



<b>Collect</b>	Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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>	Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Readings

**Old Testament:** Genesis 25:19-34

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+25%3A19-34&version=NRSVA>

**Epistle:** Romans 8:1-11

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A1-11&version=NRSVA>

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+13%3A1-9%2C+18-23&version=NRSVA>

### **Sermon Synopsis** ‘A sower went out to sow’ (Matthew 13:3).

Might you and I be sowers of seed? When we hear or read this parable we are pretty quick to judge ourselves or others as one of the four types of ground: the beaten path, the rocky ground, thorny terrain, or good soil. But have you ever thought of yourself as the sower in today’s parable? Have you ever had someone show up at just the right time and say or do exactly what you needed and you knew it was not calculated or planned? They were sowing seeds, by simply being themselves.

Perhaps the most important thing I can say about this passage is this:

We need to be careful that we do not make a conclusion or final judgment about the ground in which we sow, whether in our own lives or the lives of others. Jesus’ description of the four grounds is not intended to shame or condemn but to awaken us. It is descriptive. This is the way it is. All four types of ground need attention and care whether it be ploughing to a new depth, clearing the land, weeding, watering, or fertilizing. I don’t know what attention is needed in your life, but I’m guessing that you do. All four need attention. And this time of lockdown has enabled many of us to do a bit of soul searching and discovery of the terrain within. And that is time well spent.

The sower does not worry about the harvest or how much it will yield. That the sower sows anywhere and everywhere tells us that. The sower simply sows with reckless abandon and indiscriminate generosity.

## Notices

**Public Services after Lockdown:** Not many days after allowing churches to open their doors again for private prayer, the government has said that they can also resume usual public services. We are delighted that freedom is back, but for the foreseeable future it comes with strings attached. Revd Susan and the Church Wardens, with the support of the PCC, will be exploring possibilities on how to proceed, as there are many considerations. Briefly, this is what we are expecting next:

Worship will have to comply with social distancing and seating will be arranged accordingly.

Initially at least children will have to remain with an accompanying adult, and soft toys are not permitted.

There will not be congregational singing, although the organ and piano can be played and one singer only may perform.

If you wish to bring a Bible or Service Book please do, as we cannot give out books. Orders of service are available online.

At Holy Communion, you will receive a wafer only for the time being.

Coffee in the Lounge will remain online only for the time being.

We will continue our present regime of online worship for the foreseeable future. We are expecting to meet our usual minimum of one Holy Communion service each Sunday from the beginning of September. There may be a Holy Communion service trialled during the Summer at a time to be announced.

Going forward, our main services will likely be live-streamed each week and necessary audio/video arrangements are currently being explored. We will maintain our on-line worshipping presence as numbers accessing it are far greater than we see in church.

Please rest assured that our first priority in everything we set up will be placed on maintaining and promoting everyone's health and safety, and we will be compliant with all guidelines and regulations. But as a church our parallel first priority is ensuring that everyone who attends our services is spiritually nourished and helped on their faith journey.

Please check the website regularly for further developments. Thank you for your patience!

In the meantime...

### St Paul's Church is 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](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.

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**.

### Birthdays in the month of July

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

### *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 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!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

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

**19<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 a.m.** Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

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