



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



**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

## **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**

*followed by Mothers' Union Annual General Meeting*



**TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**10.00am SAID EUCHARIST**

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

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**7.30pm Gill Manly Quartet 'Concert by Candlelight'**

*in church – see posters*

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

## **SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**

**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**10.00am SAID EUCHARIST**

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

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

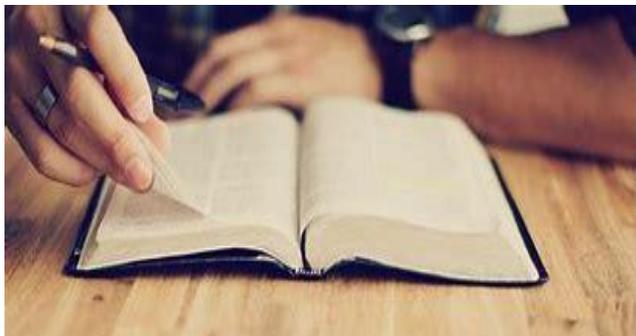
**10.00am 7.30pm EUCHARISTS at 10.00am 7.30pm (sung)**

*with the Imposition of Ashes at both Services*

**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**1.30pm JULIAN MEETING**

*come and join us for prayerful silence and meditation in church*



# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord: In a time of favour I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

Isaiah 49.8–16a

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

Jesus taught his disciples, saying. 'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ**

Matthew 6.24–34



## 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:**

Doris Maduforo, Phyllis Knivett, 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:  
John Cowley, Obed Morah, Eddie Lee

### **Years' Mind:**

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

Joan King (9<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 THIS WEEK

**Almighty God,  
give us reverence for  
all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may  
mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**AMEN**

## A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the Living God,  
you proclaimed  
the Kingdom of God,  
and demonstrated what this looked  
like by welcoming the outcast,  
feeding the hungry,  
healing the sick,  
and speaking truth to power.  
You laid down your life as an act  
of self-giving sacrificial love.**

**Praise to you O Christ!**

**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)



The Diocese of  
**Southwark**

**Facebook:** Mitcham Parish Church – St Peter & St Paul

**Instagram:** MitchamParishChurchSsPeterPaul

**Threads:** MitchamParishChurchSsPeterPaul



## 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.*



**Do you feel shut out because so many services these days are 'online only'???**

*Come and talk to Merton Citizens about how you are affected and what is needed in our community to ensure that no one is left behind.....*

**12 noon to 2.30pm  
Wednesday 11th February.**

There will be a break from 1pm to 1.30pm, and drinks and snacks will be provided.

**Mitcham Parish Centre, Church Path,  
Mitcham, CR4 3BN**

**Please let Fr David or Rachel Perera know if you're coming!**

**We wish a very**

**HAPPY  
Birthday**

**Merle Austin  
Cecilia Quansah  
Victor Beah**

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 8<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am SECOND SUNDAY before LENT

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

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am SUNDAY next before LENT

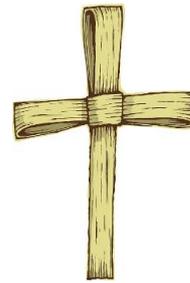
Welcomers Mercy Antwi  
Grace Morah  
Children Corner t.b.a.  
*2 Peter 1:16-21* Val Hylton  
*Matthew 17:1-9* Clergy  
Intercessor Andrew King  
Euch. Assts. Ebele Belonwu  
Refreshm'ts Mavis Bennett  
Patricia Benjamin

[No Counting]

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10.00am FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

Welcomers Sam Lyons  
Alan Reece  
Children Corner Chico Chamwaita  
*Romans 5:12-19* Paul Carter  
*Matthew 4:1-11* Clergy  
Intercessor Mary Coggins  
Euch. Asst. Lin Matthews  
Refreshments Grace Morah  
Esther Odum  
Counters David Coggins  
Kat Chandler

## Call for Palm Crosses



Unbelievably, as we are now out of the season of Epiphanytide, it's not long until the beginning of Lent!

**Ash Wednesday is 18th February,**  
(Services at 10.00am and 7.30pm  
both with ashing).

This is 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(s) 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.

## "Concert by Candlelight"

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
@  
7.30pm



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

Bookings:

email: [Info@mitchamartscollective.com](mailto:Info@mitchamartscollective.com)

Text/Phone: 07777 152058

Mitcham Arts Collective CIC productions

W. A. MOZART

English translation by Amanda Holden,  
with additional material by the company

# COSÌ FAN TUTTE

'THEY ALL DO THAT'

**SATURDAY MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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.***

All non-perishable goods and toiletries are gratefully accepted.

**Donations can be left at the back of church.**

*Tinned Meat; Squash / Long Life Juice (Not Chilled); Noodles / Micro Pasta / Micro Rice Meals; Tinned Vegetable (Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Potatoes); Table Sauces (Ketchup/Tomato, Brown, BBQ, Mayo, Mustard, Salad Cream); Toothpaste; Shampoo*

**NO FOOD OR DRINK CONTAINING ALCOHOL**

*GROWBABY: Dinners for aged 12 months +;  
Desserts for aged 6 months to 3 years;  
Toothpaste for aged 0-2 years;  
Baby Wipes*

Donations can be made online <https://elimwimbledon.churchsuite.com/donate/fun>

- **1,305 children in Merton helped with 3-day emergency food parcels in 2025**
  - **41,730 meals provided in 2025**
  - **5,499kg of food and toiletries distributed in December 2025**



**NHS** South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

**NHS** Merton Talking Therapies

**FREE WELLBEING WORKSHOP**  
**Wellbeing in Retirement**  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 10am-11.30am  
Wimbledon Library

Email us:  
[mertonwellbeing@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:mertonwellbeing@swlstg.nhs.uk) or sign up via our  
Eventbrite page (scan the QR code)



*This workshop will explore how retirement can impact your identity and wellbeing and will share tips and techniques to support your emotional and mental wellbeing at this time*

Available to all residents over 18 years old living in the borough of Merton or registered with a Merton GP



Churches Together in Mitcham

# Lent Course 2026

Fellowship, study & discussion  
on Wednesday evenings during Lent on:

## Injustice vs. Christian ethics

In his book *Injustice*, Danny Dorling identifies five "new tenets of injustice" that replaced the traditional social evils (ignorance, want, idleness, squalor, and disease) in the modern era. These can be analysed through a theological lens by contrasting them with specific biblical principles. The Bible, from the prophet Amos condemning injustice to Jesus' parables on caring for the vulnerable, emphasizes the essential responsibility of Christians to act.

**February 25<sup>th</sup>**

at & led by **St. Mark's CoE Church, St Mark's Road CR4 4LF**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

at & led by **Mitcham Baptist Church, 191A London Road CR4 2JD**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

at & led by **St. Peter & St. Paul RC Church, Cranmer Road CR4 4LD**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

at & led by **St. Barnabas CoE Church, Goringe Park Avenue, CR4 2DJ**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

at & led by **Mitcham Methodist Church, Cricket Green CR4 4FB**

Sessions start with light refreshments & chat from 7:00pm  
Course study input starting promptly at 7:30pm  
Finishing - at latest - by 9:00pm



## **MANY CONGRATULATIONS**

*to all the Christmas Day  
Volunteers at the  
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MITCHAM  
VESTRY HALL CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
who received a  
"HEROES CERTIFICATE"  
from the Mayor of Merton,  
Cllr Martin Whelton,  
at the beginning of the full  
Council Meeting last  
Wednesday.*