

St Paul's Church, Wimbledon Parkside



Sunday 26th July 2020 Seventh 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>If God be for us, who can be against us</i> from <i>Messiah</i> by G.F.Handel (1685-1759) [Romans 8:31, 33-34]
Opening Hymn	646 <i>The kingdom of God is justice and joy</i> [Tune 551 - verses 1,2,4]
Old Testament	Genesis 29:15-28 [Laban tricks Jacob into marrying both Leah and Rachel]
Music between readings	<i>Minuet</i> from <i>The Virtuous Wife</i> by H. Purcell (1659-1695)
Epistle	Romans 8:26-39 [The spirit helps us pray; if God is for us, who is against us?]
Gospel hymn	375 <i>King of glory, king of peace</i>
Gospel	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 [Parables of mustard seed; yeast; treasure; a pearl and fish]
Preparation & Communion hymn	400 <i>Like a mighty river flowing</i> [Tune 350 - vs 1,2,3 & 4,5,1]
Final hymn	217 <i>God is love, let heaven adore him</i> [Tune 337]
Concluding music	<i>Duet from the Pearl Fishers</i> by George Bizet (1838-1875) arranged for piano duet

Collect	Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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
Post Communion Prayer	Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Readings

Old Testament: Genesis 29:15-28

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+29%3A15-28&version=NRSVA>

Epistle: Romans 8:26-39

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Sermon Synopsis Paul's rhetorical question to the Romans, *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?* (Romans 8.35) has particular resonance for us at this time. We are all feeling separated, segregated from our families, our friends, our Church, our work and our social lives. Now we really know what it is like to be in prison, deprived of our freedom, counting the days of a long sentence; or in hospital, as so many are; protected from seeing the visitors, loved ones, all those who are so precious to us. In so many ways our lives are suspended; suspended between the hopes of Heaven and the unfolding realities of God's Kingdom on Earth.

This present time of our Covid 19 separation is frustrating; we long to get back to where we were, not least to share our worship and our fellowship in this Church. However, we are beginning to realise that we cannot go back, there will be fresh ways of being Church, of being Christians, as the Romans discovered. Our lives are dynamic, we may allow ourselves occasional nostalgia, but we must look forward, engaging our faith in Christ. Martyn Percy, the Dean of Christchurch Oxford writes: *Religion is basically kindness. God looks kindly on you. Go, do likewise, on others and yourself. Secure in the fact that nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ. Amen.*

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 has been sent out by email to inform you of where things stand. You can find this on the website: <http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk/wordpress/category/news/>

In the meantime...St Paul's Church is open for private prayer! We hope you will come in to enjoy some quiet time 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 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.

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

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**.

The Bridge: News from parishes in the Southwark Diocese can be found in the June edition of The Bridge at this link:



<https://southwark.anglican.org/downloads/The%20Bridge/2020/bridgejune20.pdf>

Centenary Birthday wishes! Gwen Pilgrim turned 100 yesterday so we wish



her many more years of love, joy and good health.

Happy 100th birthday!

Birthdays in the month of July

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

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. Her funeral will take place at St Paul's on Tuesday, 28 July.

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 August these will be available fortnightly. The next video will be uploaded to YouTube on **Wednesday, 5th August** 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: 'What's the purpose of prayer?'

St Pauls Home Group will meet at **8pm on Tuesday 4th August** for friendly conversation and to discuss this question. 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 markgilbert123@hotmail.com or on

07908 267816 for the password.

For Your Diary: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of St Paul's will take place on **Sunday 11th 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.

Zoom event at Wimbledon Synagogue: On Tuesday 18 August at 8pm
Sir Lawrence Freedman, Emeritus Professor of War Studies at King's College, will speak on the topic '**Are we on the brink of a 2nd Cold War?**' Sir Lawrence served in the official inquiry into the Iraq War. Registration is at: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAvduqqqDkjHdNU9AswbVMbWO1zcmpZB6Zy>. After registering, you will receive information about joining the meeting. Advance questions can be sent to michael@kelionsworn.co.uk.

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 6SER.

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 our 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 pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk.



Future Online Services

26th July 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

2nd August 10.00 a.m. Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

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