

*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 March 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

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

Music before service	<i>God is a Spirit from The Woman of Samaria (John 4:24) by William Sterndale Bennett (1816-1875)</i>
Opening hymn	<i>205 Glorious things of thee are spoken</i>
Epistle	<i>Exodus 17:1-7 [Moses strikes the rock & water flows from it]</i>
Gradual hymn	<i>310 I heard the voice of Jesus say</i>
Gospel	<i>John 4:5-42 [Jesus meets the Samaritan women by the well]</i>
Preparation hymn	<i>252 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer</i>
Communion anthem	<i>817 Have you heard the raindrops (members of congregation welcome to join in if you wish)</i>
Communion hymn	<i>289 Holy Spirit, truth divine</i>
Final hymn	<i>343 Jesu, lover of my soul</i>
Final music	<i>Allegro Moderato from The Water Music by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)</i>

A foreign woman with a past became the first Christian preacher, and through that was given dignity, community and a future. There are no outcasts with God, who in Jesus became an outcast so we can no longer be.

Anna Matthews

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	Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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	Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen.

Readings: Jacqueline Johnson, Susan Leyland. **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 March

1 st	Thomas Harper Jones	15 th	Nina Stoneham	19 th	Rosemary Booth
2 nd	Pam Saxby	17 th	Terry Woolgar	21 st	Deirdre Gooderson
4 th	Benedict Hazel	18 th	Norman Allen	21 st	Charlie Stoneham
10 th	Alice Parkin				

Notices

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 Rev'd Susan, Rev'd Jack or one of our churchwardens. There is a signup sheet for **Saturday mornings only, 10 a.m. - 12 noon**, on the noticeboard at the back of Church, if you can help on an occasional basis.

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 March, 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

Lent Study: We are reading *Meeting God in John* by the contemporary theologian David Ford - and meeting to discuss it, over a light supper in the vicarage, on **9th, 16th and 23rd March**, from **7:30 - 9 p.m.** It's not too late to join in! Please speak with Rev'd Susan or Rev'd Jack if you would like to come along. *If you have requested a copy, they are now available, payable to St Paul's at £9. Please see Rev'd Susan or Gill Thompson.*

Easter Lilies: If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, to be used in the church flowers for Easter please fill in a form and put it in the box provided on the notice board at the back of the church by **Sunday March 22nd**, together with £2 per stem (cash only please). Those remembered will be mentioned during the Easter Week Services. Please see Doreen Hewitt for more information.

St Paul's Pantry needs your help to stay well-stocked! Items needed are: tinned chickpeas, tinned butter beans, tinned kidney beans, tuna in brine or spring water, tinned soups - cream of chicken, mushroom, tomato, vegetable, Choco Rice Pops, Cornflakes (500 g), milk chocolate digestive biscuits, men's deodorant roll-on or spray, women's deodorant roll-on or spray, disposable razors (packs of 10), shampoo, conditioner, hand wash, shower cream.

Pantry Volunteers: We would also be grateful for any volunteers who could help with receiving deliveries on a Thursday morning or with driving to collect from one of our donor food shops. We also need two people to be in church on a Thursday morning, so we would be grateful to hear from you if you think you can help. For more information, please see Juliet Childs or Rev'd Susan. Thank you very much.

Consultation on the next Bishop of Southwark: Bishop Christopher - will be retiring this summer, after many years of faithful leadership in our Diocese. Because of this, as a diocesan family, we are preparing to begin our search for the next Bishop of Southwark - and we want to hear the views of as many people as possible. Please take five minutes to fill out a simple online survey before **1 April 2026:**

www.southwark.anglican.org/newbishop

Safeguarding Audit: The Independent Safeguarding Group INEQE has been commissioned by the Church of England to conduct Safeguarding Audits of all dioceses and cathedrals to ensure that they are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. As part of this process, parishioners and members of the parish community across each diocese are encouraged to complete an online survey covering matters relevant to safeguarding. The survey is anonymous and confidential (i.e. you will not be identified), therefore please be open and honest with your responses. The survey results are received directly by INEQE's Audit Team and not by the Church of England. The survey is now live and will close at **11.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8th April 2026.** To access the survey relevant to you please visit: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/Southwark>.

St Paul's takes safeguarding very seriously and the PCC and the Safeguarding Committee are working hard to ensure our parish environment is safe and inclusive. We would be very grateful if you could consider completing this survey regarding safeguarding. We would also love to hear from our Messy Church community how we are doing in achieving this aim.

Interfaith Notices

Joint Study Session here at St Paul's on 10th March at 7 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start: Discover with us the Book of Daniel, and how it is read in the Jewish and Christian traditions as we explore our third and final session on this fascinating book. We believe you will find it is a thought-provoking read. Please email Rev'd Susan if you intend to come along.

Ahmadiyya Holy book/scripture club: We have been invited by the Ahmadiyya Muslim women to an Interfaith Discussion Group on **Thursday 12th March at 1:30 p.m.** (women only). The aim of this discussion group is to celebrate International Women's Day by sharing the evolution of women from previous centuries and examining how their rights are protected and elevated according to our Holy books. For details of the location please contact Rev'd Susan.

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 March**.

Future Services		In church and online
8 th March 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer		
11 th March 12 noon: Midweek Communion		
5 th March 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday		
Contacts at St Paul's		
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