



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



SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST
WITH HEALING MINISTRY**

followed by BE WELL HUB discussion on 'Change & Families'

TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY

10.00am SAID EUCHARIST

followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY

7pm for 7.30pm Churches Together in Mitcham LENT COURSE
at St Marks Church, St Marks Road, Mitcham

THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY

1.30-3.30pm MOTHERS' UNION GAMES AFTERNOON *Parish Centre*

SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

TUESDAY 3rd MARCH

10.00am SAID EUCHARIST

followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

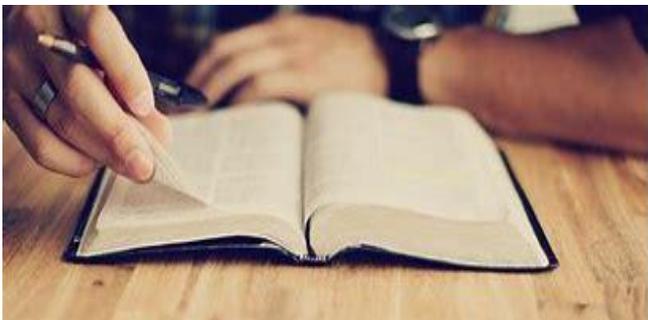
WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH

7pm for 7.30pm LENT COURSE *at Mitcham Baptist Church, Mitcham*

THURSDAY 5th MARCH

1.30pm JULIAN MEETING

come and join us for prayerful silence and meditation in church



SUNDAY'S READINGS

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, over those whose sins were not like those of Adam who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Romans 5.12-19

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Matthew 4.1-11



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:

Barbara Eglen, 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:

Joan Wright, Venita Powell, Pat,
John Cowley, Obed Morah, Eddie Lee

Years' Mind:

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

Olive Muller (22nd)
Geoff Fountain; Alice Pennells (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 THIS WEEK

**Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with
the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you
in the desert.**

**Help us to use these days of Lent
to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your
saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

AMEN

A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

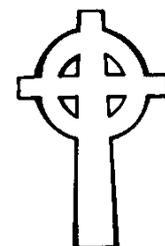
**Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Living God,
we now live in a world of
climate breakdown.**

**We face a world of increasing
migration, refugees
and asylum seeking.**

**We face a world of resource
shortage and its consequences.
As temperatures and sea levels rise,
extreme weather events increase,
and many suffer hardship.**

**Lord have mercy - and help us care
for your beautiful world.**

AMEN



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Clergy staffing the Church

I thought it best to make a note to you all about the current vacancies in parishes throughout the Deanery of Merton and its consequent effect.

There are vacancies in the Merton Priory Team, St Barnabas, Mitcham, St Mary's, Merton and St Saviour's, Raynes Park.

The effect of this is that both myself and Rev'd Jackie are being frequently approached to help cover Services on Sundays and midweek elsewhere.

You will notice absences of us both over the next few months and we truly appreciate your prayers as we minister elsewhere.

Father David

We wish a very

HAPPY
Birthday

**GRACE MORAH
PAUL BARRY**

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 22nd 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

Sunday 1st March 10.00am SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

Welcomers Barbara Jones
Micheline Ravololonarisoa
Children Corner Val Hylton
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Sam Lyons
John 3: 1-17 Clergy
Intercessor Josie Dixie
Euch. Asst. Reuben-Zebidiah Willoughby
Refreshm'ts Helena Vagnolini
Greg Vagnolini

[No Counting]

Sunday 8th March 10.00am THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

Welcomers Sam Lyons
Alan Reece
Children Corner Diana Burrows
Romans 5:1-11 Val Hylton
John 4:5-42 Clergy
Intercessor Andrew King
Euch. Asst. Robert Willer
Refreshments Grace Morah
Esther Odum
Doris Maduforo
Counters Nneka Belonwu
David Coggins



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. 112758

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.

Renovation work in Church

The PCC met last Sunday to give the final go-ahead for a renovation of the church kitchen & toilet – both of which – we are sure you agree - are long overdue!

This is advance notice of the inevitable disruption that will be caused to the life of the church – hopefully only across two weeks:

Friday 6th of March to the 20th March.

We ask for your forbearance when you come to church – due the potential dust and clearing of the original equipment and the installation of the new.

Once we know the precise details of the work we shall let you all know – but we sincerely hope that Services will not be disrupted, though social times may be curtailed.

‘Believing in Poetry’ - an evening with Mark Oakley, Monday, 23 March St Matthew’s Church, Durham Road, SW20 0DE

This Lent, the people of St Matthew’s Wimbledon are thinking about poetry.

Mark Oakley, the Dean of Southwark Cathedral, has written and spoken extensively on the relationship between faith and poetry, and we are delighted to welcome him to speak to us at St Matthew’s on 23 March.

All welcome!

For further details, contact revalastair@gmail.com



NHS MERTON TALKING THERAPIES WELLBEING TEAM MARCH WORKSHOPS

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CONTACT: 020 3513 5888 | EMAIL: MertonWellbeing@swlstg.nhs.uk | Book direct on Eventbrite: Merton Talking Therapy events. All workshops are FREE of charge and available for those aged 18+ and a Merton resident or registered with a Merton GP

MANAGING IRRITABILITY

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH | 12.00-13.30 | ONLINE

RELAXATION AND MINDFUL WALK

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH | 11.00-12.00 | MORDEN HALL PARK

IMPROVING SLEEP

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH | 11.00-12.30 | ONLINE

MANAGING CHANGE

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH | 10.00-11.30 | ONLINE

SELF-CARE AND RELAXATION TECHNIQUES

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH | 11.00-12.30 | COLLIERS WOOD LIBRARY



TALKING THERAPIES RECOVERY COLLEGE

UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH | 11.00-12.30 | ONLINE



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 25th

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

March 4th

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

March 11th

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

March 18th

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

March 25th

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**