



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



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 CR4 4LD

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



SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY
10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**



TUESDAY 17th MARCH
10.00am **SAID EUCHARIST**
followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon
7.30pm **PCC MEETING** *with Archdeacon Simon Gates*

WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH
1.30pm **JULIAN MEETING**
come and join us for prayerful silence and meditation in church

7pm for 7.30pm **CTiM LENT COURSE**
at St Barnabas Church, Gorrington Park Avenue, Mitcham CR4 2JD



SUNDAY'S READINGS

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5.1-11

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.' *John 5.5-42*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



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:

Joyce Bellamy, Paul Carter, Monica Carter,
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 Atfield

**For all who mourn,
the unnamed who need our prayers,
and those in our Intercessions Book.**

The Departed:

- those who have recently died:

Andrew Watson (*Bishop*), Gill Campbell,
Marietta Allen, 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.*

Compton Hunte (*8th*), May Parsons (*10th*),
Betty Smith (*11th*), James Giles (*12th*)
Patricia Keene (*13th*)

*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

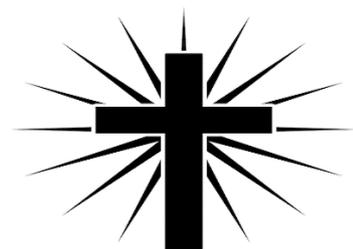
**Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection
we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

AMEN

A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

**Sustaining God, who in Christ
did not embrace life made new without
entering into the trials and pain
of Creation shattered by sin,
and entered not into glory
before he was crucified:
in your compassion grant that
through the crosses we take up -
to walk with trees abused and living
things destroyed for greed we may yet
be blessed to walk the way
of life and peace;
as partners with all your creatures
for the peace and beauty of Creation
at work and play with you;
woven together by the Wild Wind,
the Spirit, One God
for every place and time.**

AMEN



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SumUp

If you would like to make a donation to Mitcham Parish Church, this QR code will take you straight to our SumUp giving system.



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 still vacancies in the Merton Priory Team, St Barnabas, Mitcham, 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

MONICA CARTER
JAMES OPORIA EKWARU
RACHEL PERERA

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 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 Val Hylton
Colossians 3:12-17 Deborah Douglas
Luke 2:33-35 Clergy
Intercessor Mary Coggins
Euch. Asst. Lin Matthews
Refreshments Grace Morah
 Esther Odum

[No counting]

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO ABOVE ROTA!

Sunday 22nd March 10.00am

PASSION SUNDAY: FIFTH of LENT

Welcomers Barbara Jones
 Micheline Ravololonarisoa
Children Corner Chico Chamwaita
Romans 8:6-11 Ebele Belonwu
John 11:1-45 Clergy
Intercessor Josie Dixie
Euch. Asst. Bamidele Afolabi
Refreshm'ts Mavis Bennett
 Patricia Benjamin
Counters Carole Hornsby
 Lin Matthews

MANY CONGRATULATIONS

to

Reuben-Zebidiah Willoughby

on being awarded his
Certificate confirming he has qualified
to Level 4 in the Bell-ringer's world!



Reuben-Zebidiah is a member of the Surrey Strikers young ringers group, as well as our MPC Band.

He is now signed off as a competent Novice Change Ringer and speeding ahead with his ringing: far ahead of the rest of our Band!

Please pray for dear Joyce Bellamy who is currently in St Helier Hospital following a collision with a bicycle which was being illegally ridden on the pavement. Joyce is recovering well.

It reminds us all that we should ALL be extra vigilant, even when out walking....

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. 1127931

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.

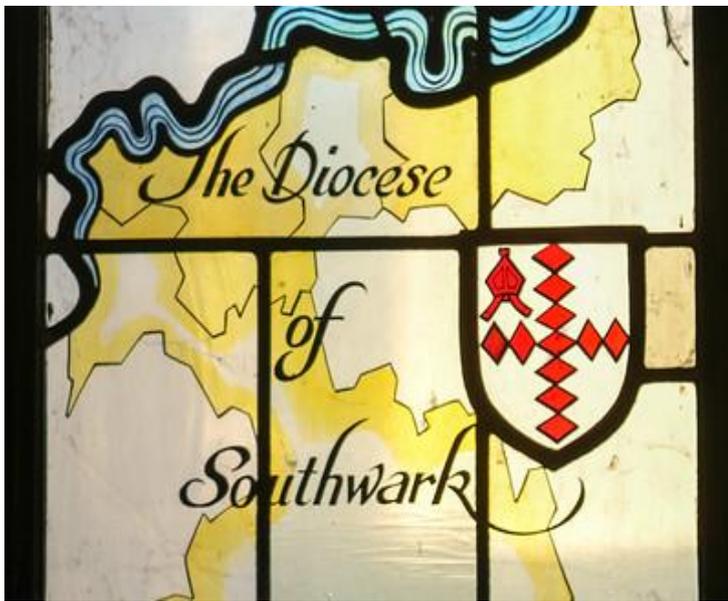
'Believing in Poetry' - an evening with Mark Oakley **Monday, 23 March** **St Matthew's Church,** **Durham Road, SW20 0DE**

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!

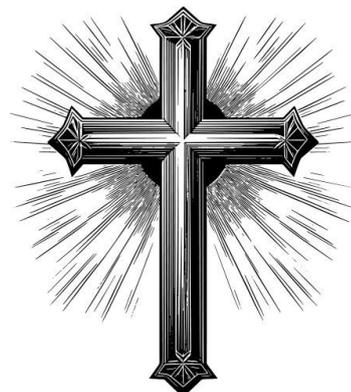
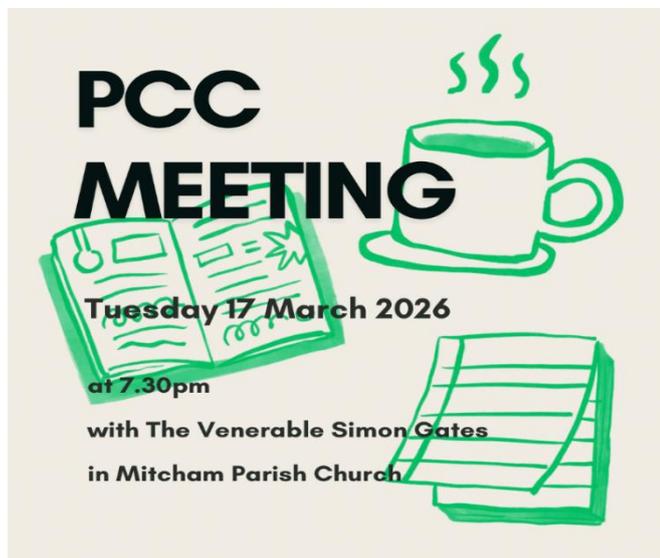
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Our Diocesan Bishop – Bishop Christopher – will be retiring this summer, after many years of faithful leadership in our diocese.

Because of this, as a diocesan family, we are preparing to begin our search for the next Bishop of Southwark – and we want to hear the views of as many people as possible.

Please take five minutes to fill out a simple online survey before 1st April 2026: www.southwark.anglican.org/newbishop.





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