



*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 14th December 2025
Third 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

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

Organ before service	<i>Le Clairon (The call) from Organ Magnificat in C by G. Lasceux (1740-1831)</i>
Opening hymn	656 <i>The race that long in darkness pined</i>
First reading	Isaiah 35:1-10 [The desert blooms]
Gradual hymn	664 <i>The Saviour will come</i>
Gospel	Matthew 11:2-11 [a messenger prepares the way]
Preparation hymn	110 <i>Come and see the shining hope</i>
Communion hymns	135 <i>Creator of the starry height</i> (omit vs.5) 481 <i>O comfort my people</i> (tune: Stowey 559)
Final hymn	557 <i>People look east</i>
Final voluntary	<i>Grand Jeu (Great Combination) from Organ Magnificat in C by G. Lasceux (1740-1831)</i>

*The redemption promised through Advent calls us to a new, collective orientation.
To be a creature of Advent is to become comfortable
with the lived experience of surprise –
the surprise that births forth an awakening to grace.*

Anderson Jeremiah

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 Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Post Communion Prayer	We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. 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 December

15 th	Doreen Hewitt	18 th	Bette Waller	22 nd	Benoit Bolen
15 th	Jack Belloli	19 th	Daphne Foster	23 rd	Caroline Bijoux
16 th	Tamara Mulaki	21 st	Nick Harper-Jones	25 th	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

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 18th December, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**



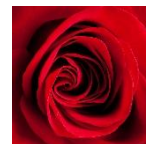
Tea and Toys



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 Events

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



Service of Lessons and Carols: Tonight at 6:00 p.m.: Please join us for this special traditional service, which this year features contributions from our Junior Choir and a representative from GlassDoor Homeless Charity, for which a collection will be taken.



Posada - Making Room for Mary and Joseph: As last year, everyone is warmly invited to welcome our miniature figures of Mary and Joseph into your home for one night during Advent. After their stay, you take the Holy Couple on to another home and receive hospitality from their next hosts in turn! Families and those new to the congregation especially welcome!

Please find a sign-up date that suits you on the list at the back of church.

For further information, please contact Revd Jack.

Carol singing: St Paul's Carol Singers will be singing to raise money for GlassDoor Homeless Charity on **Tuesday 16th December**, starting at **7.00 p.m.** around the 'Gardens' streets, followed by refreshments. Please meet at the top of Southdean Gardens, 7.00 p.m. or join us as we go round. We need 'door knockers' as well as singers. We will also be singing on **Wednesday 17th December**, **6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.** at Southfields Tube; bucket shakers as well as singers welcome!



St Paul's Pantry - Christmas Treats: The Pantry team would like to offer some seasonal treats to our Pantry visitors, so we would welcome contributions. Suitable items would be chocolates, biscuits, mince pies, cakes, nuts, toiletries (soaps etc.) and so on. Please bring your contributions to church by **Thursday 18th December** at the latest, as this is the date of the last Pantry opening before Christmas. Please place them on the table to your right as you come into church. Thank you so much!

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

Christmas Movie Matinee: We will be showing The Polar Express in the Community Centre on **Thursday 18th December, 4:00 to 6:00pm.** Children must be accompanied by their responsible adult; the cost is £2 per child, to cover popcorn and drinks. We ask you to book by midday on 18th by emailing communitycentre@stpaulsparkside.org.uk.



Interfaith Events

Next Joint Study Session with Wimbledon Synagogue, Wednesday 17th December 7:30 p.m. for 7:45 p.m. at the synagogue. Please join us for a session on "Stories that Shape us", which will incorporate the lighting of the 4th Hanukkah candle. Please RSVP by email to Rev'd Susan. Following that, please save the date for another session 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, who brought us some wonderful gifts and cards. Please read their messages on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Christmas Services

Sunday 21st December: 4:00 p.m. All-age Christingle Service.
Wednesday 24th December: *Christmas Eve*:
4.00 p.m. All-age Crib Service and **11.00 p.m.** Midnight Mass.
Thursday 25th December: *Christmas Day*
10:00 a.m. *Christmas* Family Service.



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**.

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.

The pew sheet: Please send notices to pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk. The deadline for next Sunday's pew sheet is midday **Tuesday 16th December**.

Future Services		In church and online
14th December, 6:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols		
17th December, 12 noon: Midweek Communion		
21st December, 10:00 a.m.: Holy Communion for Fourth Sunday in Advent		
21st December: 4:00 p.m. All-age Christingle Service.		
Contacts at St Paul's		
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