

*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.*

Wednesday 24th December 2025 Christmas Midnight Service 11:00 p.m.	
<p>Welcome to St Paul's! You can join tonight's live service online 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</p> <p>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</p>	
Music before service	Carols on bell chimes <i>O Holy Night</i> by Adolph Adam (1803-1856)
Opening hymn	521 <i>Once in royal David's City</i>
First reading	Isaiah 52:7-10 [The messenger who announces peace]
Gradual hymn	330 <i>It came upon a midnight clear</i> (Vs.1, 2, 3, 5)
Gospel	John 1:1-14 [In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God]
Preparation hymn	326 <i>In the bleak midwinter</i>
Communion anthems	<i>Gaudete</i> (with words of hymn 656) arr. Kevin Jones <i>There were shepherds & Glory to God from Messiah</i> <i>Boh predvichyy narodivsyia</i> (<i>Eternal God is born a child</i>) traditional Ukrainian Carol arranged by Kevin Jones
Communion hymn	321 <i>Infant holy, infant lowly</i>
Final hymn	479 <i>O come, all ye faithful</i> (Vs.1, 2, 3, 6, 7)
Final voluntary	<i>In dulci jubilo</i> BWV 729 by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Collect	Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of you one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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 forever. Amen
Post Communion Prayer	God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen

Thank you for your generosity! For details of how to give to St Paul's, please see the back page of this Pewsheet.

Thursday 25th December 2025
Christmas Day

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stpaulsparkside), or via one of the links to the YouTube Channel on the St Paul's website: www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk

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Music before service	<i>O Bambino mio divino</i> by Giuseppe Aldrovandini (1665-1707)
Opening hymn	588 <i>See, amid the winter's snow</i>
First reading	Isaiah 9:2-7 [People in darkness have seen a great light: a child is born for us]
Gradual hymn	776 <i>Away in a manger</i>
Gospel	Luke 2:1-14 [The birth of Jesus; angels appear to shepherds]
Preparation hymn	589 <i>See him lying on a bed of straw</i>
Communion hymns	745 <i>While shepherds watched</i> 350 <i>Jesus, good above all other</i>
Final hymn	370 <i>Joy to the world</i>
Final music	<i>We wish you a merry Christmas</i>
Collect	Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen
Post Communion Prayer	God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen

Readers for Christmas Eve: Margaret Brown, Clergy. **Intercessions:** Clergy.

Readers for Christmas Day: Christine Brown, Clergy. **Intercessions:** Eve Speare.

From all the team at St Paul's,
we wish you a very happy Christmas.



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.



Midweek services in the weeks ahead: There will be no weekday Morning and Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel until Tuesday 6th January. Evening Prayer on Sunday will continue as normal, as will midweek Holy Communion on 31st December (with prayers for the turn of the new year).

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

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.

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**).

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**.



Future Services In church and online	
28th December, 10:00 a.m.: Holy Communion for First Sunday of Christmas 28th December, 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 4th January 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion for Epiphany 4th January 4:00 p.m. Messy Church 4th January 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer	
Contacts at St Paul's	
<p>Guy Booth, Parish Administrator Office hours: Weds-Fri, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk t: 020 8785 2341 m: 07533 652 695</p> <p>Sam Egan, Community Centre Manager Office hours: Tues and Thurs, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. communitycentre@stpaulsparkside.org.uk t: 020 8785 6327 m: 07483 62573</p> <p>Pew sheet entries pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</p>	<p>For urgent enquiries outside office hours, or pastoral assistance, please contact: The Revd Susan Bolen, Vicar revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk t: 0208 788 2024 m: 07540 383 081 Day off: Friday</p> <p>Or to chat with our Curate: The Revd Jack Belloli revjack@stpaulsparkside.org.uk Day off: Friday; Study Day: Monday</p> <p>Norman Allen, Reader norman.homantin@gmail.com</p>