

*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 8th February 2026	
Second Sunday before Lent - Racial Justice Sunday	
<p>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</p>	
Music before service	<p>Adoration by Florence Price (1887-1953) The first US woman composer of African-American Heritage to achieve high acclaim.</p>
Opening hymn	392 <i>Let us with a gladsome mind</i>
Epistle	Romans 8:18-25 [Present Suffering and Future Glory]
Gospel hymn	142 <i>Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth</i>
Gospel	Matthew 6:25-34 [Do not worry: consider the birds of the air who neither reap nor sow]
Preparation hymn	598 <i>Sing for God's glory</i>
Communion anthem	<i>Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho - Your will be done on earth, O Lord</i> (traditional South African Xhosa)
Communion hymn	590 <i>Seek ye first the kingdom of God</i>
Final hymn	715 <i>We have a dream</i>
Final music	Prelude to 'The Birds' by O. Respighi (1879-1936) (Matthew 6:26 - <i>Look at the birds of the air</i>)



Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness

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Collect	Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.
Post Communion Prayer	God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Mike Lowe, Helen Lowe. **Intercessions:** David Gooderson.

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 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 19th 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

Richard Bruce Hunt RIP: The flowers in church in the last couple of weeks come from the memorial service for Richard Hunt, and donated in his memory. Our thanks, and continued prayers, go to Ulrike and his family.

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, or the flyers, 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.

Ash Wednesday: Holy Communion services with administration of ashes will take place at **12 noon** and **7 p.m.** on **Wednesday 18th February.**

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 reserve a copy or confirm attendance.

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. Thank you very much!

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 10th 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 11th 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. The deadline for next Sunday's pew sheet is midday **Tuesday 10th February**.

Future Services		In church and online
<p>8th February 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer</p> <p>11th February 12 noon: Midweek Communion</p> <p>15th February 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion for Sunday before Lent</p>		
Contacts at St Paul's		
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