



WELCOME

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2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8th February 2026

Welcome Song (see below)

Entrance

93 Christ, Whose glory fills the skies

Before the Gospel

60 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Offertory

541 Peace, perfect peace, is the gift

Communion

309 In bread we bring you, Lord

272 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Final

510 One more step along the world I go



WELCOME SONG

Happy to share, happy to share,
Our blessings with one another.
That's why we are here.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Janet & Jason, Yemi, members of our family who are not very well. We pray for Diane O-L, who recently died, and any others we have lost as well as Diane's family and all those mourning a loved one.

COLLECT

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER & OUTREACH GROUP

There is a prayer meeting at the church on the **first Tuesday of every month** at 10:30. The next one will be **Tuesday 3 March 2026** at 10:30.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

The service this year is **Friday 6 March, 10:30**, at the Grove Centre on Jews Walk, Sydenham SE26 6PL. All are welcome.



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Meeting ID: 849 2977 1613

Password: 356850



CHILDREN IN CHURCH

We're so grateful for the presence of children in our worship. Our hybrid Lady Chapel is available as a sensory space for children with additional needs and can also be used for parents and carers to take babies and very young children. For children of school age, a colouring table is provided at the back of the church. They can also use the chapel for careful play before and after the service. To help these spaces work well for everyone, parents/carers are asked to stay with their children in the chapel after the collect and return after intercession prayer, or keep an eye on their child at the colouring table, ensuring noise is a minimum especially during the sermon and intercessions. Thank you for your care and cooperation.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 9 February

Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Church: 15:30 - 18:00 - Homework Club

Hall: 17:30 - 18:30 - Rainbows

Hall: 18:30 - 20:00 - Brownies

Tuesday 10 February

Hall: 18:30 – 20:00 - Pilates

Wednesday 11 February

Church: 10:30 - Prayer & Outreach group

Church: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Online: 17:00 - Bible study

Thursday 12 February

Hall: 18:30 - 20:30 – Guides

Friday 13 February

Hall 18:30 - 20:00 - Learning & Physical Disabilities Club

Saturday 14 February

Hall: 09:00-17:00 - 7th Day Adventists

Sunday 15 February

Church: 10:00 - Holy Communion

Hall: 13:00-17:00 - I AM Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 25 February

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Tuesday 3 March

Church: 10:30 - Prayer & Outreach group

Wednesday 4 March

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Friday 6 March

Grove Centre: 10:30 – World Day of Prayer service

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.² The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.⁴ And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness.⁵ God called the light “day” and the darkness “night.”

And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

⁶ Then God said, “Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth.”⁷ And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens.⁸ God called the space “sky.” And evening passed and morning came, marking the second day.

⁹ Then God said, “Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear.” And that is what happened.¹⁰ God called the dry ground “land” and the waters “seas.” And God saw that it was good.¹¹ Then God said, “Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.” And that is what happened.¹² The land produced vegetation—all sorts of seed-bearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

¹³ And evening passed and morning came, marking the third day.

¹⁴ Then God said, “Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years.¹⁵ Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth.” And that is what happened.¹⁶ God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars.¹⁷ God set these lights in the sky to light the earth,¹⁸ to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹ And evening passed and morning came, marking the fourth day.

²⁰ Then God said, “Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind.”²¹ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.²² Then God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.”

²³ And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day.

²⁴ Then God said, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.” And that is what happened.²⁵ God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image.

In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

²⁹ Then God said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. ³⁰ And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.” And that is what happened.

³¹ Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!
And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

2 ¹ So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed. ² On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. ³ And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel reading is from **Matthew 6: 25 - end***

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing?

²⁶ Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

²⁸ “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, ²⁹ yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. ³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

³¹ “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

³⁴ “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.