

# St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Parkside



## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Sixth 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](http://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](mailto:office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk)

<b>10:00</b>	<b>On-line service</b>
Organ music before service	<i>Heaven and Earth</i> attrib. Francis Tregian (1574-1618)
Opening Hymn	<b>775</b> <i>As Jacob with travel was weary one day</i>
Old Testament	Genesis 28:10-19a [Jacob's dream at Bethel: 'The gate of heaven']
Music between readings	<i>Allemanda ("Jacob's Ladder")</i> from <i>Suite in C</i> by D. ZIPOLI (1688-1726)
Epistle	Romans 8:12-25 [We cry 'Abba, Father!' Creation groans, awaiting adoption]
Gospel hymn	<b>1</b> <i>Abba, Father</i>
Gospel	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 [The parable of the wheat and tares told and explained]
Hymn for preparation & communion	<b>262</b> <i>Happy are they, they that love God</i> (Tune 171) [verses 1,2,3 & 4,5,1]
Final hymn	<b>9</b> <i>Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise</i>
Final voluntary	<i>Then shall the righteous shine</i> from <i>Elijah</i> by F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847) [Matthew 13:43]

<b>Collect</b>	Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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. Amen
<b>Post Communion Prayer</b>	God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Readings

**Old Testament:** Genesis 28:10-19a

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+28%3A10-19a&version=NRSVA>

**Epistle:** Romans 8:12-25

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A12-25&version=NRSVA>

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+13%3A24-30%2C+36-43&version=NRSVA>

**Sermon Synopsis** It is amazing how little influence this gospel reading seems to have had on our mindset. I suppose that from quite a young age, most of us have been told to remove the weeds. Eliminate those unwanted so-called ‘bad’ parts and be the so-called ‘perfect’ people we ought to be.

This gospel reflects a great deal of wisdom; it is realistic; and it is very compassionate. Even in our own time when we see what is happening in this country and throughout the world, we are asking ourselves ‘where did all the weeds come from?’ Where does evil come from? It seems this world doesn’t make sense. It is as if we don’t know how to access our own hearts anymore; we don’t know how to care for others. And in the midst of all that mess, we find people like our St Paul’s Angels and, thanks be to God, many other wonderful and inspiring people. And that is incredibly encouraging. So, the world really is a mixed bag.

As Martin Luther put it, we are simultaneously saint and sinner. That’s the mystery of holding weeds and wheat together in our one field of life. It takes a lot more patience, compassion, forgiveness and most of all love, than aiming for some illusory perfection that is usually blind to its own faults.

Learning how to love—which is our life’s project—is quite simply learning to accept our messy reality. Only God’s heart really fully knows how to love people through all their imperfections. And what we can do is ask for the grace to do the same.

## Notices

### Update on Moving towards opening the Church for Public Services

Revd Susan together with Church Wardens and others are working towards opening the Church for Public Services. A newsletter will be out shortly to inform you of where things stand. Please keep an eye out for an email or check the website for new announcements.

### In the meantime...

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

We hope you will come in to enjoy some quiet time in in our beautiful church.

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](mailto: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. For an up-to-date list of opening times, please check our website:

<http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk/wordpress/st-pauls-is-open/>

**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**.

### For Your Diary

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** of St Paul's will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon**. The meeting may take place online, or be held in the Community Centre Lounge, depending on prevailing government guidelines concerning the Covid-19 health emergency. We will confirm this in advance and provide a link if the APCM is to be held on 'Zoom'. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

### Birthdays in the month of July

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

### OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays	10 am - 12 pm
Thursdays	10 am - 12 pm
Fridays	3 pm - 5 pm
Saturdays	10 am - 12 pm
Sundays	3 pm - 5 pm

### *In Memoriam*

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

We hold in our prayers the family of Makeda Vaughan, who recently died suddenly. May she rest in peace. Funeral arrangements in church are currently being planned.

### **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!!

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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Bring & Share your favourite piece of religious music - **8pm on Tuesday 21st July** - share and hear about our best loved **hymns, worship songs and liturgical music** with St Pauls Tuesday Evening Home Group. If you'd like to share a recording/internet link in advance then email Mark Gilbert at [markagilbert123@hotmail.com](mailto:markagilbert123@hotmail.com).

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** at [markagilbert123@hotmail.com](mailto: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!

**Will you support St Paul's?** The coronavirus outbreak is causing our church financial challenges, with loss of Sunday service collections and of revenues from Church and Community Centre hire. Can you make a donation to help us continue to provide services and support for our church and community? You can also set up a donation directly using internet banking and our details are:

NatWest Bank

PCC St Pauls Wimbledon Park

Sort code: 60-20-09

Account number: 41649990

You can also fill in our [Gift Aid Declaration Form \(click on the link here\)](#) and return it to us to increase the value of your gift by 25 percent if you are a UK taxpayer.

If internet banking is not possible for you, then a regular cheque payable to *St Paul's Wimbledon Parkside PCC* could be sent to St Paul's Treasurer at 108 Augustus Road SW19 6ER.

We are grateful for your regular and generous contributions towards the ministry, mission and fabric of the church.

## 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, please leave your items at the back of the church during opening times, or drop them off at the vicarage. If you feel that you or a neighbour would benefit from these programmes, 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](mailto: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 [pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk](mailto:pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk).



### Future Online Services

**19<sup>th</sup> July 6:00 p.m.** Evening Prayer

**26<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 a.m.** Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

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