ST PAUL'S
WIMBLEDON
PARKSIDE

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 15th March 2026
Mothering Sunday

Welcome to St Paul's. 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. 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

Music before service	*Prelude in G minor* by Clara Schumann (1819-1896) – mother of eight children
Opening hymn	**739** *When morning gilds the skies*
Epistle	1 Samuel 1:20-28 [Hannah gives birth to Samuel and offers him to the Lord's service in the temple]
Gradual hymn	**184** *For the beauty of the earth*
Gospel	Luke 2:33-35 [… a sword will pierce Mary's heart]
Preparation hymn	**474** *Now thank we all our God*
Communion anthem	*For God's good gift of mothers* (words: Timothy Dudley-Smith music: Kevin Jones)
Communion hymn	**946** *Ubi caritas et amor*
Final hymn	**819** *He's got the whole world in his hands* (extra verse after verse 1: *He's got our mothers and our fathers in his hands…)*
Final music	*Fugue in G minor* by Clara Schumann (1819-1896)

The heart of God is compassion, and the call of the Christian life is to participate in that compassion.

Marcus Borg

Thank you for your generosity! St Paul's depends on your prayers, and your gifts of time, talents and resources to enable all that we do together in mission. If you'd like to make a one-off financial donation today, please scan the QR code.

Please take this copy of the pew sheet with you for your personal use

Collect	God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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	Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Chris Wright, Richard Simon. **Intercessions:** Sue Chick.

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

Birthdays in the month of March

1st	Thomas Harper Jones	15th	Nina Stoneham	19th	Rosemary Booth
2nd	Pam Saxby	17th	Terry Woolgar	21st	Deirdre Gooderson
4th	Benedict Hazel	18th	Norman Allen	21st	Charlie Stoneham
10th	Alice Parkin				

Notices

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.

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 19th 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

Holy Week and Easter services

Palm Sunday, 29th March: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion with Procession of Palms and Junior Choir
On Palm Sunday, we welcome our archdeacon, the Venerable Bridget Shepherd, to preach.
Mon 30th March – Wed 1st April: 7:30 p.m. Compline
Maundy Thursday, 2nd April: 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion followed by Vigil
Good Friday, 3rd April: 10:00 a.m. Children and Families' Service, followed by Hot Cross Buns; 12 noon Meditations on the Cross; 2:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion with Holy Communion.
Easter Sunday, 5th April: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion with Junior Church; 4:00 p.m. Easter Messy Church.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, to be used in the church flowers for Easter please fill in a form and put it in the box provided on the notice board at the back of the church by **Sunday March 22nd**, together with £2 per stem (cash only please). Those remembered will be mentioned during the Easter Week Services. Please see Doreen Hewitt for more information.

St Paul's Pantry needs your help to stay well-stocked! Items needed are: tinned chickpeas, tinned butter beans, tinned kidney beans, tuna in brine or spring water, tinned soups – cream of chicken, mushroom, tomato, vegetable, Choco Rice Pops, Cornflakes (500 g), milk chocolate digestive biscuits, men's deodorant roll-on or spray, women's deodorant roll-on or spray, disposable razors (packs of 10), shampoo, conditioner, hand wash, shower cream.

Pantry Volunteers: 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. We also need two people to be in church on a Thursday morning, so we would be grateful to hear from you if you think you can help. For more information, please see Juliet Childs or Rev'd Susan. Thank you very much.

Consultation on the next Bishop of Southwark: Bishop Christopher – will be retiring this summer, after many years of faithful leadership in our Diocese. Because of this, as a diocesan family, we are preparing to begin our search for the next Bishop of Southwark – and we want to hear the views of as many people as possible. Please take five minutes to fill out a simple online survey before **1st April 2026:** www.southwark.anglican.org/newbishop

Safeguarding Audit: The Independent Safeguarding Group INEQE has been commissioned by the Church of England to conduct Safeguarding Audits of all dioceses and cathedrals to ensure that they are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. As part of this process, parishioners and members of the parish community across each diocese are encouraged to complete an online survey covering matters relevant to safeguarding. The survey is anonymous and confidential (i.e. you will not be identified), therefore please be open and honest with your responses. The survey results are received directly by INEQE's Audit Team and not by the Church of England. The survey is now live and will close at **11.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8th April 2026.** To access the survey relevant to you please visit: https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/Southwark.

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 17th March.**

Future Services In church and online	
15th March 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer **18th March 12 noon:** Midweek Communion **22nd March 10:00 a.m.** Holy Communion for Fifth Sunday in Lent	
Contacts at St Paul's	
Guy Booth, Parish Administrator Office hours: Weds-Fri, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk **t: 020 8785 2341** **m: 07533 652 695** **Sam Egan**, Community Centre Manager Office hours: Tues and Thurs, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. communitycentre@stpaulsparkside.org.uk **t: 020 8785 6327** **m: 07483 62573** **Pew sheet entries** pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk	For urgent enquiries outside office hours, or pastoral assistance, please contact: **The Revd Susan Bolen**, Vicar revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk **t: 0208 788 2024** **m: 07540 383 081** **Day off: Friday** Or to chat with our Curate: **The Revd Jack Belloli** revjack@stpaulsparkside.org.uk **Day off: Friday; Study Day: Monday** **Norman Allen**, Reader norman.homantin@gmail.com