Eccleston & Pulford Church of St Mary's – March 15th 2026

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Rector: Rev Dr Stephen Torr.
Associate Minister: Rev Holly Torr.

Please refer to the website for latest locations and times.
All Services are led by Rev Dr Stephen Torr unless indicated otherwise.

Sun 15th Mar	**9.45 am**	Eccleston Church	Mothering Sunday - Said HC
Sun 15th Mar	***10.45 am***	Eccleston Village Hall	*Mothering Sunday - Messy Church (Holly Torr)*
Fri 20th Mar	2 till 4 pm	Jeanette's House	*Coffee Afternoon - email 'admin' for details*
Sun 22nd Mar	10:30 am	Eccleston Church	Trad HC
Wed 25th Mar	11:30 am	Eccleston Church	Funeral of Terry Brightmore
Fri 27th Mar	10:30 am	Eccleston Church	Funeral of Tony Shielke
Sun 29th Mar	10:30 am	Eccleston Church	HC
Sun 5th Apr	10:30 am	Eccleston Church	Easter Day - All age HC
Sun 12th Apr	10:30 am	Pulford Church	HC
Sun 19th Apr	9:45 am	Eccleston Church	Said HC
Sun 19th Apr	10:45 am	Eccleston Church	Messy Church
Sun 26th Apr	10:30 am	Eccleston Church	HC
Sun 3rd May	10:30 am	Pulford Church	HC

Your prayers are asked for those who are sick and all the sick of the Parish. We remember our beloved dead, particularly those who have died recently, including Maurice Terry, Steve Willan and Terry Brightmore and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Parish Contacts: https://www.ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org/contacts/

Friday Coffee Afternoon 2pm 20th March at Jeanette Howe's house. Please email admin@ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org for details.

Messy Church Dates and Locations 2026
All Messy Churches will be in Eccleston Village Hall at 10.45 am on the 3rd Sunday of the month (unless otherwise indicated). Please see Holly's poster for details:
https://www.ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org/messy-church/

Readings for Sunday 15th March: (1)
First Reading: 1 Samuel 1.20-28 ESV - And in due time Hannah conceived and - Bible Gateway
The Gospel: John 19.25-27 ESV - but standing by the cross of Jesus were - Bible Gateway

Hymns for Sunday 15th March – No hymns (Said service)

Reader/Intercessor Rota: The Church reader/intercessor rota can be found at the following URL: https://www.ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org/rota/
If you would like to be a reader or make changes to your reading times, please email Hilary or me at admin@ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org

Pulford & Poulton Local History Group. The next History Group event can be found on their website. To book tickets or simply to find out more about these talks visit the Pulford and Poulton Local History Group at https://pplhg.org.uk or email James at info@pplhg.org.uk

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Church Vacancies: We desperately need a **Tower Captain** for Eccleston Church, **an additional Church Warden**, **Readers, Intercessors, Welcomers and Cleaners.**
Anyone who would like to help please email: admin@ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org

Bob Hughes Homily: Homilies - ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org

Everyday Faith has grown out of *Setting God's People Free,* a Church of England initiative that aims to help all Christians to live out the good news of Jesus, and follow him with confidence, in all areas of our lives. In support of this, the Everyday Faith team in the diocese have been recording a series of podcasts, in which Ruth Bull is in conversation with a panel of Christians from a variety of situations. The conversation will allow the panelists to talk about the ways their faith in Jesus Christ shapes their everyday life, in ordinary and extraordinary ways. It will take place in front of a live audience who will be able to ask them questions, which will also be recorded for the podcast. Looking ahead, an audience recording is taking place on: **Wednesday 13th May at Chester Cathedral with drinks from 7:00pm and live recording starting at 7:30pm**. Panelists will come from churches in the deaneries of Chester and Malpas. Would you consider being a panelist? If so, please email Peter Froggatt by 23rd March. His email address is peter.froggatt@chester.anglican.org

Anyone fancy joining the **Liverpool Welsh Choral Society**? They are recruiting new members on Wednesday 15th April at 6.45 pm at the University of Liverpool. To find out more visit their website at https://lwcu.co.uk

Christian Art Homily of the week: This week the painting and homily is based on the painting by El Greco, 'Christ Healing the Blind'.

https://christian.art/daily-gospel-reading/john-9-1-6-9-13-17-34-38-2026/

Prayer of the week: This blessing has appeared in a number of prayer collections but its author is unknown. It was probably written in the 20th Century:

Go, and know that the Lord goes with you: let him lead you each day into the quiet place of your heart, where he will speak with you; know that he loves you and watches over you – that he listens to you in gentle understanding, that he is with you always, wherever you are and however you may feel: and may the blessing of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – be yours for ever. Anon.

Newsletter items - *Please email newsletter items* to: *admin@ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org*

1 - Bible Readings from https://BibleGateway.com
2 - Prayer of the week taken from the Collins 'best loved prayers and words of wisdom'.
3 – Christian Art Homily from https://christian.art website.