

St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Parkside



Sunday 5th July 2020 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St Paul's (digital presence). You can join today's online service at 10.00 am on our YouTube channel 'St Paul's Wimbledon Parkside' via this direct link: [St Paul's Wimbledon Parkside on YouTube](#), or via one of the links to the YouTube Channel on the St Paul's website: www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk

To receive regular communications from St Paul's by email and text, please update your contact details (email and mobile phone) by sending an email to the Parish Administrator at: office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk

10:00	On-line service
Organ music before service	<i>My selfe</i> by John Bull (1562-1628)
Opening Hymn	310 <i>I heard the voice of Jesus say</i> [Tune 1]
Epistle	Romans 7:15-25a [Enslaved to the law of sin that dwells within me]
Anthem	<i>Come unto me</i> from <i>Messiah</i> by G.F. Handel (1685-1759) arranged by Kevin Jones <i>Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.</i> [Talitha, Kana & Kevin Jones - vocal trio]
Gospel	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 [Jesus and tax collectors and sinners; 'For my yoke is easy']
Hymn for preparation and Communion	374 <i>Just as I am</i> [Tune 2, vs.1-3 then 4-6]
Final hymn	349 <i>Jesus Christ is waiting</i> [omit vs.2]
Final voluntary	<i>His yoke is easy, and His burden is light</i> (arranged for piano duet) from <i>Messiah</i> by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Collect	O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen
Post Communion Prayer	Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Epistle: Romans 7:15-25a

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+7%3A15-25a&version=NRSVA>

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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Sermon Synopsis St Paul says: *I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing that I hate* (Romans 7:15).

St Paul is grappling with the difficulty we have in following God's law of love - how is it that despite our best intentions we end up doing the wrong thing? He shows that the tendency to go our own way is deeply embedded in our human nature.

Our whole world has been challenged, and will continue to be challenged, to address our conscious and unconscious motivation, as we face the fallout following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis at the end of May. We come to realise that so many of our attitudes are conditioned by the history of our culture and nation. All of us will say, I'm sure, that we're not racist: but all of us, almost certainly, will find some degree of racism in our attitudes, usually unconscious - though not always.

As Christians, we must examine our attitudes, be honest with ourselves and look at our prejudices, and try to find the unconscious motivation that directs them. The Christian faith teaches us about repentance, and this is what we need. The values we need to be guided by, and the values we need to show the world, are Kingdom values. Christianity offers the possibility of renewal and a solid hope. We can't pretend that life is going to be easy. But the strength we're offered is the assurance that we are, all of us, loved by God.

Notices

Future Opening for Services: New government guidance now technically allows Churches to reopen for public worship, within the constraints of social distancing a number of other necessary measures. The PCC will be considering these recommendations in our own context and hope to move toward public worship as soon as it is feasible and safe to do so. For now, we will continue our current pattern of offering recorded services over Youtube. Further information will be announced in advance of any changes. Please keep an eye on the website for further developments. Thank you for your patience!

In the meantime...

St Paul's Church is now open for private prayer!

St Paul's Church is now open throughout the week; please check our website for an up-to-date list.

Our opening is dependent on the availability of volunteers to offer welcome and oversight. If you can help out, please contact **Margaret Brown** at margaret.brown@kcl.ac.uk or phone 020 8789

4344; 07810 366 560. **Please bring your mask** if you have one; otherwise disposable ones are available in the church along with hand sanitiser.

A phone line to worship and prayer: The Daily Hope, available 24 hours a day, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full-worship services from the Church of England, at **0800 804 8044**.

OPENING TIMES	
Sundays	3 pm - 5 pm
Mondays	10 am - 12 pm
Tuesdays	10 am - 12 pm
Wednesdays	6 pm - 8 pm
Thursdays	10 am - 12 pm
Fridays	3 pm - 5 pm
Saturdays	10 am - 12 pm

Birthdays in the month of July

5 th	Norma Cox	25 th	Joy Walnsimbi
10 th	Betty Williams	25 th	Gwen Pilgrim
14 th	Liam Warner	26 th	Carlos Heycock
14 th	Tom Peart	27 th	Chris Jones
22 nd	Dexter Lee	30 th	Theo Mulaki
22 nd	Pat Lane	31 st	Caroline Keat
24 th	Ann Parkin		

In Memoriam

We are saddened at the recent loss of members of our community and their families.

We continue to remember in prayer the family of David, John Waller's brother, who died on Saturday 13th June.

We hold in our prayers the family of Makeda Vaughan, who died suddenly last week. May she rest in peace. Funeral to be arranged in church as and when feasible.

Today we remember David Leyland's first anniversary, and we hold Susie and all the family in our prayers.

Prayer for the departed

God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.

We pray in hope for all whom we love,
and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever. **Amen.**

"Coffee in the lounge" on Sunday after the service:

We will be gathering online 11:30 a.m. and then breaking into small groups to chat. Do join us!!

This week we are expecting our visiting preacher

Revd William Allberry to join us so we'll have the opportunity to speak with him. To come into the Zoom Meeting - click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86302819161?pwd=VzFPQk1QYjE3TEMrQ3Q4UEpCeXppQT0>

Meeting ID: 863 0281 9161; Password: Coffee

If you would like to take part but need tech support, please contact Revd Susan.



Tea and toys are here!



Katie and Mark Gilbert are continuing to put together a story and song time video for young children as a way of connecting with young families and carrying on the work of the Tea and Toys playgroup. During July and August these will be available fortnightly. The next video will be uploaded to YouTube on Wednesday, 7th July and fortnightly thereafter - please do share with all the young children (and parents) you know! Join us at:

<http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk/wordpress/category/tea-toys-online/>

St Paul's Tuesday Evening Home Group: All are very welcome at our next meeting, at 8pm on Tuesday 7th July. Join us for friendly discussion around the topic: 'Quo Vadis? Where are you going?' (the words of St Peter to Jesus as Peter starts to flee Rome, in the apocryphal Acts of Peter, an event painted masterfully by Carracci

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/annibale-carracci-christ-appearing-to-saint-peter-on-the-appian-way>. You can either join our

meeting by using these Zoom details: Meeting ID - 968 625 3457 or by using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9686253457?pwd=RkZhcWhHYm51UjNHQVFNR0pSMXhudz09>. Please contact Mark Gilbert at markagilbert123@hotmail.com

or on 07908 267816 for the password.

Facebook Page: Please find us on our Facebook Page at **St Paul's Wimbledon Parkside**. New updates will be forthcoming so please have a look and 'like' and share our page!

Used iPhones or iPads: If you have any unwanted iPhones or iPads that could be used by other members of the congregation for the purpose of keeping in contact with friends and loved ones, we would be grateful to hear from you. We can come collect them or they can be dropped off at the vicarage. Please email **Revd Susan** at revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk.

A **Covid19 Finance Appeal Letter** has been sent to all friends of St Paul's church for whom we hold an email address. The link to the Appeal is here: <http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk/wordpress/st-pauls-covid-19-finance-appeal-letter/>. If you have not received this letter, please contact the Parish Administrator at office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk.

The coronavirus outbreak is causing our church financial challenges, with loss of Sunday service collections and of revenues from Church and Community Centre hire. We thank all of you for your regular and generous contributions towards the ministry, mission and fabric of the church. Please read our Appeal Letter and review whether you can help our church by making changes to your current giving.

These are concerning times for everyone, with many demands on resources. If your life is difficult because of the pandemic, then please do let us know by contacting Revd Susan at revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk or phone 0208 7882024 so that the church can find ways of supporting you through prayer and accompaniment. We may not yet be able to physically gather together, but we are still the church, God is still God, and God is with us, now and always.

Community Outreach

St. Paul's Church Pantry and Coronavirus Angel Help Line Update: We are continuing to serve people in our area who are self-isolating. As well as helping people with their shopping and by other forms of support, we are now supplying people in need with staple items of food, such as dried and tinned goods. If you are able to contribute with donations to this cause, please leave your items at the back of the church when you come in to pray, or drop them off at the vicarage. If you feel that you or a neighbour would benefit from these scheme, or if you would like to get involved personally in some way to help the neighbourhood, please contact Revd Susan on revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk or phone her on 07540 383081. We are a community and we all need to look after one another.

The pew sheet: You can view each week's pew sheet, which gives details of the Sunday service and notices of current interest at this link:
<http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk/wordpress/category/pew-sheets/>.
Please continue to send in your notices of events and messages to our community to our email address pewsheets@stpaulsparkside.org.uk.



Future Online Services

5th July 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

12th July 10.00 a.m. Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Services of daily prayer at **9 a.m.** and **6 p.m.** are also available online.

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Pew sheet entries

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