Eccleston & Pulford Church of St Mary's – Sunday 5th 2026

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

Thur. 2nd Apr	7:30 pm	Eccleston Church	Maundy Thursday Choral HC
Fri 3rd Apr.	2:00 pm	Eccleston Church	Good Friday – Hour at the Cross
Sun 5th Apr	*10:30 am*	*Eccleston Church*	*Easter Day - All age HC & Renewal of Baptism Vows*
Sun 12th Apr	10:30 am	Pulford Village Hall	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	Choral HC
Sun 3rd May	10:30 am	Pulford Village Hall	HC
Sun 3rd May	11:45 am	Pulford Village Hall	Church AGM – Everyone welcome.
Sun 10th May	10:30 am	Eccleston Church	Choral HC with Baptism
Thur.14th May	7:00 pm	Eccleston Church	Ascension

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/

Readings for Maundy Thursday 2nd April
1st reading: Exodus 12:1-14 ESV - The Passover - The LORD said to Moses - Bible Gateway
Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35 ESV - Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet - Bible Gateway

Readings for Good Friday 3rd April
1st Readings:
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; ESV - He Was Pierced for Our Transgressions - Bible Gateway
Psalm 22:1-21; ESV - Why Have You Forsaken Me? - To the - Bible Gateway
Hebrews 10:16-25 ESV - "This is the covenant that I will - Bible Gateway
Gospel:
John 18:1-19,37; ESV - Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus - When - Bible Gateway
John 19:38-42 ESV - Jesus Is Buried - After these things - Bible Gateway

Readings for Sunday 5th April
1st Reading:
Acts 10:34-43 ESV - Gentiles Hear the Good News - So Peter - Bible Gateway
Gospel:
Matthew 28:1-10 ESV - The Resurrection - Now after the - Bible Gateway

Hymns for Sunday 5th April: 751: Thine be the glory; 759: This is the day; 533: Now the green blade riseth; 777 To God be the glory; HC 31: Alleluia, Alleluia

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/

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: Rob's Easter Homily can be found here:
Homilies - ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org

Christian Art of the Week (2): Christ before the High Priest Caiaphas by Gerard van Honthorst (1592-1656): John 11: 45-56 (2029) | CHRISTIAN ART | Gospel Reading & Art Reflection

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

When the Bible predicted modern science (3)

1 - Genesis 1:1 (The 5 Universal Terms) - Time, Force, Space, Matter, Motion. The five requirements for a universe are listed in the first verse of the Bible.

2 – Luke 17:34-36 (Global Time Zones) - Jesus describes simultaneous day and night at His second coming, proving a revolving globe with time zones.

3 – Genesis 6:15 (Ship Dimension) – The 6:1 ratio of the Ark is the modern 'golden ratio' for sea stability.

4 – Psalm 19:6 (The Sun's Circuit) – The Sun is not stationary, it travels at 828,000 km/h in a circuit around the galaxy.

5 – Proverbs 14:30 (Mind Body Health) – Envy and stress physically decay the bones (modern science links Cortisol to bone density loss).

6 – Hebrews 11:3 (Invisible atoms) – The visible world is made of invisible atoms. The Bible describes sub-atomic structures long before scientific research proved this.

7 – Job 38:22 (Unique Snowflakes) – Every single snowflake has a unique and complex geometric pattern or design. No two are alike and they follow a perfect mathematical formula.

8 – Leviticus 13:45 (Quarantine) – Thousands of years before germ theory, the Bible mandated 'masking' and isolation for infectious diseases.

9 – Acts 17:26 (Y-Chromosome Adam) – Genetics confirm that all men share one common male ancestor, matching the account of the single father of mankind.

10 – Job 38:35 (Radio Waves) – Radio waves are electromagnetic radiation – The Bible describes 'travelling light' that carries messages long before wireless communication was discovered.

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

1 - Bible Readings from https://BibleGateway.com
2 - Christian Art Homily from https://christian.art website.
3 - Instagram: shwetaprakashojha

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