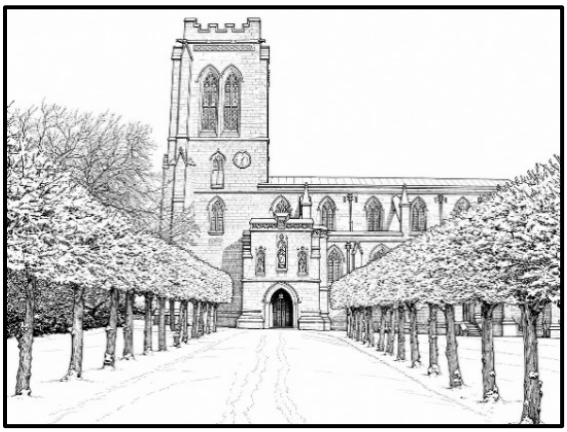
Eccleston & Pulford Church of St Mary's – Sunday 5th July 2026



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

Sun 5th July 10:30 am	*Pulford Church*	*Trinity 5 - HC*
Sun 12th July 10:30 am	Eccleston Church	Trinity 6 - Choral HC with Baptism
Thu 16th July 12 noon	*Eccleston Church*	*Wedding of Amy Hodgeson & Joshua Cullen*
Sat 18th July 11:30 am	*Eccleston Church*	*Wedding of Chelsea Carter & Conor Hazell*
Sun 19th July 9.45 am	Eccleston Church	Trinity 7 - Said HC
Sun 19th July 10.45 am	Ecc. Village Hall	Messy Church
Mon 20th July 7.00 pm	Pulford Village Hall	Public Consultation wrt Pulford church building
Sun 26th July 10:30 am	Eccleston Church	Trinity 8 - Choral 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, Terry Brightmore, Jane O'Connor and Derek Venables and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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

Readings for Sunday 5th July
1st Reading: Zechariah 9.9-12 Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

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/

Pulford Church Closure - Public Consultation A date has now been fixed for the consultation with the public concerning the future of the church building at Pulford. This will be at Pulford Village Hall on Monday 20th July at 7pm and is open to everyone to attend.

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

Guided tour of Chester. Eccleston Church tour guide Stephen Shakeshaft will be giving a guided tour of Chester on **Wednesday 15th July at 2.15 pm**. This will undoubtedly be a fascinating and memorable day out. Stephen has an extensive knowledge of some of the most obscure and surprising facts about Chester. Please contact James at info@pplhg.org.uk for tickets and details.

Cleaning 4 St Mary's. We now have a team of volunteers who will clean the Church on the 4th Saturday of every month from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. If anyone would like to join the team, we would be most grateful for more volunteers (especially those willing to clean Pulford Church as well).

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Church Vacancies: We desperately need volunteers to act as **Tower Captain** for Eccleston Church, **Readers, Intercessors, Welcomers and Cleaners for Pulford Church and Eccleston Church.** Please email: admin@ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org

Bob Hughes Homily: Rob's homilies can be found here: Homilies - ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org This week Rob talks about security, identity and purpose.

Christian Curiosity returns: **September 9th. 7pm to 9pm.** Refreshments will accompany a question-and-answer session about the Christian faith. Eccleston Village Hall. Please submit questions in advance to admin@ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org

Access Team at New Wine in Shepton Mallett To find out more about volunteering to help at New Wine by joining the access team, please visit the following URL: https://www.ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org/2026/05/22/access-team/

School of Theology Details of talks by the School of Theology on Christian Living in the 21st Century can be found here: **https://www.ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org/2026/05/22/school-of-theology-2/**

Thank you to Helen Allison for re-painting the flower holders.

Job Vacancies : St Luke's Church runs a Community Café which welcomes members of the community into church to receive good food and Christian Hospitality. We are seeking to employ a new **Café Manger** to run and develop our café. The role is for 18 hours a week, Tuesday to Friday, and offers an annual salary of £13,049. If you would like to find out more, please contact Andy Stinson, the vicar of St Luke's or visit their website. *Vicar@stlukeschester.org.uk stlukeschester.org.uk*

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.
Newsletter #145 created by Stephen Hutchinson (Church Warden).
For websites, apps, art and computer support please contact https://stevehutch.co.uk