



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



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'

11.45am Prayer during the Day

12noon Merton Deanery Clergy Chapter meet in church

WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY

7.30pm JULIAN MEETING

come and join us for prayerful silence and meditation in church



SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2026

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

followed by Mothers' Union Annual General Meeting



TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY

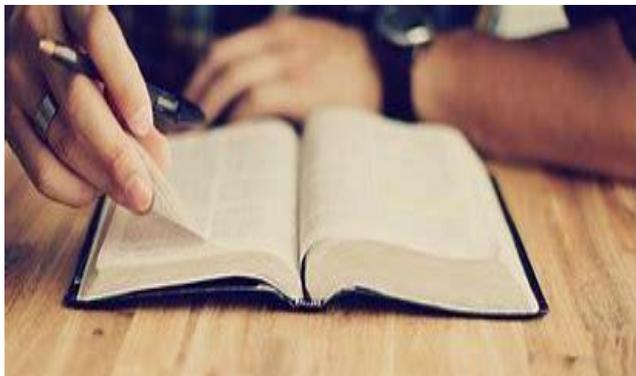
10.00am SAID EUCHARIST

followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY

7.30pm Gill Manly Quartet 'Concert by Candlelight'

in church – see posters



SUNDAY'S READINGS

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hebrews 2.14-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Luke 2.22-40



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, 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:
John Cowley, Obed Morah, Eddie Lee

Years' Mind:

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

*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

**Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations
and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.**

AMEN

A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

**Merciful God, we believe
that you uphold and sustain
all that you have made, while also
lovingly giving us the freedom
to live in relationship with
the rest of creation.**

**We ask your forgiveness for the
ways we have abused that freedom,
through what we have done
and what we have left undone.**

**We bring our lament
and our longing for a renewed
earth to you now.**

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

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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.

**The venue is:
Mitcham Parish Centre, Church Path,
Mitcham, CR4 3BN**

We wish a very

**HAPPY
Birthday**

to **Aphra Chandler**
& **Bev Reece**

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 February 10.00am **THE FEAST DAY of CANDLEMAS**

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

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Sunday 8th February 10.00am **SECOND SUNDAY before LENT**

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

Sunday 15th February 10.00am **SUNDAY next before LENT**

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

[No Counting]



Quiet, silent meditation
in
Mitcham Parish Church

JULIAN MEETING

Next session

Wednesday 04 February 2026
7.30pm
in church

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



“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

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.



SAGE
Southwark and Ageing
sage@southwark.anglican.org



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

MU and SAGE invite you to come and join them for **Grandparents Day**

14 February 2026 10.30am – 2.30pm

St Francis' Church Hall,

84 Balcombe Road, Horley RH6 9AY

**The session will include Worship led by Revd Kerry Evans,
a choice of workshops*, crafts and keynote speakers**

***Grandfathers Matter** *Adrian Greenwood;*

***Grandparenting for Faith** *Hillary Richardson;*

***When They Walk Away:**

grandparenting through grief & hope *Ish Lennox*

Bring a packed lunch, Drinks provided.

For more information and booking please contact:

learning@southwark.anglican.org

Closing date for booking your place: 4th February 2026

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.



Wimbledon
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

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