



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



SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

5.00pm CHRISTMAS CAROLS

& CHRISTINGLES BY CANDLELIGHT

**FOLLOWED BY MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES
AND THE CHRISTMAS DRAW**

TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER

10.00am SAID ADVENT EUCHARIST

followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

WEDNESDAY 24th DECEMBER

4.00pm CRIB SERVICE for little people

11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

THURSDAY 25th DECEMBER

10.00am CHRISTMAS DAY

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST



SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER 2025

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

10.00am CHRISTMASTIDE PARISH EUCHARIST

TUESDAY 30th 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 31ST DECEMBER.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Romans 1.1-7

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: '*Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,*' which means, '*God is with us.*' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Matthew 1.18-25





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.

Years' Mind:

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

Francis Ooi (24th); Henry Dixie (25th)
Dorothy Cummant-Wood (25th)

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

**Eternal God, as Mary waited
for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs
of this present age to see, with her,
our great salvation in Jesus Christ
our Lord.**

AMEN

CHRISTMASTIDE PRAYER

**Heavenly Father,
you call us to prepare
for the coming of your Son:
forgive us our unreadiness
to receive him.**

**Lord Jesus,
you were proclaimed
by John the Baptist:
help us also to prepare your way.**

**Holy Spirit,
you speak through the prophets:
make us attentive
to hear your word.**

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.*

*The Christmas flowers are sponsored by
Rufina Ooi in fond memory of her Father
Francis Ooi – RIP 24.12.2016*

**To sponsor the flowers
please speak to Lin Matthews –**

Tel: 020 8646 3390



We wish a very



**to
ALISON SWARAY,
NORMA RAGHUBIR,**

**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 21st December 10.00am FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcomers Sam Lyons

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]

Sunday 28th December 10.00am THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Welcomers Barbara Jones
Micheline Ravololonarisoa

Children Corner Chico Chamwaita
I Corinthians 1:26-29 David Coggins
Matthew 2:13-23 Clergy
Intercessor Andrew King
Euch. Asst. Reuben-Zebidiah Willoughby
Refreshm'ts Helena Vagnolini
Greg Vagnolini
Lin Matthews
David Coggins

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & CHRISTINGS

BY CANDLELIGHT

FOLLOWED BY GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW & MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025
5.00PM
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