

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



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 **CTiM LENT COURSE**
at Mitcham Baptist Church, London Road, Mitcham

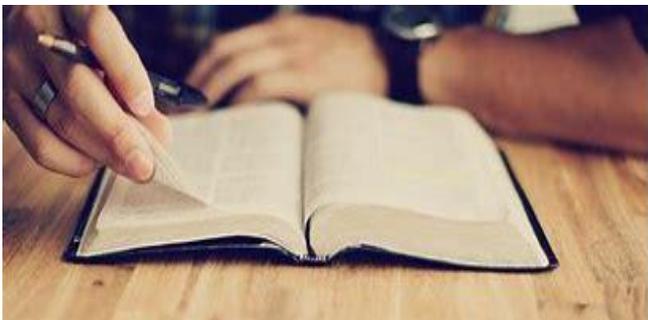
THURSDAY 5th MARCH
7.30pm **JULIAN MEETING**
come and join us for prayerful silence and meditation in church

SUNDAY 8th MARCH 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

TUESDAY 10th MARCH
10.00am **SAID EUCHARIST**
followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH
7pm for 7.30pm **CTiM LENT COURSE**
at SS Peter & Paul RC Church, Cranmer Road, Mitcham

SATURDAY 14th MARCH
6.30pm for 7.00pm **COSI FAN TUTTE CONCERT** *in church*



SUNDAY'S READINGS

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Romans 4.1–5, 13–17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.'

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

John 3.1–17



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:

Rufina Ooi, Barbara Eglen, Doris Maduforo,
Phyllis Knivett, Jesse Tomlinson, Liz Cope,
Alex Boorer, Samantha Davis, 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:

Gill Campbell, Marietta Allen, Joan Wright,
Venita Powell, Pat, John Cowley,
Obad Morah, Eddie Lee

Years' Mind:

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

Bert Coggins (6th),
Margaret Goodair (7th)

*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,
by the prayer and discipline
of Lent may we enter
into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

AMEN

A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

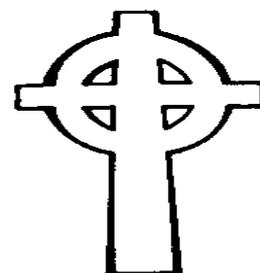
**All-embracing God, in our wayward
complacency, we are not without signs,
in sky, sun and moon, in the roaring of
the sea; for, God, you send wildness
and warnings, to show us your way.**

**Through the voice of the earth you make
obvious the grounds for our repentance.**

**And so, in the kinship of Christ's body,
grant us courage and joy to resist the
intimidation of greed, and to uphold the
value and dignity of our fellow creatures.**

**For they are sharers in your rainbow
covenant for the peace and beauty of
creation at work and play, woven
together by the spirit one God
for every place and time.**

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

SARA TAYLOR
IAN UNG
KANE SOUTHAM

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 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 Mavis Bennett
Patricia Benjamin

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Sunday 8th March 10.00am THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

Welcomers Mercy Antwi
Grace Morah
Children Corner Diana Burrows
Romans 5:1-11 Val Hylton
John 4:5-42 Clergy
Intercessor Andrew King
Euch. Asst. Robert Willer
Refreshments Helena Vagnolini
Greg Vagnolini
Counters Nneka Belonwu
David Coggins

Sunday 15th March 10.00am FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

Welcomers Sam Lyons
Alan Reece
Children Corner t.b.a.
Colossians 3:12-17 Deborah Douglas
Luke 2:33-35 Clergy
Intercessor Mary Coggins
Euch. Asst. Bamidele Afolabi
Refreshments Grace Morah
Esther Odum

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PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO ABOVE ROTA!



Quiet, silent meditation
in
Mitcham Parish Church

JULIAN MEETING

Next session
Thursday 5th March 2026
7.30pm
in church

Come and join us
to share a time of silence & prayer

GILLIAN CAMPBELL

May she rest in peace:
*Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and
let light perpetual shine upon her.*



We commend to God's peace dear Gill -
our Organist Emeritus, who died in
St George's Hospital last Sunday evening,
having received the Last Rites of the
Church earlier that afternoon.
*She will be sorely missed - and we offer
our condolences to all her family.*

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. 112755

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 two Sundays ago 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



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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, Goringe 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**