



*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 4th January 2026
Epiphany**

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

A special thank you to Helen Lowis for playing the piano and organ at today's service! 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

Music before service	Organist's choice
Opening hymn	609 Songs of thankfulness and praise
First reading	Isaiah 60:1-6
Gradual hymn	724 We three kings
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12
Preparation hymn	241 Good Christians, all rejoice
Communion hymn	486 Of the Father's love begotten
Final hymn	36 Angels from the realms of glory
Final music	Organist's choice

God knows that there is no better way to express himself than through the weakness of a child. This is Love telling us that it comes unarmed.

*Christophe Munzihirwa Mwene Ngabo
Archbishop of Bukavu, assassinated in 1996*

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

Collect	O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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	Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Susan Leyland, Isabel Heycock. **Intercessions:** Sue Chick.

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

Birthdays in the month of January

1 st	Sheuny Wun	21 st	Susan Bolen	22 nd	Edward Harper-Jones
10 th	Ella Nicholson	24 th	Ted Butcher	27 th	Helen Lowe
14 th	James Bower				

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 8th 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 **6th January**).

Church Notices

THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered in any way with our Advent and Christmas celebrations - to those who have made the church look so beautiful; to those who have purchased and served refreshments; to those who got involved with our Advent Posada and reading group; to those who served, read, interceded and prepared activities for children; and to Kevin and all our choir for their beautiful music over these past weeks. Your hard work has been a blessing to us all!

Thanks too to all those who joined St Paul's Carol Singers in the carol singing round Southdean Gardens on Tuesday 16th and at the Tube station on Wednesday 17th December. We had a very positive reception, and a final total of the money raised for GlassDoor Homeless Charity (which will also include donations from Lessons & Carols) will be available shortly.



Epiphany 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!



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

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.

Patronal Festival, Sunday 25th January, 10 a.m.: Please save the date for this special service and celebration for the Conversion of St Paul. Further details to follow.

Lay Ministry Taster Day, Saturday 31st January, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Trinity House: Come and find out more about the different types of ministries including Pastoral, Reader, Pioneer, Church Army and Children and Young People. With guest speaker Adjoa Andoh MBE – actor, writer, director, and Licensed Reader (Parish of Herne Hill). For more information and to book your place, email learning@southwark.anglican.org

Interfaith Notices

Our next Joint Study Session with Wimbledon Synagogue is on **Tuesday 13th 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 10th 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 pewsheets@stpaulsparkside.org.uk. The deadline for next Sunday's pew sheet is midday **Tuesday 6th January**.

Future Services	In church and online
4th January, 4:00 p.m. Messy Church	
4th January, 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer	
7th January, 12 noon: Midweek Communion	
11th January 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion for the Baptism of Christ	
Contacts at St Paul's	
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