



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



**FRIDAY & SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

6.00pm **EVENING PRAYER [said]** in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Novena

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

followed by **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY**

9.00am **MORNING PRAYER [said]** in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Novena



**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY**

10.00am **SAID NOVENA EUCHARIST**

followed by refreshments & "Open Church" until 12noon

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY**

1.30pm **NOVENA JULIAN MEETING**

come & join us for prayerful silence and meditation

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY**

6.00pm **EVENING PRAYER [said]** in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Novena

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

9.00am **MORNING PRAYER [said]** in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Novena

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY**

9.00am **MORNING PRAYER [said]** in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Novena

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

**THE FEAST DAY OF PENTECOST**

10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

with Healing Ministry followed by **Be Well Hub** meeting

**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY**

10.00am **SAID EUCHARIST**

followed by refreshments & "Open Church" until 12noon



# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

*Acts 1.6–14*

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*John 17.1–11*



## 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:**

James Osborne, Poon Carpenter,  
Lucky Perera, Elaine Biddiss, Daniele,  
Chinwe Morah, Monica Carter, Paul Carter,  
Barbara Eglén, Phyllis Knivett, Jesse Tomlinson,  
Liz Cope, Alex Boorer, Samantha Davis,  
Elizabeth Ward, Sarah, Mary Quinn, Lisa Morris,  
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, including:  
Vincent Hall, Gwen Martin  
Richard Harries (*bishop*)

### **Years' Mind:**

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

Barbara Atkins (17<sup>th</sup>); Hannah Redman (21<sup>st</sup>);  
Malinda Akabogu (22<sup>nd</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!**

## THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with  
power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness  
and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**AMEN**

## A PRAYER IN EASTERTIDE

Father of Creation,  
speak to us, strengthen us,  
so that we may raise a voice for the  
world's most vulnerable,  
who are crushed beneath the  
wheels of climate injustice.

**AMEN**

**We wish a very**

HAPPY  
*Birthday*

**ESTHER ODUM  
NNEKA BELONWU  
GEORGE CARPENTER**

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!**

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*Thank you!*

**to ALL who helped out last  
Tuesday & Wednesday for our**

**CHURCH  
CLEANING DAYS**

**The Church is now restored to its  
shinier, cleaner, less dusty self! –  
THANK YOU for all the effort!**



## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

The flowers on the Altar pedestals are sponsored this week by Nneka Belonwu in memory of her parents **DANIEL & MALINDA AKABOGU** especially her Mum who died on 21st May 2009, which is also Nneka's birthday.

The flowers we place in church (except during Advent & Lent) may be sponsored, in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or for any other celebratory reason.

**To sponsor the flowers  
please speak to Lin Matthews –  
Tel: 020 8646 3390**

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Welcomers Sam Lyons  
Alan Reece  
Children Corner Chiko Chamwaita  
*Acts 1:6-14* Deborah Douglas  
*John 17:1-11* Clergy  
Intercessor Andrew King  
Euch. Asst. Bamidele Afolabi  
Refreshments Grace Morah  
Esther Odum  
\*Counters\* David Coggins  
[Tuesday count] Carole Hornsby

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am THE FEAST DAY OF PENTECOST

Welcomers Barbara Jones  
Micheline Ravololonarisoa  
Children Corner Val Hylton  
*Acts 2:1-21* Jim Kirby  
*John 20:19-23* Clergy  
Intercessor Rachel Perera (set)  
Euch. Asst. Ebele Belonwu  
Refreshments Mavis Bennett  
Patricia Benjamin

[No Counting]

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 10.00am TRINITY SUNDAY

Welcomers Mercy Antwi  
Grace Morah  
Children Corner Doris Maduforo  
*2 Cor 13:11-13* Margaret Danquah  
*Matt 28:16-20* Clergy  
Intercessor Josie Dixie  
Euch. Asst. Reuben-Zebidiah Willoughby  
Refreshments Helena Vagnolini  
Greg Vagnolini  
Counters Kat Chandler  
Allan Marega



# Dates for your diary:

**Weekdays, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Shared Access working up the Church Tower to install new 5G transmitters**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am:**

**Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 8.00pm:**

**The Archdeacon of Lambeth's Visitation Service**

at Immanuel Church, Streatham Common

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Merton Interfaith Walk**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Corpus Christi Sunday**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June:**

**St Peter & St Paul's Day: OUR Patronal Festival Eucharist**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July: 5pm-9pm:**

**Parish [Patronal] Celebration BBQ**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July: *John Keble Day***

*Special refreshments after the 10.00am Service*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Fr David & Andrew's final Sunday at the Parish Church....**



Quiet, silent meditation  
in  
Mitcham Parish Church

**NOVENA  
JULIAN MEETING**

Next session  
Wednesday 20th May 2026  
1.30pm  
in church

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



**Citizens'  
Be Well Hub**

Talk & Open Discussion  
Sunday, 24 May 2026  
after 10am Service  
MITCHAM PARISH CHURCH