

# Eccleston & Pulford Church of St Mary's – Sept. 29th



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## SERVICE TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Trinity 18

**Pulford 11am Harvest HC** (Light bites after Service)

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Trinity 19

**Eccleston 5pm Evensong** (Refreshments after Service)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Trinity 20

**Eccleston 11.15am HC**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Trinity 21

**Pulford 9.45am HC**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Messy Church

**Eccleston Village Hall 10.45am**

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> September

### Joel 2: 21-27

Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things! Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches. Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten - the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm - my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

### Matthew 6: 25-33 Do Not Worry

"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? So do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after such things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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A poem by Jeanette Howe entitled 'Nursing in the corridors; a very strange hospital ward'.  
[https://www.ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org/2024/09/27/nurse\\_poem](https://www.ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org/2024/09/27/nurse_poem)

## HOMILY (by Rob Hughes) - Fellowship of Believers (Part 1)

Rob's Homily can be read on the church website on the following page:  
<https://www.ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org/2024/09/25/homily67/>

## Peter Jackson - The Royal Society - "Take Nobody's Word for it"

Peter Jackson's article was originally published in July/August 2011. Thank you to Helen Alison for allowing this article to be republished.

<https://www.ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org/2024/09/27/the-royal-society>

## NEWS

### Harvest Evensong Service 5pm to 6pm. Eccleston 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Light refreshments will be served after this service. Please bring nibbles to share. In addition, if you are able to, all donations of non-perishable food items suitable for a foodbank, will be greatly appreciated.

### Messy Church Dates

- October 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 at Eccleston Village Hall at 10.45am
- November 17<sup>th</sup> at Pulford Village Hall at 10.45am.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> at Eccleston Village Hall at 3pm.

Please contact Rev Holly Torr at [messychurch@ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org](mailto:messychurch@ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org) for details.

**Silent Church.** For details of the date for the next Silent Church Please contact Rob Hughes at [silentchurch@ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org](mailto:silentchurch@ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org)

**Foodbank.** Thank you to those who have left items of food in the basket at the entrance of Eccleston Church.

### Stained Glass Window of the week: St Edmund - Eccleston St Mary's Church (N3a)



Saint Edmund (Edmund the Martyr) was king of East Anglie from about 855 until his death in 869.

Very little is known about Saint Edmund. Accounts of his death differ. One story alleges he was killed after the great Heathen Army advanced into East Anglia. Another version states that he was killed after refusing the Viking leaders' demand to renounce Christ.

During the Early and High Middle Ages, Edmund and Edward the Confessor were regarded as the patron saints of medieval England until they were replaced by Saint George in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray this week for those known to us who are ill or recovering from surgery.

## ADVERTS

The next History Group talk from the Pulford & Poulton Local History Group will be at Pulford Village Hall on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. The title of the talk is "Fake or Fortune" by Erik Irwin.

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