

*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 30th November 2025	
First Sunday in Advent	
<p>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, 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</p>	
Organ before service	<i>Advent by Emil Sjögren (1853-1918)</i>
Opening hymn	57 <i>Awake, awake, fling off the night</i>
First reading	Isaiah 2:1-5 [Nations shall learn no more war]
Gradual hymn	702 <i>Waken, O sleeper</i> (Tune: Nativity 120)
Gospel	Matthew 24:36-44 [the sudden coming of the Son of Man - keep awake]
Preparation hymn	493 <i>O God of hope</i>
Communion anthem	<i>Prepare the way, O Zion</i> (words: Franz Franzen music: trad. Svenska Psalmboken 1697 arr. Kevin Jones)
Communion hymn	100 <i>Christ is the world's true light</i> (tune 474)
Final hymn	405 <i>Lo, he comes with clouds descending</i> (omit vs.3)
Final voluntary	Fugue on the Advent Hymn: <i>Conditor alme siderum</i> by L. Beauvarlet-Charpentier (1734-1794)

*We cannot attain the presence of God because we're already in the presence of God.
What's absent is awareness.*

- Richard Rohr, *Everything Belongs* (1999)

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, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Post Communion Prayer	O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Susan Leyland, Richard Simon. **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

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

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 4th 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.**

Church Events



Advent Messy Church 7th December at 4:00 p.m.! Please join us for stories, craft, games, food and lots of fun. Remember - it's not just for kids. Everyone is welcome!

A huge THANK YOU to those who made yesterday's Christmas Fayre possible whether by donating, help with setting up or packing away, volunteering on the day itself or attending and spending. We raised over £3,000!

Gifts for Wandsworth Prison: Everyone is welcome to join Lesley Hazel over coffee to help fill the bags for the prisoners and finish signing the cards for them, to go with this year's appeal.

Advent Evensong, this evening at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for this special service to mark the new season and new church year.



Advent Study: This year, we will be reading (or re-reading!) *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens together, with attention to some of its spiritual and theological themes. We'll meet to discuss it, chapter by chapter, over a light supper on **Monday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**, location TBC - please sign up on the list at the back of church if you intend to come. (We're also exploring the option of going to see the

production at the Old Vic after Christmas. **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.



The evening after their stay, you take the Holy Couple on to another home and receive hospitality from their next hosts in turn! Families 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!

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.

Interfaith Events

Next Joint Study Session with Wimbledon Synagogue, Wednesday 17th December 7 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 4th Hanukkah candle. Please RSVP by email to Rev'd Susan.

Christmas Services

Sunday 7th 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 14th December: 6:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols.
Sunday 21st December: 4:00 p.m. All-age Christingle Service.
Wednesday 24th December: 4.00 p.m. *Christmas Eve*: All-age Crib Service
11.00 p.m. Midnight Mass.
Thursday 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 2nd December**.

Future Services		In church and online
30 th November, 6:00 p.m.: Advent Evensong		
4 th December, 12 noon: Midweek Communion		
7 th December, 10:00 a.m.: Holy Communion for Second Sunday in Advent		
7 th December, 4.00 p.m.: Advent Messy Church		
Contacts at St Paul's		
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