

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



SUNDAY 4th JANUARY 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF CHRIST
10.00am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST



TUESDAY 6th JANUARY

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

WEDNESDAY 7th JANUARY

7.30pm JULIAN MEETING

Come and share some sacred silence and prayer together

SUNDAY 11th JANUARY 2026

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

10.00am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

TUESDAY 13th JANUARY

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





SUNDAY'S READINGS

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Ephesians 1.3-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Matthew 2.1-12



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:

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

Evans Mwaura, Christina Butler, 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.*

Margaret Edwards (4th),
Ena Gonsalves (8th) Daniel Akabogu (10th)
*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

**Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

AMEN

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

May God make our year a happy one!

Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
but by strengthening us to bear it as it comes.

Not by making our path easy,
but by making us sturdy to travel any path.

Not by taking hardships from us,
but by taking fear from our heart.

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
but by keeping our face bright,
even in the shadows.

Not by making our life always pleasant,
but by showing us when people and their causes
need us most, and by making us anxious
to be there to help.

May God's love, peace, hope and joy
Be with to us for the year ahead.

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.

**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**

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 4th January 2026 10.00am **THE EPIPHANY**

Welcomers	Mercy Antwi Grace Morah
Children Corner	Chico Chamwaita
<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

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Sunday 11th 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

Sunday 18th January 2026 10.00am **THE SECOND SUNDAY after EPIPHANY**

Welcomers	Barbara Jones Micheline Ravololonarisoa
Children Corner	Doris Maduforo
<i>I Cor 1:1-9</i>	Barbara Jones
<i>John 1:29-42</i>	Clergy
Intercessor	Mary Coggins
Euch. Asst.	Robert Willer
Refreshm'ts	Sandra Barry Diana Burrows

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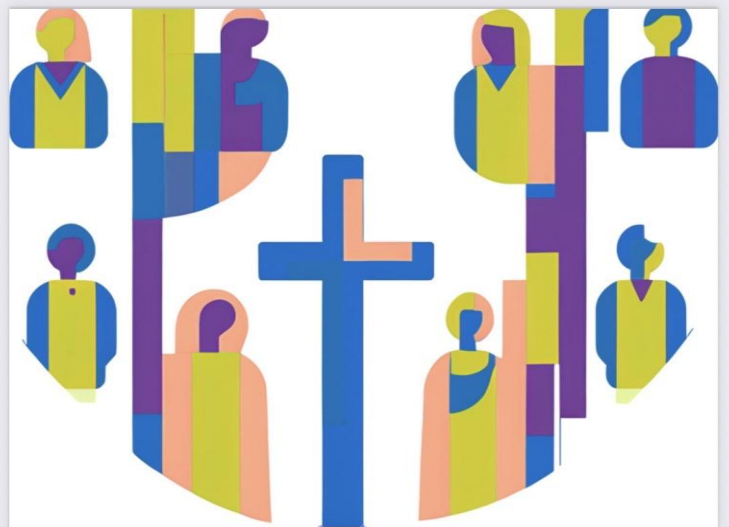
BIG THANKS

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 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