

*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 26th July 2026 Eighth Sunday after Trinity	
<i>Welcome to St Paul's - a special welcome to the Revd William Allberry, 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</i>	
Music before service	<i>If God be for us, who can be against us?</i> from <i>Messiah</i> by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Opening hymn	375 <i>King of glory, king of peace</i>
First reading	Romans 8:26-39 [The Spirit helps us pray; if God is for us, who is against us?]
Gradual hymn	400 <i>Like a mighty river flowing</i> (tune 350)
Gospel	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 [Parables of mustard seed, yeast, treasure, a pearl and fish]
Preparation hymn	221 <i>God is working his purpose out</i>
Communion hymns	937 <i>Nada te turbe</i> 70 <i>Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart</i>
Final hymn	217 <i>God is love</i> (tune 337)
Final Music	<i>Duet from the Pearl Fishers</i> by George Bizet (1838-1875) arranged for piano duet

So often when I think of the parables I imagine Jesus with a twinkle in his eye or a raised eyebrow, waiting, as we reflect on them, for us to discover the sting in the tail, that moment of discomfort that means we have to think again about ourselves, or God, or the world in which we live - or even all three.

Paula Gooder

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Collect	Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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
Post Communion Prayer	Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen

Readings: Richard Simon, Billie Stephens. **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 July

1 st	Susan Hartwell-Mold	14 th	Liam Warner	26 th	Carlos Heycock
5 th	Norma Cox	20 th	Tom Peart	27 th	Chris Jones
6 th	Claire Neate	22 nd	Pat Lane	30 th	Theo Mulaki
8 th	Claire Whitefield	24 th	Ann Parkin	31 th	Caroline Keat
10 th	Betty Williams	25 th	Joy Walnsimbi		

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 Revd Jack or the churchwardens.

Services this week

Evening prayers will be held at **6 p.m. this evening**.
Please note that there is **no midday Eucharist** this week.

St Paul's Pantry: Next opening is **Thursday 30th July**.



Tea and Toys



Tea and Toys Playgroup for babies, toddlers and their parents/carers
is on a break until **Tuesday 8th September**.

Church Notices

Fundraising Wine-tasting: A huge THANK YOU to all who supported last night's event, whether as attendees or in bringing it together. Special thanks to Lesley Hazel, for all her work to conceive, organise and promote the event, and to Benedict for guiding us through what was served!

Congratulations to Rachel Barnes and her family on the safe arrival of baby Benedict - a little brother for Anna! Please keep them all in your prayers.

Please note that there is **no midweek communion** this Wednesday, due to Revd Jack's unavailability.

Messy Church, next Sunday 2nd August, at 4:00 p.m. in church! Please join us for stories, craft, games, food and lots of fun. Remember - it's not just for kids. Everyone is welcome!



RIP Paul Crompton: Paul's funeral will take place on **Wednesday 5th August at 12:30 p.m.** in church, followed by his burial in Putney Vale and refreshments in the Community Centre. Members of the congregation are warmly invited to attend. (The midweek communion service will be brought forward to **11:00 a.m.** that day.)

In-person Safeguarding Training, Saturday 5th September, 10 a.m. - 12 noon: There will be an opportunity for those who wish to take foundation-level training in safe-guarding in-person (rather than online) led by members of the Diocesan team. Claire Neate will contact those for whom attendance is required due to volunteering responsibilities - but anybody is welcome to attend, as part of our collective commitment to making St Paul's a safe and trusting environment for everyone. A sign-up sheet is now available on the church noticeboard.

St Paul's Pantry We still need your help to keep the Pantry well stocked and particularly need the following at the moment: 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'); Cornflakes (500g); Rice Pops; 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!

Coffee Rota - new volunteers needed! We all enjoy the chance to meet each other and chat over a hot drink after morning service at St Paul's; however, we are short of volunteers! Would you consider joining the rota? It's a great way to get to know other people at St Paul's 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.

Youth and Children Notices

YMIC Youth Camp, 26th-29th October Sign-up is open until **July 31st** for this activity-packed and exciting youth residential in the October half-term for school years 7+ (that includes current Y6s!) It is a 4-day (3 night) trip, packed with exciting activities - think high ropes, mountain biking, archery and crate stacking. It will also provide more information please follow the link below to our website: <https://www.ymic-southwark.org/youth-camp-2026>

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 pewsheets@stpaulsparkside.org.uk. The deadline for next Sunday's pew sheet is midday **Tuesday 28th July**.

Future Services		In church and online
26th July 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 2nd August 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity 2nd August 4:00 p.m. Messy Church 2nd August 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer		
Contacts at St Paul's		
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