

THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL

DEPTFORD



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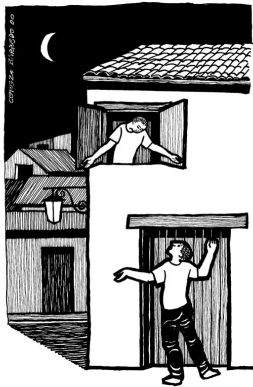
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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor

Organist: Mr Ian Bhullar



6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
27th JULY 2025

THE PARISH MASS
SUNG
10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne.

Hymns in NEH (green book)

Please join in with the Bold Type

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

The first movement of worship is to leave our homes and come to church.

This is an act of faith because we come to church to meet Christ.

The experience of worship is enhanced by being in church early.

This provides a time of transition to free our minds from the distractions of the world and, as Psalm 46 says, "Be still, and know that I am God."

We pray that God will reveal himself to you in a new way today.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Stand

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people. *Psalm 68: 6-7, 36*

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Processional Hymn: 471

We love the place, O God (Tune: Quam Dilecta)

The Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

Prayers of Penitence

Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

The Confiteor

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;**

(And, striking their breast, they say:)

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

(Then they continue:)

**therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God. Amen.**

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Kyrie Eleison

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

✠ in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings

First Reading from the Old Testament

A reading from the Book of Genesis (18: 20-32)

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre ²⁰ and said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know." ²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city: will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³ And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 138

R. / When I called, you answered me, O Lord.

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;

³ For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things. **R. /**

⁴ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁶ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar. **R. /**

⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁹ The LORD will make good his purpose for me; O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands. **R. /**

Second Reading from the New Testament
A reading from the Letter of S. Paul to the Colossians. (2: 6-19)

Brothers and sisters, ⁶ as you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♫ **Alleluia!** You have received a Spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, Father. ^{Romans 8: 15bc} **Alleluia** ♫

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A ✠ reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ Luke (11: 1-13)

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

Stand

Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (Genuflect) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made human. (Rise) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the age to come. Amen.

Remain standing

Celebrant

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Lord, saying, **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor 1

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 2

For Stephen our archbishop, Christopher our bishop, his assistant, Alastair, Fr Paul our parish priest, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 3

For all peoples and their leaders, and for peace and justice in the world. We pray especially for (Celebrant adds...) let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 4

For the diverse communities that make up the Deptford community, for every city, town and village, and for all the people who live within them, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 5

For good weather, abundant harvests for all to share, and for the care and conservation of the planet and all its creatures, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 6

For all people in distress and all places of distress; the sick and the suffering, workers, travellers and refugees, prisoners and captives, victims of crime, and for their safety, health and salvation. We remember especially (Celebrant reads the names...) let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 7

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need, and for the absolution of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant

We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ, especially...

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time especially...

We also offer a special thanksgiving for the life of **Victorina Agnes Kariuki**

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

✠ May they rest in peace **and rise in glory. Amen.**

The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions, and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: **Hail Mary...**

S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, **Pray for us. S. Paul** the Apostle, our Patron, **S. Joseph** of Nazareth, **S. Augustine** & **S. Monica**, **S. Benedict** & **S. Scholastica**, **S. Francis** & **S. Clare** of Assisi, **Ss. Mary**, **Martha** & **Lazarus**, **S. Peter Chrysologus**, **S. Ignatius** of Loyola, **S. Alphonsus** Mary de Liguori, **All you angels and saints.**

Merciful God **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Remain standing

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared

The Offertory Hymn: 498
Son of God, eternal Saviour (Tune: Everton)

Remain standing

Orate Fratres

Pray my sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Here follows the Preface in which the celebrant praises God for his mighty acts, and all respond:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:

AMEN.

¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

The celebrant adds:

*Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.

Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those immediately around us,
a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.*

Agnus Dei

*during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten,
placing a small piece in the chalice.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

Jesus said: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds,
and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." *S. Luke 11: 9-10*

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies
Amen.

and then receives.

*** At home, make an Act of Spiritual Communion ***

*As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still and rest in the
love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.*

O Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received,
his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled with grace
and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

O Sacrum Convivium, 13th century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

The Communion Hymn: 276

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed (Tune: Bread of Heaven)



The Light of the World

This famous painting, which hangs in the Side Chapel at Keble College Oxford, is the original by William Holman Hunt (1827-1910), painted in 1853.

The Light of the World was begun when Holman Hunt was in his early twenties, and took a number of years to complete. Part of the reason for this was his desire to perfect the dawn, and he did not feel able to do this until his travels in the Middle East took him to Bethlehem where he saw the perfect sunrise. A larger replica, painted by Holman Hunt when he was nearly 70, hangs in St Paul's Cathedral, London. The colouring and details of the replica are not so exact.

The painting was given to the College by Mrs Martha Combe, who with her husband, was a great patron of the Oxford Movement and admirer of the Pre-Raphaelites. The Combes funded the building of St Barnabas, Jericho, and the patronage was given to Keble.

There are two lights shown in the picture. The lantern is the light of conscience and the light around the

head is the light of salvation with the door representing the human soul, which cannot be opened from the outside. There is no handle on the door, and the rusty nails and hinges overgrown with ivy denote that the door has never been opened and that the figure of Christ is asking for permission to enter. The bright light over the figure is the morning star, the dawn of the new day, and the autumn weeds and fallen fruit represent the autumn of life. The writing under the picture, which is rather hard to read, is taken from **Revelation 3: 20 (KJV)** 'Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me.'

Text: <https://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/about/chapel/light-of-the-world/>

A New Configuration of Faith, Culture and Politics

"If religious faith were to be released from the burden of furnishing social orders with a set of rationales for their existence, it might be free to rediscover its true purpose as a critique of all such politics. In this sense, its superfluity might prove its salvation. The New Testament has little or nothing to say of responsible citizenship. It is not a 'civilised' document at all. It shows no enthusiasm for social consensus. Since it holds that such values are imminently to pass away, it is not greatly taken with standards of civic excellence or codes of good conduct. What it adds to common-or-garden morality is not some supernatural support, but the grossly inconvenient news that our forms of life must undergo radical dissolution if they are to be reborn as just and compassionate communities. The sign of that dissolution is a solidarity with the poor and powerless. It is here that a new configuration of faith, culture and politics might be born."

Terry Eagleton, 'Culture and the Death of God'
Yale University Press (2014) pp. 207-8

PRAYERS FOR MISSION & EVANGELISM

Give to your Church, O God,
a bold vision and a daring charity,
a refreshed wisdom and a courteous understanding,
that the eternal message of your Son
may be acclaimed as the good news of the age;
through him who makes all things new,
even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

O God, take our minds and think through them,
take our lips and speak through them,
take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you;
may your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



NOTICES & ANY BANNs OF MARRIAGE.

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us Bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
And the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Blessing



The Recessional Hymn: 499

When Thy kingdom come, O God (Tune: St Cecilia)

The Dismissal

The Angel of the Lord brought glad tidings to Mary;

And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy Word. Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known
the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross
✠ and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the
same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Organ Voluntary

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∞ ∞ PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET AWAY WITH YOU
& MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE CRYPT FOR REFRESHMENTS. ∞

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the machine so that we can claim Gift Aid on your offering.

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THE KALENDAR

6th after Trinity & 17th Week of Ordinary Time

27th July to 2nd August 2025

MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 27th,

MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am**, EP 6pm

MON, 28th, Feria,

No Public Liturgies

TUES, 29th, Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus,

EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**

WEDS, 30th, S. Peter Chrysologus,

EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**

THURS, 31st, S. Ignatius of Loyola,

EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**

FRI, 1st AUG, S. Alphonsus Liguori,

EP 6pm

SAT, 2nd, S. Mary of the Angels of the Porziuncola,

Mass 10.00am

Wedding of Nathan Abbott & Jessica Lang at 1.30pm

EP 6pm

DAILY OFFICE: MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer

3rd AUGUST 2025

7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 6pm

THE NOTICES

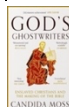
Thanksgiving for Mrs Victorina Agnes Kariuki RIP

20th May 1952 to 9th June 2024

Our prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to Irene, daughter, and all
her family and friends. We warmly welcome those who have been invited
to join us at today's thanksgiving, and thank them on Irene's behalf. Please
stay for the refreshments downstairs in the crypt after Mass. Irene writes:
"Agnes had a heart of gold. She was merciful, empathetic, generous, helpful,
humble and an incredible care giver to all. She served in church in various
capacities including participation in the choir as chairlady. She served as a deacon
and also contributed in the WISE ministry as an official and leader in the Pioneer
Theological Education by Extension. Her faith was her cornerstone, guiding her
through her life's challenges and joys."

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

is taking a break for the summer. Back in the Autumn. Date TBC.



Meets on Thursdays 8.30 - 10pm over Zoom. Further info and login
details on the Parish website & the Rector's Weekly Email.

All welcome. We are currently reading and discussing:

'God's Ghostwriters: Enslaved Christians

and the Making of the Bible' by Candida Moss (2024)

Church Cleaning & Preparation for Sunday
Every Saturday from 11am until 12.30pm.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

'The Lord loves a cheerful giver.' The Church, based upon biblical
teaching, asks every Christian to give a Tithe, 10% of their time, talents & money
to God's work. In particular, that the faithful might give 5% of their Income to
church where they attend. **E.g. If you earn:**

£5000 a year or, £96 a week = Give £5 a week to S. Paul's.

£10000 a year, £192 a week = £10 a week.

£20000 a year, £385 a week = £20 a week.

£25000 a year, £480 a week = £25 a week.

£30000 a year, £577 a week = £30 a week.

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subsidies, and all monies must be raised from the parishioners, through lettings, or
voluntary donations. **Thank you** for all financial contributions which help to pay for:
- the: Utility bills of the church, (gas, electricity, water) - Costs of maintaining the
worship, (e.g. candles, wine, wafers, incense) - Maintenance, cleaning, & repair of our
Grade 1 Listed church, (substantial costs) - Office costs (e.g. postage, printing, paper)
- Monthly Diocesan Parish Share to the Diocese, (80p out of every £1 we give to
the Diocese goes towards clergy stipends).

We ask everyone, who can, to please give via Direct Debit, Standing

Order, or, via the Weekly Envelope Scheme. GIVING VIA DIRECT

DEBIT: Please see the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** information leaflet and Direct

Debit Form, on the Parish Website **ONLINE GIVING:** Our **Give A Little** page is

available on our website, via the **Donate** button, or here: <https://bit.ly/spd-giving>

✠ FURTHER INFORMATION & UPDATES ✠

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