



*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 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

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](http://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](mailto:office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk)

<b>Organ before service</b>	Variations on an old French carol: <i>Joseph est bien marié</i> (Joseph has married well) by M. Corrette (1707-1795)
<b>Opening hymn</b>	<b>480</b> <i>O come, o come, Emmanuel</i> (vs.1,3,4,5)
<b>First reading</b>	Isaiah 7:10-16 [A virgin shall conceive and bear a child, to be called Emmanuel]
<b>Gradual hymn</b>	<b>634</b> <i>The angel Gabriel from heaven came</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 1:18-25 [Joseph doubts Mary, but resolves to marry her after an angel calms his fears]
<b>Preparation hymn</b>	<b>508</b> <i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>
<b>Communion hymns</b>	<b>66</b> <i>Be still and know that I am God</i> <b>406</b> <i>Long ago, prophets knew</i>
<b>Final hymn</b>	<b>700</b> <i>Unto us is a boy is born</i> (omit v.3)
<b>Final voluntary</b>	Variations on an old French carol: <i>Bon Joseph écoute moi</i> (Good Joseph listen to me) by M. Corrette (1707-1795)

*God is not ashamed of the lowliness of human beings. God marches right in.*

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

**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**

<b>Collect</b>	God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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>	Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Readings:** John Hewitt, Isabel Heycock. **Intercessions:** Rosemary Booth.

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

### **Birthdays in the month of December**

15 <sup>th</sup>	Doreen Hewitt	18 <sup>th</sup>	Bette Waller	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Benoit Bolen
15 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Belloli	19 <sup>th</sup>	Daphne Foster	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Caroline Bijoux
16 <sup>th</sup>	Tamara Mulaki	21 <sup>st</sup>	Nick Harper-Jones	21 <sup>st</sup>	Dorothy Shoniwa

### **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 Wednesday.

Public Morning and Evening Prayer will resume after Christmas on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Please see the note opposite about the Midday Eucharist.

**St Paul's Pantry:** Next Opening is **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 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.** (resuming **6<sup>th</sup> January**).

## Christmas Services

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December: 4:00 p.m.** All-age Christingle Service.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: *Christmas Eve*:**

**4.00 p.m.** All-age Crib Service and **11.00 p.m.** Midnight Mass.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December: *Christmas Day***

**10:00 a.m. *Christmas* Family Service.**



## Church Events

**In Memoriam:** The funeral of Rosetta Stalley, a faithful member of the Lunch Club, took place at St Paul's on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Flowers have been offered in loving memory of Rosetta by her family. May she rest in peace.



**Advent Antiphons boards:** In our final days of preparation for Christmas, please take some time to enjoy the art, music and prayers on the boards around Church.

**Midday Eucharist:** Please note that there will be no midday communion service this Wednesday (Christmas Eve). There will be one as usual on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December**, with prayers for the turn of the year.

**Bishop Martin's Advent letter to the Kingston Episcopal Area** is available to read on the noticeboard at the back of church.

**Christmas Cards:** We have St Paul's Christmas cards on sale again this year. In common with the majority of charity Christmas cards ours cost £5 for 10 cards. Cards are on sale at the back of church. Cash payment is preferred with monies in the marked box.

**THANK YOU from Wandsworth Prison:** Wendy Stephens, Anglican Chaplain at HMP Wandsworth, has sent thanks on behalf of the prisoners who will receive gift bags in the days ahead. Please see the full message on the noticeboard at the back of church - including a link to a video message, and details of an anniversary service for the prison at Southwark Cathedral in March.

## Interfaith Events

Our next **Joint Study Session with Wimbledon Synagogue** is on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 7 for 7:30 p.m.** at St Paul's, on "The Book of Daniel: Jewish and Christian interpretations".

**Season's greetings from the Ahmadiyya Community** We hosted some of our friends from Fazl Mosque on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, who brought us some wonderful gifts and cards. Please read their messages on the noticeboard at the back of church.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> December**.

<b>Future Services</b>		In church and online
<b>21<sup>st</sup> December, 4:00 p.m.</b> All-age Christingle Service <b>21<sup>st</sup> December, 6:00 p.m.</b> Evening Prayer <b>24<sup>th</sup> December, 4:00 p.m.</b> All-age Crib Service <b>24<sup>th</sup> December, 11 p.m.</b> Midnight Mass <b>25<sup>th</sup> December, 10:00 a.m.</b> Christmas Family Service <b>28<sup>th</sup> December, 10:00 a.m.</b> Holy Communion for First Sunday of Christmas		
<b>Contacts at St Paul's</b>		
<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> <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> <b>Pew sheet entries</b> <a href="mailto:pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a>		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>  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>  <b>Norman Allen</b> , Reader <a href="mailto:norman.homantin@gmail.com">norman.homantin@gmail.com</a>