

*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 28th December 2025
First Sunday of Christmas

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

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Organ before service	from <i>The Childhood of Christ Part 2: The Flight into Egypt</i> by Hector Berlioz (1803-1869) - <i>The Shepherds' Farewell</i> as the holy family depart, seeking God's protection .
Opening hymn	4 <i>A great and mighty wonder</i>
First reading	Isaiah 63:7-9 [Israel saved by God's own presence]
Gradual hymn	729 <i>What child is this</i>
Gospel	Matthew 2:13-23 [The flight into Egypt and the massacre of the innocents]
Preparation hymn	36 <i>Angels from the realms of glory</i>
Communion anthem	<i>Coventry Carol: Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child</i>
Communion hymn	548 <i>Our God loves us</i>
Final hymn	381 <i>Let all mortal flesh keep silent</i>
Final voluntary	<i>Sleigh Ride</i> by Leopold Mozart (1719-1787)

God knows that there is no better way to express himself than through the weakness of a child. This is Love telling us that it comes unarmed.

Christophe Munzihirwa Mwene Ngabo
Archbishop of Bukavu, assassinated in 1996

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Collect	Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Post Communion Prayer	Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Caroline Keat, Chris Wright. **Intercessions:** Revd Jack Belloli

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

Birthdays in the month of December

15 th	Doreen Hewitt	18 th	Bette Waller	21 st	Dorothy Shoniwa
15 th	Jack Belloli	19 th	Daphne Foster	22 nd	Benoit Bolen
16 th	Tamara Mulaki	21 st	Nick Harper-Jones	23 rd	Caroline Bijoux

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.** Public Morning and Evening Prayer will resume after Christmas on Tuesday 6th January. Please see the note opposite about the Midday Eucharist.

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**).

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 Holy Communion continues as normal, at noon in the Lady Chapel, this Wednesday on 31st December - with prayers for the turn of the new year.



Epiphany Messy Church, 4th January 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!

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

THANK YOU from Wandsworth Prison: Wendy Stephens, Anglican Chaplain at HMP Wandsworth, has sent thanks on behalf of the prisoners who will receive gift bags in the days ahead. Please see the full message on the noticeboard at the back of church - including a link to a video message, and details of an anniversary service for the prison at Southwark Cathedral in March.

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.

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 30th December**.

Future Services		In church and online
28th December, 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 31st December 12 noon: Midweek Communion 7th January 10:00 a.m. Epiphany and Holy Communion 7th January 4:00 p.m. Messy Church 7th January 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer		
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