



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



SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER

10.00am SAID EUCHARIST
followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

NOTE DATE CHANGE! THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER

1.30pm JULIAN MEETING

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

SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER

11.00am Churches Together in Mitcham Carols

led by this congregation at The Clock Tower, Mitcham

SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

**5.00pm CHRISTMAS CAROLS
& CHRISTINGS BY CANDLELIGHT**
WITH MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES AND GRAND DRAW

TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER

10.00am SAID EUCHARIST
followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

WEDNESDAY 24th DECEMBER

4.00pm CRIB SERVICE FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

11.30pm CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

THURSDAY 25th DECEMBER

10.00am CHRISTMAS DAY FESTIVAL EUCHARIST



SUNDAY'S READINGS

A reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

James 5.7-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, *"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."* Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Matthew 11.2-11





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:

Frank Muldoon, Bridget Kelly, Samantha Davis, Gill Campbell, Elizabeth Ward, Sarah, Karen Stockdale, Maryan Ahmed, John Considine, Mary Quinn, 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:

Eddie Lee, Sally Lundie, Christian Thompson.

Years' Mind:

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

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

**God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice, and to suffer
for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.**

AMEN

CREATIONTIDE PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
you call us to repent of our sins:
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.

Lord Jesus,
you declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another.

Holy Spirit,
you search our hearts
and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness.

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 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



**to
KAT CHANDLER**

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 14th December 10.00am

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcomers	Mercy Antwi
	Mavis Bennett
	Grace Morah
Children Corner	Diana Burrows
James 5: 7-10	Sam Lyons
Matthew 11:2-11	Clergy
Intercessor	Mary Coggins
Euch. Assts.	Bamidele Afolabi
Refreshm'ts	Carole Hornsby
	Patricia Benjamin
Counters	Carole Hornsby
	David Coggins

Sunday 21st December 10.00am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcomers	Sam Lyons
	Alan Reece
Children Corner	Doris Maduforo
Romans 1:1-7	Margaret Danquah
Matt 1: 18-25	Clergy
Intercessor	Josie Dixie
Euch. Asst.	Lin Matthews
Refreshments	Grace Morah
	Esther Odum
	Doris Maduforo
	[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



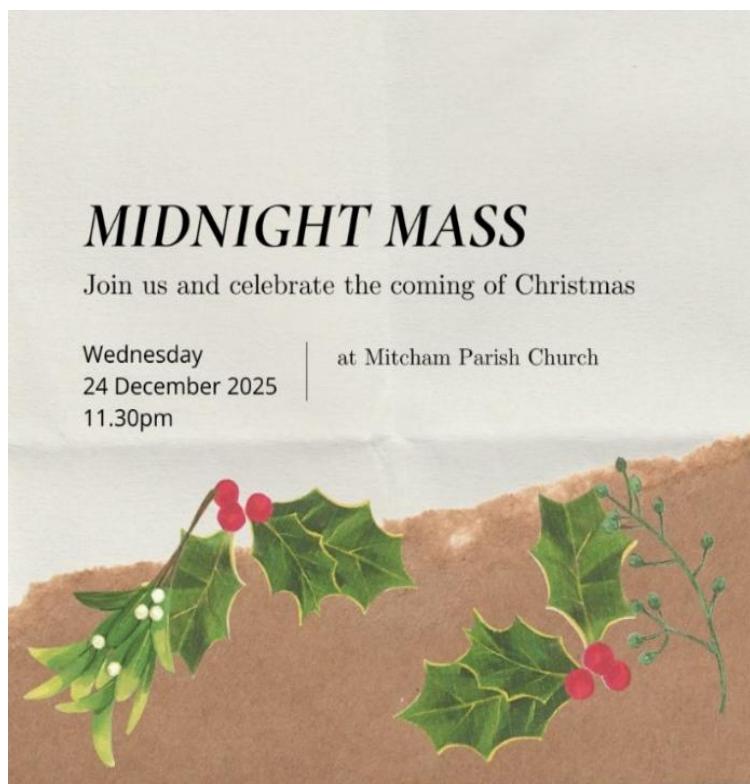
Free minibus transport can be provided if booked in advance - on a first come first served basis only.



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)





APPEAL for MINCE PIES!

We aim to serve copious supplies of mince pies with the mulled wine following the Christingle & Carols Service on Sunday December 21st

PLEASE help us by providing a dozen or half dozen; and bring them in at the 10.00am Eucharist and leave them on the table assigned.

Thank You!

