



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



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



**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 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**

**TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

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

**NOTE DATE CHANGE! THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**1.30pm JULIAN MEETING**  
*Come and join us for quiet meditative prayer in the quiet of our church*

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup>), Victor Hudson (8<sup>th</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,  
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](http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge)



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Southwark**

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## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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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

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

*No Counting*

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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)



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.

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



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 | at Mitcham Parish Church  
24 December 2025  
11.30pm



2025  
**Christmas DAY**

10am | FESTIVAL EUCHARIST  
25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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