

*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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**  
**Candlemas**

*Welcome to St Paul's - we are especially delighted to welcome Revd Kieron Rowley, Associate Priest in the Parish of Putney and Director of YMIC Southwark to preach for us 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](http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk)*

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<b>Music before service</b>	<i>Récit pour la Purification by Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier (1734-1794) [Luke 2:24]</i>
<b>Opening hymn</b>	<b>572 Praise to the holiest in the height</b>
<b>Old Testament</b>	Malachi 3:1-5 [God's messenger refines and purifies]
<b>Gospel hymn</b>	157 <i>Faithful vigil ended</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 2:22-40 [Jesus is presented in the temple, after which the family return to Nazareth]
<b>Preparation hymn</b>	<b>67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord</b>
<b>Communion anthem</b>	<b>932 Kindle a flame</b>
<b>Communion hymn</b>	<b>574 Purify my heart</b>
<b>Final hymn</b>	<b>428 Love divine, all loves excelling</b>
<b>Final music</b>	<i>Grand Chœur from Himne pour le jour de la Purification (Sacred music for the day of Purification) by Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier (1734-1794) [Luke 2:39-40]</i>

*We share with them, amidst our busyness,  
The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.  
For Candlemas still keeps his kindled light:  
Against the dark, our Saviour's face is bright.*

*Malcolm Guite*

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

<b>Collect</b>	Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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>	Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen.

**Readings:** Margaret Brown, William Fairbarns. **Intercessions:** Eve Speare.

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

**Birthdays in the month of February:**

6 <sup>th</sup>	John Hewitt	24 <sup>th</sup>	Nicholas Childs
15 <sup>th</sup>	Dyan Bukirwa	24 <sup>th</sup>	Gillian Jago
18 <sup>th</sup>	Kay Woolgar	25 <sup>th</sup>	Josephine Mulaki
24 <sup>th</sup>	David Gooderson	25 <sup>th</sup>	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 Revd Susan or our Churchwardens know if you can help to fill in a rota, especially on **Saturday mornings 10 a.m. - 12 noon.**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> February, 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

**Historic confirmation of the new Archbishop of Canterbury:** We are delighted to share the joyful news that Dame Sarah Mullally has been officially confirmed as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury – and the first woman in history to hold this role in the Church of England’s 1,400-year tradition. Let us give thanks for this milestone and pray for Archbishop Sarah as she leads with wisdom, courage and grace. For a longer statement about this truly significant moment for the Church of England and for the global Anglican Communion - as well as a message of congratulations to us from Rabbi Adrian and the Wimbledon Synagogue - please see the noticeboard at the back of church.

**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 Revd Susan, Revd Jack or one of our churchwardens.



**Messy Church today 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!

**YMIC Youth Takeover Event, “Never Give Up!” at St Mary’s Putney, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.:** Young people in Years 7-13 are warmly invited to this free event - incorporating laser tag, burritos, tacos, gaming and powerful and moving worship! Please scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church for more information and to sign up, or speak to a member of clergy for more information.

**Craft and Flower Morning.** We are planning our third Craft and Flower Morning, this time with Easter in mind, on **Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you very much!

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March, from 7:30 - 9 p.m.** Please sign up at the back of church to reserve a copy or confirm attendance.

## Interfaith Notices

**Ahmadiyya Muslim Women of Wimbledon Coffee Morning:** Women from our congregation are warmly invited to this time of fellowship and refreshments on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Please see the poster at the back of church for the address.

Our next **Joint Study Session with Wimbledon Synagogue** - continuing to read the Book of Daniel, and focusing on the theme of faith under persecution - will be on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at the synagogue, 7:00 for 7:30 p.m.** RSVP to Revd Susan if you wish to attend.

**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](mailto:pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk). The deadline for next Sunday's pew sheet is midday **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**.

<b>Future Services</b>		In church and online
<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> February 4:00 p.m.</b> Messy Church</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> February 6:00 p.m.</b> Evening Prayer</p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> February 12 noon:</b> Midweek Communion</p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> February 10:00 a.m.</b> Holy Communion for Second Sunday before Lent</p>		
<b>Contacts at St Paul's</b>		
<p><b>Guy Booth</b>, Parish Administrator Office hours: Weds-Fri, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. <a href="mailto:office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a> <b>t: 020 8785 2341</b> <b>m: 07533 652 695</b></p> <p><b>Sam Egan</b>, Community Centre Manager Office hours: Tues and Thurs, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. <a href="mailto:communitycentre@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">communitycentre@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a> <b>t: 020 8785 6327</b> <b>m: 07483 62573</b></p> <p><b>Pew sheet entries</b> <a href="mailto:pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a></p>	<p>For urgent enquiries outside office hours, or pastoral assistance, please contact: <b>The Revd Susan Bolen</b>, Vicar <a href="mailto:revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a> <b>t: 0208 788 2024</b> <b>m: 07540 383 081</b> <b>Day off: Friday</b></p> <p>Or to chat with our Curate: <b>The Revd Jack Belloli</b> <a href="mailto:revjack@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">revjack@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a> <b>Day off: Friday; Study Day: Monday</b></p> <p><b>Norman Allen</b>, Reader <a href="mailto:norman.homantin@gmail.com">norman.homantin@gmail.com</a></p>	