

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



SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST
*OBSERVING THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS*



TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER
10.00am SAID EUCHARIST
followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER
7.30pm JULIAN MEETING
Come and join us for quiet meditative prayer in the quiet of our church

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'S READINGS

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, *'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'*; and again he says, *'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'*; and again, *'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'*; and again Isaiah says, *'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Romans 15.4-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."*' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

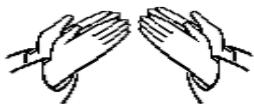
But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Matthew 3.1-2



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:

Donna Armstrong, Christian Thompson.

Years' Mind:

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

Margaret Hudson (7th), Victor Hudson (8th).

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,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

AMEN

CREATIONTIDE PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to
darkness.

Lord Jesus,
you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Holy Spirit,
you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.

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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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
JOSIE DIXIE

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 7th December 10.00am

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcomers	Barbara Jones
	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
	Greg Vagnolini
<i>No Counting</i>	

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
<i>Counters</i>	Carole Hornsby
	David Coggins

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)



Songs * Feasting * Games and Merriment
with
**Mitcham Community
Choir**

Join us for an evening of free, family-friendly entertainment
Monday, 8th December at Mitcham Parish Centre,
CR4 3BN. Parking in Hallowfield Road. The hall NOT
the church

Take your seats at 7.30pm. Show starts 7.45pm
followed by our annual Christmas buffet.

