



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



SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2026

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST
with Admission to Mothers' Union, followed by Cake Sale



TUESDAY 17th MARCH

10.00am SAID EUCHARIST
followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

7.30pm PCC MEETING with Archdeacon Simon Gates
in Mitcham Parish Centre

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, Gorringe Park Avenue, Mitcham CR4 2JD

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2026

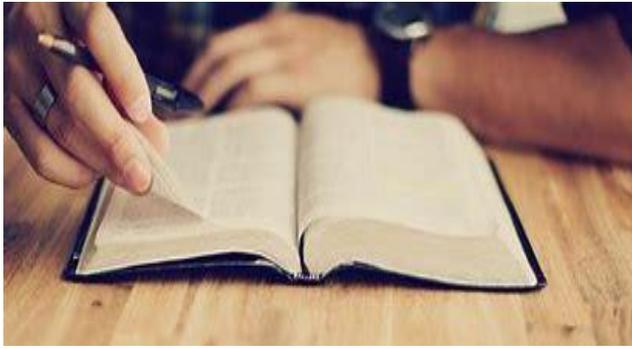
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
10.00am PASSIONTIDE PARISH EUCHARIST
*with **Healing Ministry**, followed by **Be Well Hub***

TUESDAY 24th MARCH

10.00am SAID EUCHARIST
followed by refreshments and 'Open Church' until 12noon

WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH

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



SUNDAY'S READINGS

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Colossians 3.12–17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Luke 2.33–35





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:

Chinwe Morah, Joyce Bellamy, Paul Carter,
Monica Carter, Rufina Ooi, Barbara Eglan,
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, Jolliboy 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,
Venita Powell, Pat, John Cowley,
Obed Morah, Eddie Lee

Years' Mind:

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

Colin Dean (*15th*), Felix Kuforiji (*16th*).

*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

**God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN**

A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

**Merciful God, break open
and unlock for your people
the path to freedom from this
hopeless treadmill of sin;
that encouraged by the vision of a
world - abundant with diverse life -
we reach for the glorious liberty
of the children of God,
who plant and tend in partnership
with all flesh.
Grant this, Father of high creation
for Jesus Christ's sake,
our Friend and Saviour,
who lives and tends with you,
in the unity of the Breath of Life,
the Holy 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 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

FATHER DAVID
DOLLY WHITTER

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 0208646 0666 **Thank you for being a team member & helping our church run so smoothly!**

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]

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

Sunday 29th March 10.00am

PALM SUNDAY

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

[No Counting]

A Prayer for 'Dementia Prayer Week'

God of compassion and faithful love,
we place before you all who live with dementia,
those whose memories fade,
whose words come slowly,
whose sense of self feels fragile or lost.
Be close to them, Lord,
in moments of confusion and fear;
surround them with your peace
when the world feels unfamiliar.
Remind them, even when they cannot remember,
that they are known, cherished,
and held in your heart.

We pray for families, friends, and carers
who walk this demanding path day by day.
Give them patience when strength is low,
tenderness when weariness takes hold,
and hope when the journey feels overwhelming.
May they sense your presence in small graces
and quiet moments of love.
Bless all who work in care homes,
hospitals, and communities.
May their hands bring comfort,
their words bring reassurance,
and their service reflect your dignity and mercy.

God of life, you remember us always,
even when memory fails.
Hold us all in your abiding love,
today and always.

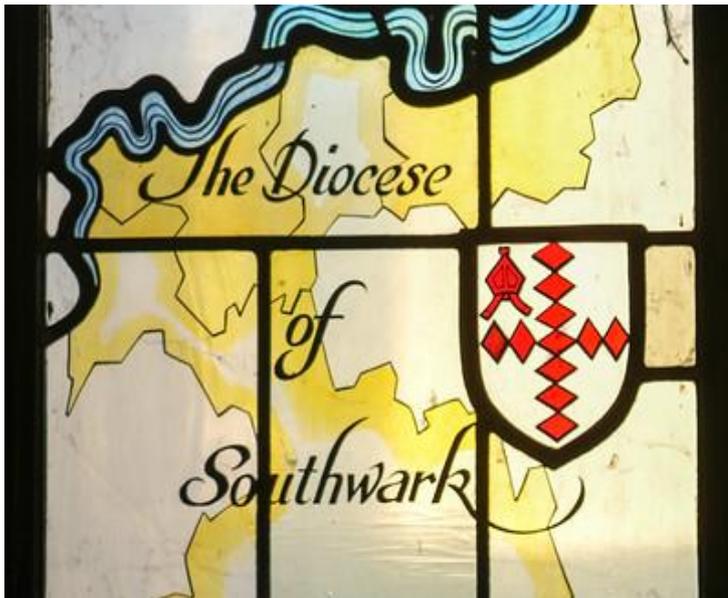
Amen.

Quiet, silent meditation
in
Mitcham Parish Church

JULIAN MEETING

Next session
Wednesday 18th March 2026
1.30pm
in church

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



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.

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! The good news is that all is going well and the work will be completed before Palm Sunday (*God willing!*) There will be inevitable disruption continuing 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 the clearing of the original equipment and the installation of the new.

We sincerely hope that Services will not be disrupted; though social times may be somewhat 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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

MONDAY 30TH MARCH

7.30PM EUCHARIST WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

TUESDAY 31ST 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 1ST APRIL

7.30PM EUCHARIST WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL – MAUNDY THURSDAY

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

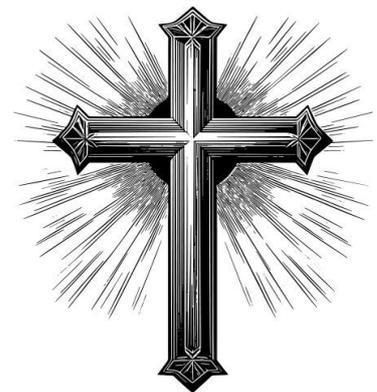
FRIDAY 3RD APRIL – GOOD FRIDAY

**11.00 AM GATHER ON MITCHAM FAIRGREEN
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 4TH APRIL – HOLY SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL - EASTER DAY

10.00AM FESTIVAL EASTER EUCHARIST WITH EASTER EGGS!



Carers' information event

Do you look after a relative or friend who is unwell, frail or disabled?

Come along to our friendly event where you can:

- meet other carers and have a cup of coffee or tea
- find out about support available for you and the person you care for
- connect with public services, charities and community groups.



**Free event.
No need to book.
Just drop in.**

Friday 20 March 2026 | 1-5pm

**Whitford Hall, inside Vestry Hall,
336 London Road,
Mitcham CR4 3UD**



For further information, scan the QR code.

