



**MITCHAM
PARISH CHURCH**
St Peter & St Paul



SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2025

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

followed by refreshments and with:

****Merton Citizens Discussion of issues of local concern****

TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER

10.00am SAID EUCHARIST

followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER

**11.00am FUNERAL SERVICE
FOR THE LATE MRS LUCY TORTO**

SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2025

CHRIST THE KING

10.00am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

WITH BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

BISHOP MARTIN TO PREACH AND CELEBRATE

followed by refreshments

TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

10.00am SAID EUCHARIST

followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER

1.30pm JULIAN MEETING

Come and join us for quiet meditative prayer in the quiet of our church

THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER

1.30pm GAMES AFTERNOON

with the Mothers' Union in the Parish Centre



SUNDAY'S READINGS

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!"^[a] and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words^[c] and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Luke 21:5-19



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our prayer-partner Parish:

*St Katherine's Church, Kingsdale
in Matabeleland, Zimbabwe.*

For reconciliation and peace throughout the world

For those countries, world-wide,
affected by violence, war, discrimination,
prejudice or conflict, or by natural disaster.

For peacemakers, and all who work in the
emergency services and relief agencies.

Those who are sick or in need:

Karen Stockdale, Maryan Ahmed, Mary Quinn,
John Considine, Shaghayegh Malekian,
Lisa Morris, Jolliboy Coker, Elizabeth Cheshire,
Mary Phillips, Sukhi Kaur, Victor Attfield.

***For all who mourn,
the unnamed who need our prayers,
and those in our Intercessions Book.***

The Departed:

- those who have recently died:

Elizabeth Chua, Gary Shepherd, Belinda Dighton,
Derek Taylor, Terri Snelling, Gordon Wong,
Lucy Torto, Rachel Bolton

Years' Mind:

*We remember all those whose Year's Mind
falls at this time.*

John Bryce (18th)

*We give thanks for their lives, their love,
and their example.*

***✠ Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon them.***

***Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer!***

COLLECT FOR TODAY

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

CREATIONTIDE PRAYER

**We pray for our parish and local
community: that decisions taken
in our parish life will help us live simply,
sustainably and in solidarity with the
earth and all life within it.**

**O God, who calls all people to justice
and care for the earth, hear and grant
these prayers. Through Christ our Lord.**

AMEN

The new copy of The Bridge is out.
It is now available in church.
You can read and download it from
southwark.anglican.org/thebridge



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Southwark**

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FLOWERS IN CHURCH

*The flowers we place in church
(except during Advent & Lent) may be sponsored:
in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving,
or for any other celebratory reason.*

**To sponsor the flowers
please speak to Lin Matthews –
Tel: 020 8646 3390**



We wish a very

**HAPPY
Birthday**

to

**MARJORIE JORDAN;
DEBORAH DOUGLAS**

and to all whose birthday
is today or during
this coming week!

**Is your birthday coming up soon?
Do let the Parish Office or
Clergy know, if you don't think
you are on our List!**

SUNDAYS: CHURCH STAFFING ROTA

If you are unable to do the dates given, please let Fr David know - AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
Please phone Fr David: (020 8646 0666).

Thank you for being a team member & helping our church run so smoothly!

Fr David

Sunday 16th November 10.00am

Second Sunday before Advent

Welcomers Barbara Jones
Val Hylton
Children Corner Diana Burrows
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Barbara Jones
Luke 21:5-19 Clergy
Intercessor Mary Coggins
Euch. Asst. Reuben-Zebidiah Willoughby
Refreshm'ts Helena Vagnolini
Greg Vagnolini
Counters Carole Hornsby
David Coggins

Sunday 23rd November 10.00am

CHRIST THE KING

Welcomers Mercy Antwi
Mavis Bennett
Grace Morah
Children Corner Doris Maduforo
Colossians 1:11-20 Diana Burrows
Luke 23: 33-43 Clergy
Euch. Assts. Ebele Belonwu
Refreshm'ts Carole Hornsby
Patricia Benjamin
and others, please.....

No Counting

CHURCHES TOGETHER in MITCHAM

Christmas Day Dinner

Thursday 25th December 2025

Vestry Hall,

336-338 London Road, Cricket Green, Mitcham CR4 3UD

If you are alone this Christmas Day and would like some fun, good food, and company, then why not come and join us for a traditional 2 course Christmas Dinner (vegetarian option available).

****There will be no charge, but you must book in advance.****

Doors open from 11am to 4pm

Dinner will be served at 1pm

Free minibus transport can be provided if booked in advance - on a first come first served basis only.

To book please contact Mary at one of the following:

(Mobile or Text Message) 07933 861726

Email: bookings.xmaslunch@gmail.com

Volunteers to help on the day are still needed

Email: mags.alexander@blueyonder.co.uk (volunteers only)



At last Tuesday's Merton Citizens' **SCRIPTURAL REASONING EVENING**, marking Interfaith Week - at Holy Trinity Church, Wimbledon – there were over 60 people attending - with six coming from Mitcham Parish Church!

It was a fascinating evening of listening to presenters from different religious backgrounds - and to each other - in groups afterwards, where we realised that there is far more to unite us in this world than there is to divide us!

PLEASE try to attend the Citizens' discussion in church after the Eucharist this morning (16th November) – as we are keen to consult our congregation on the priorities going forward into 2026 for Merton Citizens... **your voice matters!**



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

**PLEASE LEAVE ALL DONATIONS
FOR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES
AT THE BACK OF CHURCH**

AND PLEASE HELP TO SELL THE DRAW TICKETS!!