

*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.*

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b> <b>Sunday after Ascension</b>	
<i>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: <a href="#">St Paul's Wimbledon Parkside on YouTube</a>, or via one of the links to the YouTube Channel on the St Paul's website: <a href="http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk">www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a>. 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: <a href="mailto:office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a></i>	
<b>Music before service</b>	<i>Himne pour l'Ascension 3 by L. Beauvarlet-Charpentier (1734-1794)</i>
<b>Opening hymn</b>	<b>644</b> <i>The head that once was crowned with thorns</i>
<b>Acts reading</b>	Acts 1:6-14 [Following the Ascension the eleven disciples & the women devote themselves to prayer]
<b>Gradual hymn</b>	<b>120</b> <i>Come, let us join our cheerful songs</i>
<b>Gospel</b>	John 17:1-11 [Jesus prays for his disciples, that they may be one]
<b>Preparation hymn</b>	<b>37</b> <i>Angel voices ever singing</i>
<b>Communion anthem</b>	<i>Ascendit Deus</i> (words: traditional from Psalm 47:5 and Psalm 103:19a, music: Kevin Jones) <i>Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Dedit dona hominibus. Alleluia. Dominus in caelo paravit sedem suam. Alleluia. (God ascends with a joyful noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. He gave gifts to all people. Alleluia. The Lord has prepared his seat in heaven. Alleluia)</i>
<b>Communion hymn</b>	<b>540</b> <i>O thou, who at thy Eucharist did pray</i>
<b>Final hymn</b>	<b>104</b> <i>Christ triumphant</i>
<b>Final Music</b>	<i>Himne pour l'Ascension 4 by L. Beauvarlet-Charpentier (1734-1794)</i>

*The spiritual life does not remove us from the world but leads us deeper into it*  
**Henri Nouwen**

**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.



<b>Collect</b>	O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
<b>Post Communion Prayer</b>	Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Readings:** Isabel Heycock, Jacqueline Johnson. **Intercessions:** Rosemary Booth.

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

### Birthdays in the month of May

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sam Jones	11 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Hunt	15 <sup>th</sup>	Arciana Bower
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jacqueline Johnson	11 <sup>th</sup>	Talitha Jones	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Susan Leyland
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Lowe	13 <sup>th</sup>	Juliet Childs	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kana Jones
10 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Raeburn	14 <sup>th</sup>	Vicky Simon	27 <sup>th</sup>	Brigitte Bolen

### 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 Revd Susan, Revd Jack or the churchwardens.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> May, 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.**

## General Notices

**Annual Parish Council Meeting, today:** Please stay after the service and coffee for our APCM (light refreshments will be served!) This is an opportunity to celebrate our ministry and mission over the last year, to thank everyone who has contributed to it, and to elect new members of the PCC.

**Christian Aid Week 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May:** This is an important event as it is the only time we prioritise our personal giving to projects in developing countries and to support those suffering from war and other emergencies. We are no longer distributing envelopes in the parish, but we have envelopes in Church today. These have details of how to donate online for those who prefer to donate directly, and there will also be collecting boxes in church for donations by cash or cheque. Please be as generous as you can, especially as countries like the US and UK have cut their contributions to overseas aid.'

**Fundraising Wine-tasting, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Please keep this date in your diary for an evening of tasting, learning and quizzing with laughs, the proceeds of which will go to the Youth Work at St Paul's.

**Patronal Festival, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Please also keep the next day in your diary! We will welcome former vicar Revd John Shepherd as our guest preacher, and the service will be followed by lunch from Salt & Pepper. Families especially welcome! Further details TBC.

**In-person Safeguarding Training, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 10 a.m. - 12 noon:** There will be an opportunity for those who wish to take foundation-level training in safeguarding in-person (rather than online) led by members of the Diocesan team. Claire Neate will contact those for whom attendance is required due to volunteering responsibilities - but anybody is welcome to attend, as part of our collective commitment to making St Paul's a safe and trusting environment for everyone. A sign-up sheet is now available on the church noticeboard. Further details TBC, but please keep the date and time in your diary.

**St Paul's Pantry needs your help to stay well-stocked!** In addition to the usual requests for groceries, we are holding a fund-raising **Table-top Sale on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May** at Southfields Library from **10:00 a.m.-12.30 p.m.** If you're having a spring de-clutter, donations of toys, bric-a-brac, books, children's and adults' clothes, also plants and cakes, biscuits etc. would be very welcome. Please bring to church asap. Volunteers to help on the day also needed! For more information phone Deirdre: 07946 485457.

We would also be grateful for any volunteers who could help with receiving deliveries on a Thursday morning or with driving to collect from one of our donor food shops. We also need two people to be in church on a Thursday morning, so we would be grateful to hear from you if you think you can help. For more information, please see Juliet Childs or Rev'd Susan. Thank you very much.

**Coffee Rota - new volunteers needed!** We all enjoy the chance to meet each other and chat over a hot drink after morning service at St Paul's; however, we are short of volunteers! Would you consider joining the rota? It's a great way to get to know other people at St Paul's 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 or Rev'd Susan if you think you could help with this important aspect of our fellowship.

## Youth and Children Notices

**YMIC Summer Party at St Paul's, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** We're delighted to be hosting this Summer Party for young people from **Years 6 to 13 (aged 10-18)** across South London. Come along to have hours of fun on giant inflatables, including an obstacle course and total wipeout style competitions. Or perhaps gaming, food and crafts are more your thing... To sign up please scan the QR Code on the flyer or poster at the back of church, or speak to a member of the clergy.

**YMIC Youth Camp, 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October** Sign-up is now also open for this activity-packed and exciting youth residential in the October half-term for school years 7+ (that includes current Y6s!) It is a 4-day (3 night) trip, packed with exciting activities - think high ropes, mountain biking, archery and crate stacking. It will also provide opportunities to meet with friends old & new, and explore faith together. To find out more information please follow the link below to our website: <https://www.ymic-southwark.org/youth-camp-2026>

**The pew sheet:** Please send notices to [pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk](mailto:pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk). The deadline for next Sunday's pew sheet is midday **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**.

<b>Future Services</b>		In church and online
17 <sup>th</sup> May 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer		
20 <sup>th</sup> May 12 noon Midweek Communion		
24 <sup>th</sup> May 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion for Pentecost		
<b>Contacts at St Paul's</b>		
<p><b>Guy Booth</b>, Parish Administrator Office hours: Weds-Fri, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. <a href="mailto:office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">office@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a> t: 020 8785 2341 m: 07533 652 695</p> <p><b>Sam Egan</b>, Community Centre Manager Office hours: Tues and Thurs, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. <a href="mailto:communitycentre@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">communitycentre@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a> t: 020 8785 6327 m: 07483 62573</p> <p><b>Pew sheet entries</b> <a href="mailto:pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">pewsheet@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a></p>	<p>For urgent enquiries outside office hours, or pastoral assistance, please contact: <b>The Revd Susan Bolen</b>, Vicar <a href="mailto:revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">revsusan@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a> t: 0208 788 2024 m: 07540 383 081 Day off: Friday</p> <p>Or to chat with our Curate: <b>The Revd Jack Belloli</b> <a href="mailto:revjack@stpaulsparkside.org.uk">revjack@stpaulsparkside.org.uk</a> Day off: Friday; Study Day: Monday</p> <p><b>Norman Allen</b>, Reader <a href="mailto:norman.homantin@gmail.com">norman.homantin@gmail.com</a></p>	