



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



**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

**10.00am CHRISTMASTIDE PARISH EUCHARIST**

**TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**10.00am SAID CHRISTMASTIDE EUCHARIST**

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

***FOR ANYONE HOPING TO ATTEND A***

**WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**

***ST BARNABAS' CHURCH (GORRINGE PARK ROAD) CELEBRATES A***

**WATCHNIGHT EUCHARIST**

**COMMENCING AT 11.15PM ON 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

**THE EPIPHANY OF CHRIST**

**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

**10.00am SAID CHRISTMASTIDE EUCHARIST**

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





# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## **A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

*1 Corinthians 1.26-29*

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, '*Out of Egypt I have called my son.*' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: '*A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.*'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

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

*Matthew 2.13-23*





## 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:**

Samantha Davis, Gill Campbell, Elizabeth Ward,  
Karen Stockdale, Maryan Ahmed, John Considine,  
Mary Quinn, Shaghayegh Malekian, Lisa Morris,  
Jolliboy Coker, Elizabeth Cheshire, Mary Phillips,  
Sarah, 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:*

Obed Morah, Bridget Kelly, Frank Muldoon,  
Tim Wright, Eddie Lee, Sally Lundie.

### **Years' Mind:**

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

Joan Fountain (28<sup>th</sup>), Solomon Pratt (28<sup>th</sup>)  
Marjorie Lawrence (3<sup>rd</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 THIS WEEK

**God in Trinity,  
eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations  
to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life,  
through the birth of  
Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**AMEN**

## CHRISTMASTIDE PRAYER

**Heavenly Father,  
you exalted the humble and meek:  
give us humble and contrite hearts.  
Lord Jesus, you grew towards birth  
in the Virgin's womb:  
be planted also in our hearts  
and lives.**

**Holy Spirit, you overshadowed the  
Blessed Virgin Mary,  
that she might become  
the God-bearer:  
fill us with your heavenly gifts.**

**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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## 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.

**Thank you to those who have donated  
towards keeping the Christmas Season  
flowers to a beautiful standard!**

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



**We wish a very**

**HAPPY  
Birthday**

to

**RAMRAJ EDWARDS;  
MICHELLE GREENFIELD**

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!**

## CHURCH STAFFING ROTA

If you are unable to do the dates given, please let Fr David know - AS SOON AS POSSIBLE on 020 8646 0666.

**Thank you for being a team member & helping our church run so smoothly!**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am**

### THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Welcomers	Barbara Jones Micheline Ravololonarisoa
Children Corner	Chico Chamwaita <i>1 Corinthians 1:26-29</i> David Coggins <i>Matthew 2:13-23</i> Clergy
Intercessor	Andrew King
Euch. Asst.	Reuben-Zebidiah Willoughby
Refreshm'ts	Helena Vagnolini Greg Vagnolini
Counters	Lin Matthews David Coggins

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 10.00am**

### THE EPIPHANY

Welcomers	Mercy Antwi Grace Morah
Children Corner	t.b.a. <i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i> Rachel Perera <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i> Clergy
Intercessor	Mary Coggins
Euch. Assts.	Bamidele Afolabi
Refreshm'ts	Mavis Bennett Patricia Benjamin

[No Counting]

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 10.00am**

### THE BAPTISM of CHRIST

Welcomers	Sam Lyons Alan Reece
Children Corner	Diana Burrows <i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i> Sandra Barry <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i> Clergy
Intercessor	Josie Dixie
Euch. Asst.	Lin Matthews
Refreshments	Grace Morah Esther Odum Doris Maduforo
Counters	Lin Matthews Kat Chandler

## Our heartfelt Congratulations

to  
our Parish Administrator,

**Sara Taylor  
& Pete Unwin**

*on the occasion of their  
**ENGAGEMENT**  
(on the Maya Bay beach in  
Thailand) on Christmas Day!*

*We wish them God's blessing  
as they start a new phase in  
their lives together.*

## BIG THANKS ARE DUE

to so many people who made such efforts to make Christmas a really happy time for so many people, both within Church and in our local / parish Community.

To the Churchwardens & Deputies, the Welcomers, Organist, Choir, Bellringers, Catering Team, Flower Arrangers, Servers, and many others...

..and to the Volunteers at the Vestry Hall Lunch on Christmas Day, which brought joy and light to nearly 90 people who would otherwise have been alone:

## THANK YOU!





# Lay Ministry Taster Day

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**10-2pm @ Trinity House (SE1 1HW)**

Come and find out more about the different types of ministries including Pastoral, Reader, Pioneer, Church Army and Children and Young People.

With guest speaker Adjoa Andoh MBE — actor, writer, director, and Licensed Reader (Parish of Herne Hill).

For more information and to book your place, email [learning@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:learning@southwark.anglican.org)

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Centred**  

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**Outward  
Focused**