

*Our vision is to be a growing community
where God is found in the beauty and joy of our worship, the warmth of our welcome,
the breadth of our outreach and our love for our neighbour.*

Sunday 22nd February 2026
First Sunday of Lent

*Welcome to St Paul's. And a warm welcome to Canon Gilly and Reverend Duncan Myers as they preside and preach today. You can join today's live service online at 10.00 a.m. 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
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Music before service	<i>Adam & Eve from Eden</i> by C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)
Opening hymn	450 <i>Morning has broken</i>
Epistle	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 [In the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve are tempted to disobey God]
Gradual hymn	379 <i>Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us</i>
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11 [Jesus tempted in the wilderness]
Preparation hymn	190 <i>Forty days and forty nights</i>
Communion hymn	429 <i>Love is his word</i>
Final hymn	221 <i>God is working his purpose out</i>
Final music	<i>Let all the angels of God worship Him from Messiah</i> by G. F. Handel (1685-1659)

- *The glory of God is a human being fully alive; and the life of the human consists in beholding God.*

- – *Irenaeus (2nd century)*

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Collect	Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Helena Butcher, Isabel Heycock. **Intercessions:** Joan Endean.

Coffee after the service: Please join us for coffee in the lounge after this morning's service.

Birthdays in the month of February:

6 th	John Hewitt	24 th	Nicholas Childs
15 th	Dyan Bukirwa	24 th	Gillian Jago
18 th	Kay Woolgar	25 th	Josephine Mulaki
24 th	David Gooderson	25 th	Bob Essert

Notices

The church is also open during the week for private prayer, though we are now facing challenges in keeping our doors open as much as we have. Please let Rev'd Susan, Rev'd Jack or our Churchwardens know if you can help to fill in a rota.

Services this week

Evening prayers will be held at **6 p.m. this evening**. Join Rev'd Susan and Rev'd Jack for **Morning and Evening Prayer** at **9:00 a.m.** and **6:00 p.m.** in the Lady Chapel Monday to Thursday, and **Midday Eucharist** on **Wednesdays**.

St Paul's Pantry: Next Opening is **Thursday 5th March, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Tea and Toys



Tea and Toys Playgroup for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers runs on **Tuesdays** during term time from **9-30 - 10.30 a.m.**

Church Notices



Messy Church 1st March at 4:00 p.m.! Please join us for stories, craft, games, food and lots of fun. Remember - it's not just for kids. Everyone is welcome!

Church Opening Hours: We are currently unable to keep the church open for visitors during any of our existing weekday slots due to a shortage of volunteers. If you would be interested in becoming involved in this ministry, "church-sitting" in pairs to welcome guests at an agreed time, please speak to Rev'd Susan, Rev'd Jack or one of our churchwardens. There is a signup sheet for **Saturday mornings only, 10 a.m. - 12 noon**, on the noticeboard at the back of Church, if you can help on an occasional basis. We are prioritising Saturday mornings as it has been a popular time in the past.

Lent Study: We will be reading *Meeting God in John* by the contemporary theologian David Ford - and meeting to discuss it, over a light supper in the vicarage, on **Mondays 23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March**, from **7:30 - 9 p.m.** Please sign up at the back of church to confirm attendance. *If you have requested a copy, they are now available, payable to St Paul's at £9. Please see Revd Susan or Gill Thompson.*

World Day of Prayer: The local service this year is on **Friday March 6th at 3.15 p.m.** at **St Luke's Church, Rycroft Road**, close to Wimbledon Park tube station, with street parking available. It is contributed by the Christian women of Nigeria, and will have hymns, readings and stories, some familiar and some new. Tea and coffee afterwards. Do come if you can, as it is always a pleasant occasion and an opportunity to meet people from local Christian churches.

Craft and Flower Morning. We are planning our third Craft and Flower Morning, this time with Easter in mind, on **Saturday March 7th from 10 a.m. until 12.45 p.m.** in the Coffee Lounge. Everyone is welcome, all materials provided as well as tea, coffee and lunchtime snacks. Donations towards expenses and church flowers for Easter are welcome. Please see Doreen or Lesley for further details or to book a place.

St Paul's Pantry needs your help to stay well-stocked! Items needed are: Sardines in brine/spring water; Mackerel fillets in tomato sauce; Meatballs in tomato sauce; Hot dogs (tins or jars); Long-life milk (1 litre); Tinned sweetcorn (325 g); Mayonnaise; Tomato ketchup; Peach slices; Pineapple chunks; Orange marmalade; Strawberry jam; Tinned custard; Tinned rice pudding; Wheat biscuits ('Weetabix'); Malties cereal ('Shreddies'); Washing up liquid. Please bring your contributions and place them on the table on your right as you enter the church. We would also be grateful for any volunteers who could help with receiving deliveries on a **Thursday morning** or with driving to collect from one of our donor food shops. For more information, please see Juliet Childs or Rev'd Susan. Thank you very much!

Christian Aid Representative: Margaret Brown has held this role for many years, but would now be grateful if she can hand it over to someone else, although she is happy to be responsible for organising this year's Christian Aid Week in May. The job is not onerous, and as a minimum requires ordering and parcelling up envelopes for distribution to some areas in the parish. There are also other possibilities for raising money for projects in developing countries supported by the central office for anyone who would like to take a particular interest. Please contact margaret.brown@kcl.ac.uk, 07810 366 560 for more information.

Interfaith Notices

Joint Study Session here at St Paul's on 10 March at 7pm or 7.30pm start: Discover with us the Book of Daniel, and how it is read in the Jewish and Christian traditions as we explore our third and final session on this fascinating book. We believe you will find it is a fascinating read. Please email Revd Susan if you intend to come along.

Giving: Your giving is what enables St Paul's in all its services and work in the community. Everything that happens here is carried by the **prayers, volunteering and generous giving** of our congregation and guests. Giving - in gifts and acts of service - is at the heart of all we do as a church, but all the gifts we receive are hugely appreciated and make a difference. You can give using **the card reader** at the door; cash or cheque in a **giving envelope** can be dropped in the box near the door. If you are a UK taxpayer, **please consider filling in the Gift Aid declaration** on the envelope to make your gift go even further. You can also give a one-off donation using **this QR code**.



The pew sheet: Please send notices to pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk. The deadline for next Sunday's pew sheet is midday **Tuesday 24th February**.

Future Services In church and online	
22nd February 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer	
25th February 12 noon: Midweek Communion	
1st March 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion for First Sunday of Lent	
Contacts at St Paul's	
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