



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



**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

**10.00am SAID EUCHARIST**

*followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon*

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**

**TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**10.00am SAID EUCHARIST**

*followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon*

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**7.30pm JULIAN MEETING**

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



# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

*Romans 13.11-14*

## **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

***Praise to you, O Christ***

*Matthew 24.36-44*





## 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:**

Gill Campbell, Elizabeth Ward, Sarah,  
Karen Stockdale, Maryan Ahmed, Mary Quinn,  
John Considine, Shaghayegh Malekian,  
Lisa Morris, Joliboy 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.*

Ross Davis (1<sup>st</sup>), George Orpen (1<sup>st</sup>),  
Chinwe Onunkwo (2<sup>nd</sup>).

*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 dawns,  
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

**God of Love,  
your son, Jesus,  
is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love  
during these weeks of Advent,  
as we wait and prepare  
for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
our Saviour.  
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](http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge)**



**The Diocese of  
Southwark**

**Facebook:** Mitcham Parish Church – St Peter & St Paul

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## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Parish Priest</b>        | Rev'd Fr David Pennells<br><a href="mailto:fatherdavid@btinternet.com">fatherdavid@btinternet.com</a>                                                                                                        | Tel: <b>020 8646 0666</b>                              |
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| <b>Deputy Wardens</b>       | Carole Hornsby<br>Josie Dixie                                                                                                                                                                                | Tel. <b>020 8648 9782</b><br>Tel. <b>07745 124 462</b> |
| <b>Safeguarding Officer</b> | Jim Kirby                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Tel. <b>07855 038 543</b>                              |
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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 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.

**WE GRATEFULLY NOW WELCOME  
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS SEASON'S FLOWERS**

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



**We wish a very**

**HAPPY  
Birthday**

to

**EBELE BELONWU**

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 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am** **ADVENT SUNDAY**

|                   |                                              |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Welcomers         | Sam Lyons<br>Valerie Hylton                  |
| Children Corner   | Chiko Chamwaita                              |
| Romans 13:11-14   | Jim Kirby                                    |
| Matthew 24: 36-44 | Clergy                                       |
| Intercessor       | Josie Dixie                                  |
| Euch. Asst.       | Ebele Belonwu                                |
| Refreshments      | Grace Morah<br>Esther Odum<br>Doris Maduforo |
| Counters          | Lin Matthews<br>Kat Chandler                 |

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am** **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Welcomers       | Barbara Jones<br>Micheline Ravololonarisoa |
| Children Corner | Val Hylton                                 |
| Romans 15:4-13  | Pam Donovan                                |
| Matthew 3:1-12  | Clergy                                     |
| Intercessor     | Andrew King                                |
| Euch. Asst.     | Reuben-Zebidiah Willoughby                 |
| Refreshm'ts     | Helena Vagnolini<br>Greg Vagnolini         |

*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](mailto:bookings.xmaslunch@gmail.com)**

**Volunteers to help on the day are still needed  
Email: [mags.alexander@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mags.alexander@blueyonder.co.uk) (volunteers only)**



## Citizens' Be Well Hub

TALK & OPEN DISCUSSION

Sunday, 30 November

after 10am Service

MITCHAM PARISH CHURCH

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS & CHRISTINGLES

BY CANDLELIGHT

FOLLOWED BY GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW  
& MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025

5.00PM

AT MITCHAM PARISH CHURCH



## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Mothers' Union members and friends are gathering for a festive lunch

**NEXT 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.

Join us for our  
**Crib Service**

4.00pm

December  
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at Mitcham  
Parish Church

**MIDNIGHT MASS**

Join us and celebrate the coming of Christmas

Wednesday  
24 December 2025  
11.30pm

at Mitcham Parish Church

2025  
**Christmas DAY**

**10am**  
25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**FESTIVAL  
EUCCHARIST**

Mitcham Parish  
Church

