

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



SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2026

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

12 NOON FATHER JOABE'S FINAL SERVICE
AT ST BARNABAS CHURCH
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

TUESDAY 27th JANUARY

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

THURSDAY 29th JANUARY

1.30pm GAMES AFTERNOON
with the Mothers' Union in the Parish Centre

SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2026

THE FEAST OF CANDLEMAS

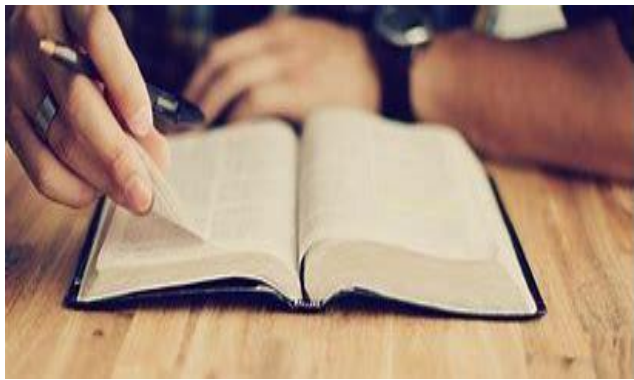
10.00am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

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

WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY

7.30pm JULIAN MEETING
come and join us for prayerful silence and meditation in church



SUNDAY'S READINGS

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

1 Corinthians 1.10–18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Matthew 4.12–23



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:

Jesse Tomlinson, Liz Cope, Alex Boorer,
Samantha Davis, Gill Campbell, Elizabeth Ward,
Karen Stockdale, Maryan Ahmed, John Considine,
Mary Quinn, Lisa Morris, Shaghayegh Malekian,
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:

Anna Anbu, Evans Mwaura, Christina Butler,
Obed Morah, Bridget Kelly, Tim Wright,
Eddie Lee

Years' Mind:

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

Renee Bedford (26th)

*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

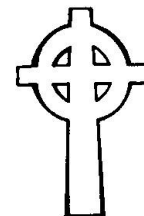
**God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news
to the poor, release to the
captives, and freedom to the
oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.**

AMEN

A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

**God of blessings,
the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude
for all you have made and awaken in us
a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.
Inspire leaders with openness
to listen to those most affected
by climate change,
and with courage to act
urgently and wisely,
so that our common home
may be healed and restored
and all people, and generations to come,
may delight in it.**

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**

Facebook: Mitcham Parish Church – St Peter & St Paul

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Threads: MitchamParishChurchSsPeterPaul



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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.*



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

We wish a very

**HAPPY
Birthday**

to Sam Lambi
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 25th January 2026 10.00am

THE THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

Welcomers	Mercy Antwi Grace Morah
Children Corner <i>I Cor 1:10-18</i> <i>Matthew 4:12-23</i>	Chico Chamwaita Pam Donovan Clergy
Intercessor	Andrew King
Euch. Assts.	Ebele Belonwu
Refreshm'ts	Mavis Bennett Patricia Benjamin
Counters	David Coggins Kat Chandler

Sunday 1st February 10.00am

THE FEAST DAY of CANDELMAS

Welcomers	Sam Lyons Alan Reece
Children Corner <i>Hebrews 2:14-18</i> <i>Luke 2:22-40</i>	Val Hylton Mary Coggins Clergy
Intercessor	Rachel Perera (set)
Euch. Asst.	Bamidele Afolabi
Refreshments	Grace Morah Esther Odum Doris Maduforo

[No Counting]

Sunday 8th February 10.00am

SECOND SUNDAY before LENT

Welcomers	Barbara Jones Micheline Ravololonarisoa
Children Corner <i>Isaiah 49:8-16a</i> <i>Matthew 6:24-34</i>	Diana Burrows Sam Lyons Clergy
Intercessor	Josie Dixie
Euch. Asst.	Robert Willer
Refreshm'ts	Helena Vagnolini Greg Vagnolini
Counters	Carole Hornsby Lin Matthews



GAMES AFTERNOON
hosted by
Mitcham Mothers' Union
Thursday 29 January 2026
and on the last Thursday each month
from 1.30 – 3.30pm
in **Mitcham Parish Centre**
£1 per adult
(bring your favourite game)



Lay Ministry Taster Day
Saturday 31st 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
Christ Centred
Outward Focused



“Concert by Candlelight”

Saturday 14th February 2026
@
7.30pm



She's Back!!

Gill Manly
sings songs
from the
worlds of
Jazz,
Broadway, &
Cinema

Bookings:

email: Info@mitchamartscollective.com

Text/Phone: 07777 152058

Mitcham Arts Collective CIC productions

Our friend and Local Ward Councillor Gill Manly has let us know that the 'Earlybird' ticket price has been extended to the end of January – just phone her up on the number on the poster and get early-bird tickets at £17.50 – a bargain!

GREAT MENTAL HEALTH DAY IN MERTON



Great Mental Health Day
returns on

Friday, 30 January 2026,
marking its fifth year as a

London-wide movement to get many people
talking about mental health, and
highlighting local support, and
helping tackle stigma.

The theme is ‘**everyday spaces**’,
highlighting the informal sanctuaries where connection happens and support begins.

Have you ever thought of inviting a friend in need to come to our Be Well Hub?

Call for Palm Crosses

Unbelievably, as we are almost through the season of Epiphanytide, it's not long until the beginning of Lent! Ash Wednesday is 18th February, the day when we receive ash on our foreheads as a sign of our penitence & sorrow for our sins.

To make the ash, palm crosses from the previous year are burnt. So please bring back your old palm cross(es) and place them in the basket in church. Of course, you will receive a new palm cross on Palm Sunday.



W. A. MOZART
English translation by Amanda Holden,
with additional material by the company

COSÌ FAN TUTTE

'THEY ALL DO THAT'

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH 2026
7.00pm
Doors open from 6.30pm

St Peter and St Paul Church
Church Road
Mitcham
CR4 3BP

Tickets:
£18 (plus booking fee)

Box Office:
<http://www.merryopera.co.uk/>
OR
from Parish Centre Office
OR
Call 020 8646 0666


The Merry Opera Company
www.merryopera.co.uk
Registered Charity No. 1127392

Following the success of *Die Fledermaus* in 2025, Merry Opera returns with their new production of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*. Playful deception meets its match in Mozart's sparkling comic opera, reminding us that love is rarely as simple - or as certain - as we'd like to believe..... Two young officers make a reckless wager. Can their fiancées remain faithful when temptation comes knocking?

With a mischievous plot hatched by a worldly friend, disguises, mistaken identities, and romantic entanglements spiral into a deliciously absurd tangle.

Set to some of Mozart's most radiant and intricate music, this production by Merry Opera is sung in English (translation by Amanda Holden) by a cast of young professional opera singers directed by John Ramster.

**Tickets available NOW with no booking fee from the
Parish Centre & Vicarage**



REGULAR CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER to mid-2026

at MITCHAM PARISH CHURCH, CHURCH ROAD CR4 3BP

The **AFTERNOON MEETING** is held at 1.30pm and will meet generally on
the **THIRD** Wednesday each month - in church:

**21st JANUARY / THURSDAY 19th FEBRUARY / 18th MARCH / 15th APRIL /
20th MAY / 17th JUNE / 15th JULY**

The **EVENING MEETING** is held at 7.30pm and will meet generally on
the **FIRST** Wednesday of each month - in church:

**7th JANUARY / 4th FEBRUARY / THURSDAY 5th MARCH / 8th APRIL /
6th MAY / 3rd JUNE / 1st JULY**

The Julian Meetings

- ✱ *are for people of all denominations – or none – who wish to join with others in contemplative, meditative prayer in the Christian tradition.*
- ✱ *start with a brief reading and / or piece of music, which leads into about half-an-hour of still, totally silent, prayer. The time of prayer is gently brought to a close, with a closing prayer and is followed by fellowship, and a chance for conversation.*



The Julian Meeting

- ✱ *fosters the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer & meditation in the Christian tradition*
- ✱ *encourages people to practise contemplative prayer in their daily lives, and to explore ways of doing this which are appropriate for them as individuals*
- ✱ *acknowledges the value of other ways of praying at other times, but a Julian Meeting has the one focus, and that is solely for contemplative, meditative prayer.*