

*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.*

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b> <b>Second Sunday in Advent</b>	
<i>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: <a href="#">St Paul's Wimbledon Parkside on YouTube</a>, or via one of the links to the YouTube Channel on the St Paul's website: <a href="http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk">www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a> 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: <a href="mailto:office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a></i>	
<b>Organ before service</b>	<i>Introit "Veni Emmanuel" (O Come, O Come Emmanuel) from Advent Suite for Organ by Pietro Yon (1886-1943)</i>
<b>Opening hymn</b>	<i>263 Hark! a herald voice is calling</i>
<b>First reading</b>	<i>Isaiah 11:1-10 [A ruler brings justice and peace]</i>
<b>Gradual hymn</b>	<i>63 Behold the Saviour of the nations</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Matthew 3:1-12 [John the Baptist proclaims: "Prepare the way of the Lord"]</i>
<b>Preparation hymn</b>	<i>259 Hail to the Lord's anointed</i>
<b>Communion hymns</b>	<i>949 Wait for the Lord (Refrain only, repeated) 124 Come, O Lord, inspire us</i>
<b>Final hymn</b>	<i>527 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry</i>
<b>Final voluntary</b>	<i>Fugue on the Advent Hymn: Creator alme siderum (Creator of the starry heights) by Pietro Yon (1886-1943)</i>

*The call of Christ makes people free.*

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

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**Please take this copy of the pew sheet with you for your personal use**

<b>Collect</b>	O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.
<b>Post Communion Prayer</b>	Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Readings:** Caroline Keat, Guy Booth. **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	25 <sup>th</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 Thursday, and **Midday Eucharist on Wednesdays.**

**St Paul's Pantry:** Next Opening is **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Christmas Services

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December: 4.00 p.m.** Advent Messy Church

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December: 6:00 p.m.** Service of Lessons and Carols.

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

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 4.00 p.m. *Christmas Eve*:** All-age Crib Service  
11.00 p.m. Midnight Mass.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December: 10:00 a.m. *Christmas Day*:** Family Service.

## Church Events



**Advent Messy Church today at 4:00 p.m.!** Please join us for stories, craft, games, food and lots of fun. Followed by the **lighting of the Christmas Tree and Carols in the War Memorial Garden at 5:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome at both - and it would be especially good to have voices to join the carols, and people to offer a warm welcome to passers-by, as we gather at the tree!

**Advent Study:** Our reading of *A Christmas Carol* over a light supper continues on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m** in the Community Centre Lounge. Please speak to Revd Susan or Revd Jack if you're interested in joining.



**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, a Christian charity for the homeless, on the following dates:



**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.

**Wednesday 17th December, 6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.** at Southfields station; bucket shakers as well as singers are 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Interfaith Events

**Next Joint Study Session with Wimbledon Synagogue, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Hanukkah candle. Please RSVP by email to 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**.

**Christmas Cards:** We have our St Paul's Christmas cards on sale again this year. In common with the majority of Charity Christmas Cards ours will sell at for £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](mailto:pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk). The deadline for next Sunday's pew sheet is midday **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**.

<b>Future Services</b>		In church and online
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00 p.m.:</b> Advent Messy Church <b>10<sup>th</sup> December, 12 noon:</b> Midweek Communion <b>14<sup>th</sup> December, 10:00 a.m.:</b> Holy Communion for Third Sunday in Advent <b>14<sup>th</sup> December, 6:00 p.m.</b> Service of Lessons and Carols		
<b>Contacts at St Paul's</b>		
<p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><b>Pew sheet entries</b>  <a href="mailto:pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a></p>	<p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p><b>Norman Allen</b>, Reader  <a href="mailto:norman.homantin@gmail.com">norman.homantin@gmail.com</a></p>	