ST PAUL'S
WIMBLEDON
PARKSIDE

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 15th November 2026 *Second Sunday before Advent*	
Welcome to St Paul's, and an especially warm welcome to the family of Reuben and Finlay Bassett who are being baptised toay. *You can join today's live service online at 10.00 a.m. on our YouTube channel 'St Paul's Wimbledon Parkside' by clicking 'Live' on this 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	*Chanson de Matin (Morning Song)* by Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
Opening hymn	**58** *Awake, my soul, and with the sun* (Vs.1-4 & 8)
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 [Stay awake and encourage one another]
Gradual hymn	**275** *Help us to help each other, Lord*
Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30 [The parable of the talents]
Preparation hymn	**225** *God of grace and God of glory*
Communion hymn	**101** *Christ's is the world in which we move* **412** *Lord Jesus, think on me*
Final hymn	**666** *The spirit lives to set us free - walk in the light*
Final organ voluntary	*Es woll' uns Gott genädig sein (May God be gracious unto us)* by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706).

When we are addressed in love, we are able to be open,
receiving, peaceable, ready to be concerned for others;
when we are overpowered by fear, we are likely to be hidden and closed …
— Walter Brueggemann, When Love Vetoes Fear

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Collect	Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Post Communion Prayer	Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Readings: Guy Booth, Christine Brown. **Intercessions:** Joan Endean.

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

Birthdays in the month of November

1st	Pauline Wright	9th	Elaine Harper-Jones	11th	Judy Jones
3rd	Mike Bower	10th	Chris Wright	13th	Harry Stoneham
4th	Pamela Cobb	10th	John Waller	18th	Gregory Hunt
9th	Elizabeth Peart	11th	Gill Thompson	20th	Jean Hazell

Notices



If you would be interested in becoming involved in the ministry of "church-sitting" in pairs to welcome guests, 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. Other days are also possible. Please have a word with Rev'd Susan or the churchwardens.

Services this week

Evening prayers will be held at **6 p.m. this evening.**

Wednesday Midday Eucharist takes place in the Lady Chapel. Please join us!

St Paul's Pantry: Next opening is **Thursday 3rd December.**

Tea and Toys







Tea and Toys Playgroup for babies, toddlers and their parents/carers runs on **Tuesdays** during term time from **9-30 – 10.30 a.m.**

Church Notices

Christmas Fayre: **Saturday 21st November 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring to the back of the church:** Bric-a-Brac – useful household and garden items - electrical items will be PAT-tested before resale; Christmas decorations, unused drawing & painting materials; Books, records, CDs. gifts – toiletries, soap etc.; Children's toys and games; Children's clothes Fara Kids' quality, dressing up clothes; High-quality clothes 'aka' vintage clothes, **No** underwear, sports clothes or T-shirts. **Please make in advance and put aside:** Jams, chutneys, jellies, bottled fruit, pickled vegetables, items to sell – sewers, crocheters, knitters, woodturners, jewellers, painters, soap makers. **Please make the day before to sell:** Bread, cakes, scones. Thank you so much for your generosity. Any questions email anne.minors@soundspacevision.com.

St Paul's Pantry: We still need your help to keep the Pantry well stocked and now need the following items: Tuna (in brine or spring water); Baked Beans & Sausages; Baked Beans; Chopped Tomatoes; Butter Beans; Kidney Beans; Chickpeas (all in tins); Raspberry Jam; Honey; Peanut butter; Chocolate Spread; Coco Pops; Porridge Oats; Shreddies; Orange Squash; Pasta Penne (500 g) Spaghetti (500 g), Fusilli (500 g); Shower Gel; Shampoo; Antiperspirant roll-on/spray – men's & women's; Handwash. Please put your contributions on the table on the right as you enter the church. Thank you very much!

Coffee Rota! We all enjoy the chance to meet each other and chat over a hot drink after morning service at St Paul's. Would you consider joining the rota? It's a great way to get to know other people better. It's not difficult to learn the ropes and we will be happy to go through things with you, should you want to find out more. Please speak to Juliet Childs if you think you could help with this important aspect of our fellowship.

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 £6 for 10, £3 for 5 and £1 for 1. Cards are on sale at the back of church.

Advent Study – Mondays at 7.00pm Join us at the Vicarage for a light supper followed by our Advent study exploring *A Child Is Born* by Amy-Jill Levine. Together, we'll discover fresh perspectives on the biblical stories surrounding the birth of Jesus. Everyone welcome! Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to take part and/or purchase a copy of the book. Book price: £16.00

Interfaith Notices

Interfaith Week 2026: On **Wednesday 25th November, at 7 p.m.,** we are invited to an Interfaith Study Group Evening on **The Book of Jonah**, at the Wimbledon Synagogue, 1 Queensmere Rd, SW19 5QD. To book a place, please email office@wimshul.org.

Advent & Christmas Services

Sunday 29th November: 6:00 p.m. Advent Choral Evensong.
Sunday 6th December: 4.00 p.m. Advent Messy Church; **5:30 p.m.** Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Carols in the War Memorial Garden.
Sunday 13th December: 6:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols.
Sunday 20th December: 4:00 p.m. All-age Christingle Service.
Thursday 24th December: 4:00 p.m. ***Christmas Eve:*** All-age Crib Service; **11.p.m.** Midnight Mass.
Friday 25th December: 10:00 a.m. ***Christmas Day:*** Family Service.

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 17th November.**

Future Services In church and online
15th November 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
18th November 12 noon Midweek Communion
22nd November 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion for Sunday next before Advent

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