

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 11th January 2026
Baptism of Christ

Welcome to St Paul's - and a special welcome to Revd Dr Daniel Eshun, Anglican chaplain at Roehampton University, preaching for us this morning.

You can join today's live service online at 10.00 a.m. on our YouTube channel 'St Paul's Wimbleton Parkside' via this direct link: [St Paul's Wimbleton Parkside on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...), 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

Music before service	<i>Qui fuit ablutus liquida Iordanis (He who was washed in the waters of Jordan has washed away my stains, and yours) by D. Friderici (1584-1638) [for the Feast of the Baptism of Christ]</i>
Opening hymn	552 <i>O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness</i>
Old Testament	Isaiah 42:1-9 [Here is my servant, who will bring justice to the nations]
Gospel hymn	684 <i>Thou, whose almighty word</i>
Gospel	Matthew 3:13-17 [The baptism of Jesus]
Preparation hymn	154 <i>Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round</i>
Communion hymns	116 <i>Come, gracious spirit</i> (tune 733) 612 <i>Spirit of God within me</i> (tune 28)
Final hymn	302 <i>I bind unto myself today</i>
Final music	<i>Overture to The Water Music</i> by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Through baptism we all become witnesses to Christ and workers for the kingdom of God. And some Christians will not like it, and some may rail against it; but there is actually no choice: ministry is the work and witness of the whole Church.

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

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	Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Jacqueline Johnson, Caroline Keat. **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 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 22nd 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.**

Church Notices

Installation of CCTV Please be advised that CCTV cameras have been installed in and around the church and community centre. These are in place to help ensure the safety and security of all who worship, visit, and work here, as well as to protect church property. The CCTV system is operated in accordance with data protection legislation. Access to recorded images is strictly limited and footage will be viewed only by authorised persons and used solely for security and safeguarding purposes. If you have any questions regarding the CCTV system, please contact the Churchwardens.

Thanks 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. The final total of the money raised for GlassDoor Homeless Charity, including donations from the Lessons & Carols service, is **£1005.94!**



Patronal Festival, Sunday 25th January, 10 a.m.: Please join us for this special service for the Conversion of St Paul, which will be followed by a two-course lunch catered by Salt & Pepper. The requested donation is **£16 per adult, £6 per child (aged 5-11; under-5s free)**. Please bring your own bottle. We do not want cost to be a barrier to attendance: please speak to Gill Thompson if you'd like a subsidised ticket, or to subsidise someone else's.

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

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.

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

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 pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk. The deadline for next Sunday's pew sheet is midday **Tuesday 13th January**.

Future Services		In church and online
11th January, 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 14th January, 12 noon: Midweek Communion 18th January 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion for Second Sunday of Epiphany		
Contacts at St Paul's		
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