



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



SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2025

CHRIST THE KING

10.00am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

WITH BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

BISHOP MARTIN TO PREACH AND CELEBRATE

followed by celebratory refreshments with the Bishop and Candidates

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 30th NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

WITH MINISTRY OF HEALING

*followed by refreshments and fellowship and
Be Well Hub looking at "Self-Compassion"*

TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER

10.00am SAID EUCHARIST

followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon



SUNDAY'S READINGS

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Colossians 1.11-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Luke 23.33-43



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:

Elizabeth Ward, Sarah, 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:

Donna Armstrong, Christian Thompson,
Elizabeth Chua, Belinda Dighton, Derek Taylor,
Terri Snelling, Lucy Torto, Rachel Bolton.

Years' Mind:

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

Florence Kingston (24th), Ada Pinkie Bryce (26th)

*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

**Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawn,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ.
AMEN**

CREATIONTIDE PRAYER

**Come Lord Jesus, come
and let your light shine through us
so that through our actions
we may be salt for the earth,
a light in people's sight
and that we might reach out to you
in one another,
especially those in need.
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**



**The Diocese of
Southwark**

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If you would like to make a donation to Mitcham Parish Church, this QR code will take you straight to our SumUp giving system.



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

The flowers in church are sponsored by Pam Donovan in memory of her parents who were married on 25 November 1950.

Flowers in church also sponsored by the family of Egerton and Henrietta Pratt in their memory.

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

TINI BRODIE

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 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

Sunday 30th November 10.00am **ADVENT SUNDAY**

Welcomers Sam Lyons
 Alan Reece
Children Corner Chiko Chamwaita
Romans 13:11-14 Jim Kirby
Matthew 24: 36-44 Clergy
Intercessor Josie Dixie
Euch. Asst. Robert Willer
Refreshments Grace Morah
 Esther Odum
 Doris Maduforo
Counters Lin Matthews
 Kat Chandler

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).

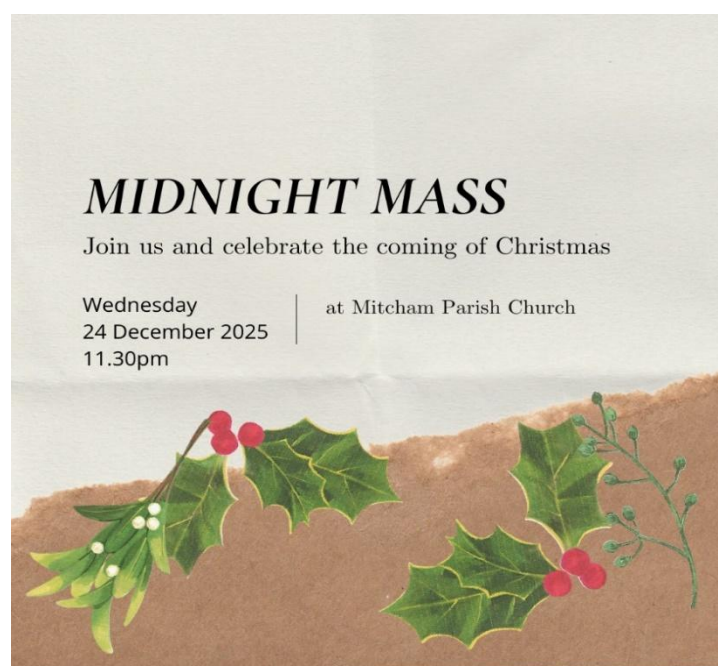
****There will be no charge, but you must book in advance.****

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)



The logo for Mothers' Union. It features the text "Mothers' UNION" in a blue, sans-serif font. The word "Mothers'" is in a smaller font size than "UNION". Below "UNION" is a small globe icon. Below the globe is the text "Christian care for families" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

Mothers' Union members and friends are gathering for a festive lunch on **SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER** at 12:30pm in Gino's, Mitcham. The cost will be £41 for a three-course meal, or £47 for the meal plus a glass of wine. Other drinks can be ordered and paid for at the bar.

There is a menu and a sign-up sheet at the back of church.
Please add your name if you wish to join us, and tick your selected menu options.

There is a non-refundable £10 deposit and the full cost will be collected before the meal.
Please see Mary Coggins if you have any queries and to make payment.

Beware of winter fuel payment scams!

Between April and September 2025, Action Fraud has received 2,790 crime reports relating to **Winter Fuel Payment scams**, with victims reporting personal losses totalling over £27,000.

Winter Fuel Payments are made automatically by the Government
- you do not need to do anything.

If you receive any text messages about Winter Fuel Payments:

It's a scam.



Not sure if a message is real?

Contact the organisation directly using the contact details on their official website, not the number or web address in the message.

Your bank (or any other official source) **won't** ask you to supply personal information by email or text message.

If you have spotted a suspicious SMS or RCS message, you can report it for FREE by forwarding it to **7726**.

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to

Action Fraud online at actionfraud.police.uk

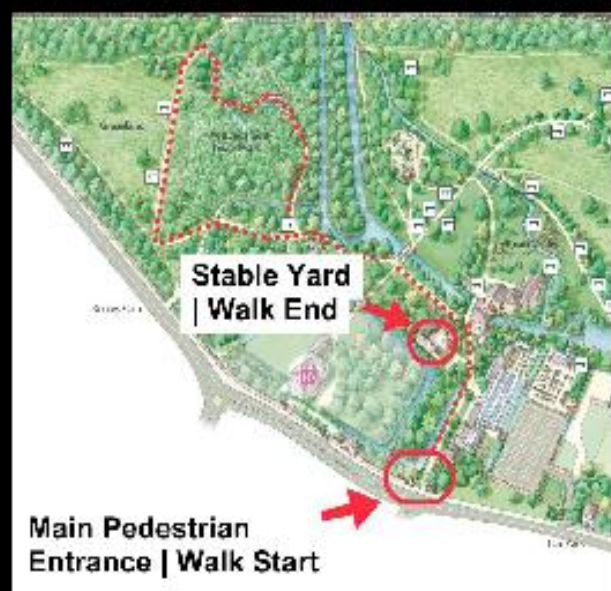
or by calling 0300 123 2040.

White Ribbon Walk



Tuesday 25 November, 11.30 am

Meeting Point: Green Gates Entrance, Morden Hall Road, Morden Hall Park SM4 5JD



We'll wait at the meeting point for 5 minutes before starting. If you arrive later, feel free to join us along the route. After the walk, enjoy some warm drinks and a chance to relax in the Stable Yard Exhibition Space!

To sign up or find out more please email: Safer.Merton@merton.gov.uk

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