

*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 25th January 2026	
Patronal Festival - The Conversion of St Paul	
<i>Welcome to St Paul's for our Patronal - we are especially delighted to welcome Canon Gilly and Revd Duncan Myers, recently retired into the parish, as they minister at our altar for the first time today. 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</i>	
Music before service	<i>'On the road to Damascus' from Paulus by Otto Malling (1848-1915)</i>
Opening hymn	<i>570 Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him</i>
Old Testament	<i>Acts 9:1-22 [The conversion of Saul on the road to Damascus]</i>
Gospel hymn	<i>227 God of mercy, God of grace</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 19:27-30 [Those who have left everything to follow Jesus will inherit eternal life]</i>
Preparation hymn	<i>363 Jesus, the broken bread</i>
Communion anthem	<i>Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est. (Where charity and love prevail, God is there.) traditional arr. Peter Carter</i>
Communion hymn	<i>70 Be thou my vision</i>
Final hymn	<i>187 Forth in the peace of Christ we go (tune 188)</i>
Final music	<i>'Saul's eyes are opened and he is converted' from Paulus by Otto Malling (1848-1915)</i>

Saul experienced the Lord Jesus. He encountered him and this made Saul vulnerable. Experiencing the Lord Jesus makes us vulnerable.

*It is impossible to sufficiently explain an experience of the Lord,
to make it a winnable argument,
or to present it as irrefutable explanation of one's life choices.*

Willie James Jennings

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

Collect	Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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	Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: John Hewitt, Clergy team. **Intercessions:** Joan Endean.

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

1 st	Sheuny Wun	21 st	Susan Bolen	24 th	Ted Butcher
10 th	Ella Nicholson	22 nd	Edward Harper-Jones	27 th	Helen Lowe
14 th	James Bower				

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 5th February, 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

Church Opening Hours: 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 Revd Susan, Revd Jack or one of our churchwardens.

Richard Hunt RIP: Members of the congregation are warmly invited to Richard Hunt's memorial service, to be held in church at **3:00 p.m. tomorrow, 26th January.**

Candlemas, Sunday 1st February: We welcome Revd Kieron Rowley, Director of YMIC Southwark (the Diocese's new initiative for young people), to preach at our 10 a.m. Sunday service for Candlemas with a Celebration of Lay Ministry.

"Truth-telling in sacred spaces: a diocesan gathering on church heritage and historical injustice" at Southwark Cathedral, Saturday 7th February from 3 p.m. (preceded by a gathering for Global Majority Heritage delegates at 12 noon): All are invited to this free day of workshops about sacred spaces and their stories, to be followed by Holy Communion and an evening buffet reception. For more details, including on how to book, please contact Revd Jack.

YMIC Youth Takeover Event, "Never Give Up!" at St Mary's Putney, Sunday 8th February, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Young people in Years 7-13 are warmly invited to this free event - incorporating laser tag, burritos, tacos, gaming and powerful and moving worship! Please scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church for more information and to sign up, or speak to a member of clergy for more information.

Craft and Flower Morning. We are planning our third Craft and Flower Morning, this time with Easter in mind, on **Saturday March 7th from 10 a.m. until 12.45 p.m.** in the Coffee Lounge. Everyone is welcome, all materials provided as well as tea, coffee and lunchtime snacks. Donations towards expenses and church flowers for Easter are welcome. Please see Doreen or Lesley for further details or to book a place.

St Paul's Pantry needs your help to stay well-stocked! Items needed are: Sardines in brine/spring water; Mackerel fillets in tomato sauce; Meatballs in tomato sauce; Hot dogs (tins or jars); Long-life milk (1 litre); Tinned sweetcorn (325 g); Mayonnaise; Tomato ketchup; Peach slices; Pineapple chunks; Orange marmalade; Strawberry jam; Tinned custard; Tinned rice pudding; Wheat biscuits ('Weetabix'); Malties cereal ('Shreddies'); Washing up liquid. Please bring your contributions and place them on the table on your right as you enter the church. Thank you very much!

Lent Study: We will be reading *Meeting God in John* by the contemporary theologian David Ford - and meeting to discuss it, over a light supper in the vicarage, on **Mondays 23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March**, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Please sign up at the back of church to reserve a copy or confirm attendance.

Interfaith Notices

Ahmadiyya Muslim Women of Wimbledon Coffee Morning: Women from our congregation are warmly invited to this time of fellowship and refreshments on **Tuesday 10th February, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Please see the poster at the back of church for the address.

Our next **Joint Study Session with Wimbledon Synagogue** - continuing to read the Book of Daniel, and focusing on the theme of faith under persecution - will be on **Wednesday 11th February at the synagogue, 7 for 7:30 p.m.** RSVP to Revd Susan if you wish to attend.

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 27th January**.

Future Services		In church and online
<p>25th January, 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer</p> <p>28th January, 12 noon: Midweek Communion</p> <p>1st February 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion for Candlemas</p>		
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>	