



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



**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2026**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**10.00am PASSIONTIDE PARISH EUCHARIST**

*with **Healing Ministry**, followed by:  
**Be Well Hub** on “Handling Challenging Conversations”*

**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**10.00am SAID EUCHARIST**

*followed by refreshments and ‘Open Church’ until 12noon*

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**7pm for 7.30pm CTiM LENT COURSE**  
*at Mitcham Methodist Church, Cricket Green, CR4 4FB*

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**6.30pm STATIONS of the CROSS**

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

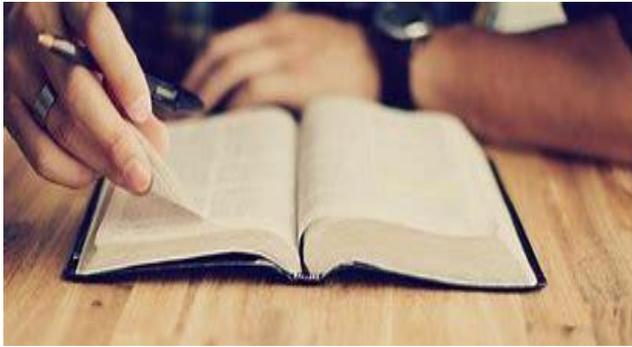
**PALM SUNDAY**

**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**

*meet in church before processing outside for Palm Procession*



**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** - see separate page inside



# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

*Romans 8.6–11*

## **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*John 11.1–45*



## 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:**

Mary Coggins, Chinwe Morah, Joyce Bellamy,  
Paul Carter, Monica Carter, Rufina Ooi,  
Barbara Eglen, Doris Maduforo, Phyllis Knivett,  
Jesse Tomlinson, Liz Cope, Alex Boorer,  
Samantha Davis, Sarah, Elizabeth Ward,  
Karen Stockdale, Maryan Ahmed, John Considine,  
Mary Quinn, Lisa Morris, Shaghayegh Malekian,  
Joliboy Coker, Elizabeth Cheshire, Mary Phillips,  
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:*

Anne Stemerding, Andrew Watson (*Bishop*),  
Gill Campbell, Marietta Allen, Joan Wright,  
Obad Morah, Eddie Lee

### **Years' Mind:**

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

*Ada Dixie (28<sup>th</sup>).*

*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 PASSIONTIDE

**Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the  
mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our  
Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**AMEN**

## A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

**Compassionate God,  
who in the death and life  
made new of your child Jesus  
transforms and heals the Earth;  
grant that by faith in Christ  
tortured on the tree,  
we may with justice  
overcome the powers of terror,  
waste and tyranny through  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and cares  
by the community of the  
Holy Spirit one God  
for every place and time.**

**AMEN**



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**Instagram:** MitchamParishChurchSsPeterPaul

**Threads:** MitchamParishChurchSsPeterPaul



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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.*



### 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*

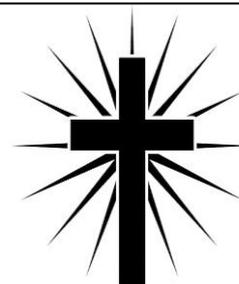
**We wish a very**

**HAPPY  
Birthday**

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 0208646 0666

**Thank you for being a team member  
& helping our church run so smoothly!**

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10.00am PASSION SUNDAY: FIFTH of LENT

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

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am PALM SUNDAY

Welcomers	Mercy Antwi Grace Morah
Children Corner	Val Hylton <i>Philippians 2:5-11</i> <i>The Passion according to Matthew</i>
Intercessor	David Coggins (set)
Euch. Asst.	Ebele Belonwu
Refreshments	Helena Vagnolini Greg Vagnolini

[No Counting]

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am EASTER DAY

Welcomers	Sam Lyons Alan Reece Micheline Ravololonarisoa
Children Corner	Diana Burrows <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> Carole Hornsby <i>Matt 28:1-10</i> Clergy
Intercessor	Rachel Perera (set)
Euch. Asst.	Reuben-Zebidiah Willoughby
Refreshments	Grace Morah Esther Odum
Counters	Kat Chandler David Coggins



## Citizens' Be Well Hub

Talk & Open Discussion  
Sunday, 22 March 2026  
after 10am Service  
MITCHAM PARISH CHURCH



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE  
on Sunday 29 March 2026  
at 10am  
Mitcham Parish Church

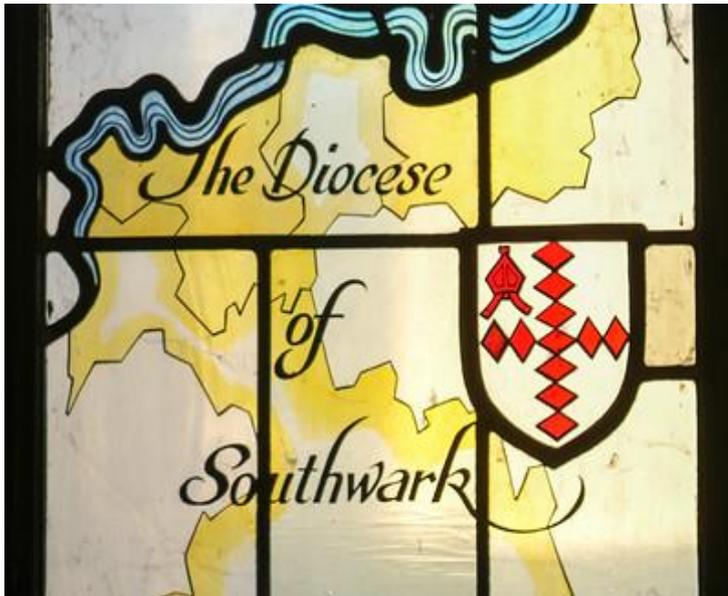


03 APRIL 2026  
12 NOON CHURCH OPEN FOR SILENT PRAYER  
1.00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
2.00PM GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY WITH HOLY COMMUNION

# GOOD FRIDAY

A day of reflection, prayer, and gratitude.  
May we find peace in His sacrifice.





*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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026: [www.southwark.anglican.org/newbishop](http://www.southwark.anglican.org/newbishop).**

*There are printed copies of the Survey – if you would prefer to complete one and post it in....*

### **Renovation work in Church**

**Thank you** for putting up with the disruption so far!

*We are nearly finished!*

The work will be totally completed before Palm Sunday (*God willing!*) and we thank you for your forbearance.

There will, sadly, inevitably be a residue of dust and mess left behind – but I am certain we will all appreciate that it is worth it!

Our only request is

PLEASE do not try to operate equipment unless you have been shown what to do!

**'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](mailto:revalastair@gmail.com)



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**7.30PM EUCHARIST WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

## TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

**10.00AM EUCHARIST WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND 'OPEN CHURCH' UNTIL 12NOON**

**7.30PM EUCHARIST WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

## WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

**7.30PM EUCHARIST WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

## THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL – MAUNDY THURSDAY

**7.30PM MAUNDY CEREMONIES, FOOT WASHING, SUNG EUCHARIST,  
PROCESSION TO ALTAR OF REPOSE & WATCH UNTIL 11.00PM**

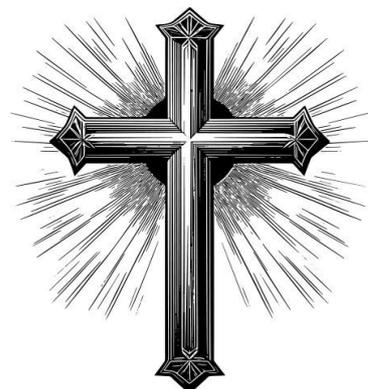
## FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL – GOOD FRIDAY

**11.00 AM GATHER ON MITCHAM FAIR GREEN  
FOR CTIM ACT OF WITNESS**

**12 NOON CHURCH OPEN FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**1.00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**2.00PM GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY  
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**



## SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – HOLY SATURDAY

**7.30PM VIGIL, CEREMONIES &  
FIRST MASS OF EASTER  
PREACHER: REV'D RYAN RODRIGUES**

## SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - EASTER DAY

**10.00AM FESTIVAL EASTER EUCHARIST WITH EASTER EGGS!**



# LOCAL

Merton  
**citizens**

# ELECTIONS

# ASSEMBLY

Merton Citizens invites you to join our Local Elections Assembly, as we put our manifesto to candidates for leader of Merton Council ahead of the local council elections on May 7th.

**27th April 2026**  
**6:30-8:30pm**

**At Wimbledon College**  
Edge Hill, SW19 4NS

The venue has step-free access  
and an accessible toilet.

*Free entry. Book [HERE](#) or scan QR code →  
Contact: [kes.gillmartin@citizensuk.org](mailto:kes.gillmartin@citizensuk.org)*

