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 18th October 2026**<br>**Twentieth Sunday after Trinity** | |
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| *Welcome to St Paul's, and a special welcome to the Rev'd Fr Antonio Fuerte, from All Saints Upper Norwood, who will be presiding and preaching 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. 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* | |
| **Organ before service** | *Imitation* by J. S. Bach (1685-1750) |
| **Opening hymn** | **716** *We have a gospel to proclaim* |
| **Epistle** | 1 Thessalonians 1-10 [Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians faith and example] |
| **Gradual hymn** | **686** *Through all the changing scenes of life* |
| **Gospel** | Matthew 22:15-22 [Should we pay taxes to God or Caesar?] |
| **Preparation hymn** | **220** *God is our strength from days of old* |
| **Communion hymns** | **123** *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*<br>**483** *O for a closer walk with God* |
| **Final hymn** | **104** *Christ triumphant* |
| **Final music** | *Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott* by J. Pachelbel (1653-1706) |

*Good government from a Christian point of view is about the acknowledgement and reinforcement of human dignity."*

*— Rowan Williams,*

**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.

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| **Collect** | God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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** | God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. |

**Readings:** Caroline Keat, Susan Leyland. **Intercessions:** Norman Allen.

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

**Birthdays in the month of October**

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| 1st | Alistair Butcher | 6th | Richard Simon |
| 3rd | Marc Stoneham | 29th | Amber Bonham-Carter |
| 4th | Benjamin Bower | | |

## Notices



If you would be interested in becoming involved in the ministry of "church-sitting" in pairs to welcome guests, 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. Other days are also possible. Please have a word with Rev'd Susan or the churchwardens.

**Services this week**

**Evening prayers** will be held at **6 p.m. this evening.**

**St Paul's Pantry:** Next opening is **Thursday 22nd October.**

**Tea and Toys**







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

## Church Notices

**Confirmation classes:** Classes in preparation for the deanery confirmation service with Bishop Martin on the evening of **Tuesday 10th November** at St Anne's Church, Wandsworth will resume on 25th October, after the morning service. No commitment to being confirmed is required, please join in if you wish to explore or refresh your engagement with the Christian faith!

We are planning another popular **Craft and Flower Morning on October 31st, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.,** featuring ideas to decorate your home for the Christmas seasons, plus a craft activity to have a go at. Refreshments available and everyone welcome, as are donations towards expenses and the church Christmas flowers. Please see Lesley Hazel or Doreen Hewitt to book your place.

**Revd Jack's licensing in his new parish** will be on **Tuesday 3rd November at 7:00 p.m.** in St Bartholomew's Church and Centre, East Ham. There will be the option to travel together as part of a group, leaving from Southfields Tube station at 5:30 p.m. Further details, including how to sign up, to follow.

**Christmas Fayre**: **Saturday 21st November 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring to the back of the church during October:** Bric-a-Brac – useful household and garden items - electrical items will be PAT-tested before resale; Christmas decorations, unused drawing & painting materials; Books, records, CDs. gifts – toiletries, soap etc.; Children's toys and games; Children's clothes Fara Kids' quality, dressing up clothes; High-quality clothes 'aka' vintage clothes, **No** underwear, sports clothes or T-shirts. **Please make in advance and put aside:** Jams, chutneys, jellies, bottled fruit, pickled vegetables, items to sell – sewers, crocheters, knitters, woodturners, jewellers, painters, soap makers. **Please make the day before to sell:** Bread, cakes, scones. Thank you so much for your generosity. Any questions email anne.minors@soundspacevision.com.

**St Paul's Pantry:** We still need your help to keep the Pantry well stocked and now need the following items: Tuna (in brine or spring water); Baked Beans & Sausages; Baked Beans; Chopped Tomatoes; Butter Beans; Kidney Beans; Chickpeas (all in tins); Raspberry Jam; Honey; Peanut butter; Chocolate Spread; Coco Pops; Porridge Oats; Shreddies; Orange Squash; Pasta Penne (500 g) Spaghetti (500 g), Fusilli (500 g); Shower Gel; Shampoo; Antiperspirant roll-on/spray – men's & women's; Handwash. Please put your contributions on the table on the right as you enter the church. Thank you very much!

## Interfaith Notices

**Interfaith Week 2026:** This will be taking place from **Sunday 8th November to Sunday 15th November.** The aims of the week include drawing people into interfaith learning and cooperation and developing integrated and neighbourly communities. On **Tuesday 10th November, at 7 p.m.,** we are invited to an Interfaith Study Group Evening on **The Book of Jonah**, at the Wimbledon Synagogue, 1 Queensmere Rd, SW19 5QD. To book a place, please email office@wimshul.org.

**Coffee Rota!** We all enjoy the chance to meet each other and chat over a hot drink after morning service at St Paul's. Would you consider joining the rota? It's a great way to get to know other people better. It's not difficult to learn the ropes and we will be happy to go through things with you, should you want to find out more. Please speak to Juliet Childs if you think you could help with this important aspect of our fellowship.

**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 20th October**

| **Future Services** In church and online |
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| **18th October 6:00 p.m.** Evening Prayer |
| **21st October 12 noon** Midweek Communion |
| **25th October 10:00 a.m.** Holy Communion for the Last Sunday after Trinity |

| **Contacts at St Paul's** | |
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