
our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments*

*we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*



**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

COME TO THE  
*Table*

**Today is our 'Come to the table' service.** After Communion Sarah and Colin have organised a lovely communal lunch and all are most welcome. There is always enough food to go round.

We are looking for someone to provide oversight of our Health and Safety policy here at Eastleigh Parish Church. Please let Keith, Dot or Mike know if you could help.

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# OUTLOOK

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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026



We continue our series based in Acts. In Acts 8:4–25 shows the gospel spreading beyond Jerusalem with power and discernment. Scattered believers preach in new regions, and **Philip** brings the message to **Samaria**, where crowds respond to his teaching and the signs God performs through him. Many believe and are baptised, including **Simon**, a local magician impressed by Philip's miracles. When **Peter and John** arrive, they pray for the new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. Simon, seeing the Spirit given through the apostles' hands, offers money to buy this authority. Peter rebukes him sharply, calling him to repentance because his heart is not right before God. The apostles continue preaching the word of the Lord before returning to Jerusalem, proclaiming the gospel in Samaritan villages.

**We are grateful today to have the Rev. Oliver (9:30am) and Rev. Tom Young (Curate at St. Toms. - 11.00am) officiating.**

**Acts 8:4-25 – Philip in Samaria** - <sup>4</sup> Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. <sup>5</sup> Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. <sup>6</sup> When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. <sup>7</sup> For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> So there was great joy in that city.

**Simon the sorcerer** - <sup>9</sup> Now for some time a man named Simon had practised sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, <sup>10</sup> and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, 'This man is rightly called the Great Power of God.' <sup>11</sup> They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women. <sup>13</sup> Simon himself believed and was baptised. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

<sup>14</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. <sup>15</sup> When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

<sup>18</sup> When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money <sup>19</sup> and said, 'Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>20</sup> Peter answered: 'May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! <sup>21</sup> You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup> Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.'

<sup>24</sup> Then Simon answered, 'Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me.'

<sup>25</sup> After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

### **Luke 9:1- 8 - Jesus forgives and heals a paralysed man**

<sup>9</sup> Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. <sup>2</sup> Some men brought to him a paralysed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.'

<sup>3</sup> At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, 'This fellow is blaspheming!'

<sup>4</sup> Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, 'Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> Which is easier: to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up and walk"? <sup>6</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.'

So he said to the paralysed man, 'Get up, take your mat and go home.' <sup>7</sup> Then the man got up and went home. <sup>8</sup> When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

