

*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 17th August 2025 Ninth Sunday after Trinity	
<p><i>Welcome to St Paul's - and a special welcome to Louis Carvalho, who is being baptised this morning, and to his family! 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</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p>	
Organ before service	<i>Fear no more the heat o' the Sun</i> by Roger Quilter (1877-1953) [Luke 12:55]
Opening hymn	222 <i>God moves in a mysterious way</i>
Epistle	Hebrews 11:29-12:2 [surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, run the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus]
Gradual hymn	447 <i>May the mind of Christ my Saviour</i>
Gospel	Luke 12:49-56 [Signs of the times]
Preparation hymn	598 <i>Sing for God's glory</i>
Communion hymns	949 <i>Wait for the Lord</i> (Refrain only, repeated) 541 <i>O thou who camest from above</i>
Final hymn	409 <i>Lord for the years</i>
Final voluntary	<i>A Running Fantazia</i> by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) [Hebrews 12:1]

Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire.

St Catherine of Siena

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, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy 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	Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings: John Hewitt, Lois Allen. **Intercessions:** Norman Allen.

Coffee after the service: Please join us for coffee in the lounge after this morning's service.

Birthdays in the month of August

8 th	Shirley Thompson	23 rd	Christine Brown	26 th	Kevin Jones
10 th	Helena Butcher	23 rd	James Harper-Jones	30 th	Peter Yu
19 th	Ben Peart	25 th	Sarah Peart	30 th	Jamie Crooks
19 th	Cathy Ho				

Notices

The church is also open during the week for **private prayer**. *There are vacancies to be filled on Fridays*. If you can help out to expand these hours, please contact **Terry Woolgar** at telkay42@gmail.com or 01737 362 270. Please note the times of opening may vary.

OPENING TIMES		
Mondays	2 pm -	4 pm
Tuesdays	10 am -	12 am
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Wednesday	11:30 am -	12:30 pm
Thursdays	10 am -	12 am
Saturdays	10 am -	12 am
Sundays	9 am -	10 am
	6 pm -	7 pm

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 21st August, 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

Altar Serving: We are always delighted to hear from anyone who'd be interested in joining our serving team, who carry a cross or candles in procession and help to prepare the communion table. We're also pleased to announce that we've received a grant of £1,750 from the Lady Peel Trust to fund new albs and equipment (as well as Junior Church resources).

Adults and children are equally welcome; training is provided, and no experience is necessary. Please speak to Rev'd Susan, Rev'd Jack or Claire Neate for more information.

Confirmation: Classes for adults interested in learning more about the Christian faith and exploring being confirmed will be held on Sundays after the morning service, and begin later in August. There is still time to join! If you would like to find out more, please speak to Rev'd Susan or Rev'd Jack.



Flower Team: We all appreciate the hard work and creativity of our Flower Team, who prepare exquisite arrangements every week. The team are now asking whether we can help them with these displays, to ensure that we do have fresh flowers in church every week. For example, if you have a garden, could you provide some greenery two or three times a year? The team are happy to come to pick if that

makes it easier to donate. Or would you like to develop your skills in flower arrangement by joining the weekly rota? Any help that you can give will be very welcome. Please speak to Doreen or email her at doreenhewitt@yahoo.co.uk.

Merton Pride, Saturday 30th August: St Paul's has registered (as have other local Inclusive Churches) to march as a member organisation at this inaugural festival. Gather at Morden Hall Park any time from 10:00 a.m. for a community fair, with the march starting at 1:00 p.m. and following the River Wandle to Merton Abbey Mills, where there will be further activities from 2:00 p.m. Families very welcome! If you're interested in joining the group, please speak to Rev'd Susan or Rev'd Jack.



Kingston Episcopal Area lay conference on "Confident Faith in a Changing World" at St Cecilia's School, Saturday 20th September, 9.30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Keynote speaker: Rowan Williams. Free entry (£5-10 invited donation) to include lunch and refreshments, as well as childcare for primary-school age children. Places are limited, so please sign up by scanning the QR code on the poster on the noticeboard, or by visiting this address:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/kingstonepiscopalarea/1706817>

Peace Doves at Southwark Cathedral: Our cathedral is hosting Peter Walker's beautiful installation of handmade paper doves offering prayers for peace. It is free to experience during the cathedral's opening hours (and late openings until 9 p.m. on Wednesdays) until 13th September. (Photo credit: Will Bacon)



Interfaith Events

Joint Study Session, Wednesday 20th August, 7:00 p.m. at Wimbledon Synagogue: "Songs of the Soul 🕎: How the Psalms Echo Through Jewish and Christian Prayer" In this gathering, we'll turn to the poetry and prayer of the Book of Psalms – texts cherished in both our faiths. We'll reflect on how these ancient words continue to speak to our joys, our griefs, and our longing for connection with the Divine. Both evenings are open to all: bring your heart, your questions, and perhaps a friend. Please RSVP to revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk.

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 19th August**.

Future Services		In church and online
17th August, 6:00 p.m.: Evening Prayer		
20th August, 12 noon: Midweek Communion		
24th August, 10:00 a.m.: Holy Communion for Tenth Sunday after Trinity		
Contacts at St Paul's		
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