

# St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Parkside



<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	
<b>Welcome to St Paul's (digital presence).</b> We are in new territory here and are on a steep learning curve. We hope you will find this offering helpful. We are aiming to livestream our services in the near future. A video that can be downloaded will be on offer this week via email upon request.	
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Music before the service</b>	<i>Prelude and Fugue in B flat</i> by Clara Schumann (1819-1896) [celebrated composer, pianist and mother of eight children]
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>739</b> When morning gilds the skies
<b>Old Testament reading</b>	I Samuel 1:20-28 [Hannah gives birth to Samuel and offers him to the Lord's service in the temple]
<b>Anthem between readings</b>	<i>Under his wings</i> [Psalm 91:4] music: <i>Ombra mai fu</i> from <i>Xerxes</i> by G. F. Handel (1685-1759) arr. Kevin Jones <i>Under his wings,            cradled by God above,            shielding embrace of love,            sweet comfort brings.            Safe in his arms of love,            sheltered by God above.</i>
	
<b>Epistle</b>	Colossians 3:12-17 [Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience]
<b>Music before Gospel</b>	<i>Larghetto</i> from <i>Vier Flüchtige Stücke</i> by Clara Schumann
<b>Gospel</b>	John 19:25-27 [From the cross, Jesus gives Mary into John's care]
<b>Offertory music</b>	<i>Andante espressivo</i> from <i>Vier Flüchtige Stücke</i> by Clara Schumann
<b>Communion hymn</b>	<b>66</b> Be still and know that I am God
<b>Music end of the service</b>	<i>Prelude and Fugue in D</i> by Clara Schumann (1819-1896)

<b>Collect</b>	God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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. <b>Amen</b>
<b>Post Communion Prayer</b>	Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen</b>

### Readings

**Old Testament:** I Samuel 1:20-28

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=I+Samuel+1%3A20-28+&version=NRSV>

**Epistle:** Colossians 3:12-17

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**Gospel:** John 19:25-27

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### Birthdays in the month of March

1 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas Harper Jones	10 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Parkin	19 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Booth
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pam Saxby	11 <sup>th</sup>	Tilly Gratruck	20 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Keat
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom Heycock	15 <sup>th</sup>	Nina Stoneham	21 <sup>st</sup>	Deirdre Gooderson
4 <sup>th</sup>	Benedict Hazel	17 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Woolgar	21 <sup>st</sup>	Charlie Stoneham
8 <sup>th</sup>	Elaine Sutherland	18 <sup>th</sup>	Norman Allen		

### Notices

**Light a Candle in the Window:** Churches Together are asking people to light a candle in their window at 7 p.m. on Sunday, 22 March as a visible sign of prayer and action over the coronavirus. Please join us.

**Stations of the Cross:** Many people find it meaningful to pray during Lent with *Stations of the Cross* which depict Jesus' journey toward Calvary. This enables us to reflect and remember the events of Jesus' suffering and death. It is a way of prayer. There is a leaflet at the welcome table to assist you.

## **What's happening at St Paul's during the Coronavirus outbreak – a Message from the Clergy and Staff Team**

We are all very much aware that this is an extremely concerning and unsettling time for people in our community. We want you to know that we are working on initiatives to link and support you.

We are aiming to keep **St Paul's Church open every day** for prayer, reflection and pastoral conversation. Please let us know if you are able to offer your time and presence in church to help.

We realise that many people are self-isolating or social-distancing. We encourage **anyone living on their own or vulnerable** in other ways to contact us so that we can ensure that they access the help that they need.

Please **email Revd Susan** at [revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk](mailto:revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk) if this applies to you or to a neighbour or friend. We will then telephone to find out how we can help.

**We are a community and we all need to look after one another.**

**Reflection:** *Today we celebrate Mothering Sunday, in ways as we never have before. The pandemic we are experiencing is changing the way we relate to one another, and as in most times of great suffering throughout history, we see glimpses of hope in our communities.*

*Mothering Sunday, reminds us that if we love, then we make ourselves vulnerable for the sake of others. But we cannot wish it any other way, for we are made in the image of a God of love, and love, **real** love, is costly. As with Mary, sometimes it costs very dearly. May these dark days enable a greater ability to give and receive that motherly love of God to those around us.*

**Why not join a group?** It is important that people don't feel alone at the moment. We would like to help form **small groups of people** who can look after one another through **regular phone calls or 'round robin' emails**, for example. Maybe you are already part of a friendship group that you could invite others to join? Please **email or phone Revd Susan** if you would like to participate in a group. This is an important part of our ministry at this time and we would be most grateful for your help and participation.

**St Paul's Church Electoral Roll:** If you are not already a member of our Church Electoral Role, you can do so by filling in the form available online: <https://www.parishresources.org.uk/pccs/apcms/>. To be eligible, you should be over 16, baptised, live in the Parish or have been regularly worshipping at St Paul's for six months. The last date for applications is **14<sup>th</sup> April**. To vote at the **AGM** or stand for office at St Paul's **you must be registered** on our Electoral Roll.

**Easter prayers:** Instead of our purchase of Easter Lilies this year you can send Revd Susan requests for inclusion **of a prayer in memory of your loved one:** [revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk](mailto:revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk).

**Deanery Synod Lay Representatives:** Our heartfelt thanks go to **Elizabeth Simon** and **Joan Endean**, for all their hard work as reps for our church over the years. We invite members of the congregation to consider standing for these positions, which would also make them ex-officio members of the PCC. If you are interested in applying for a role, please contact **Revd Susan Bolen**

**The pew sheet:** We will continue to produce a pew sheet every week with details of weekly worship and notices of interest to the congregation. Sadly, at the moment, many communal events have had to be cancelled, but we are in touch with local organisers and will update you on the status of forthcoming events as we receive details. Please continue to send entries that you feel are relevant to [pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk](mailto:pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk).

### Future Recorded Services

**29<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m.** British Summer Time Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Holy Communion

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