

THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL DEPTFORD



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Welcome to S. Paul's today in church or on Zoom.
Please follow the directions of the Churchwardens & Welcomers.



Please turn off mobile phones.

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WCs (& baby changing facilities) downstairs in the crypt.

Do not attend if you have Covid, symptoms, or a cold.

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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



**11th SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY
31st AUGUST 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

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Cf. Psalm 86: 3, 5

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

The Processional Hymn: 436

Praise, my soul the king of heaven (Tune: Praise my soul)

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

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 Proverbs (25: 6-7)

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷ for it is better to be told, 'Come up here,' than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 112

R. /Light shines in the darkness for the upright.

¹ Alleluia! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!

² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever. **R. /**

⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. **R. /**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies. **R. /**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honour.

¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish. **R. /**

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (13: 1-8, 15-16)

¹ Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♪ **Alleluia!** Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. *S. Matthew 11: 29ab* **Alleluia** ♪
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ **Luke (14: 1, 7-14)**
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

Prayers of Intercession

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... 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,

S. Giles of Provence,

Martyrs of New Guinea,

S. Gregory the Great,

S. Rose of Viterbo,

S. Birinus,

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: 295

Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Tune: Picardy)

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

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. 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

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of justice,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

S. Matthew 5: 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: 387

Jesus, good above all other (Tune: Quem Pastores)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Pastor, Theologian, Martyr, anti-fascist (1906 - 9 April 1945)

The Cost of Discipleship

(1937, English ed. 1949, rev. 1959, translated by R.H. Fuller)

Chapter I: Costly Grace

"Cheap Grace is the deadly enemy of our Church. We are fighting to-day for costly grace. Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjacks' wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices. Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without asking questions or fixing limits. Grace without price; grace without cost! The essence of grace, we suppose, is that the account has been paid in advance; and, because it has been paid, everything can be had for nothing. Since the cost was infinite, the possibilities of using and spending it are infinite. What would grace be if it were not cheap? ... Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

Costly Grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him. Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God."

"Christians and Heathens"

People go to God when they're in need,
plead for help, pray for blessings and bread,
for rescue from their sickness, guilt, and death.
So do they all, all of them, Christians and heathens.

People go to God when God's in need,
find God poor, reviled, without shelter or bread,
see God devoured by sin, weakness, and death.
Christians stand by God in God's own pain.

God goes to all people in their need,
fills body and soul with God's own bread,
goes for Christians and heathens to Calvary's death
and forgives them both.

July 8, 1944, Tegel Prison.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, Volume 8,

Letters and Papers from Prison. pp. 460-1 (Fortress Press, 2010)

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



¶ **NOTICES
& ANY BANNs OF MARRIAGE.**

The Blessing

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 Dismissal**The Recessional Hymn: 360**

Firmly I believe and truly (Tune: Shipston)

The Angelus

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

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is taken for the Mission & Ministry of the Church.

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 back page of this Mass Sheet for further information about giving to S. Paul's.

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

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 or be part of the parish envelope scheme.

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THE KALENDAR

11th after Trinity & 22nd Week of Ordinary Time

31st August – 6th September 2025

MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 31st, MP 9am, PARISH MASS 10.30am, EP new time of 5pm

MON, 1st Sept, S. Giles,

No Public Liturgies

TUES, 2nd, Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm

WEDS, 3rd, S. Gregory the Great, EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm

THURS, 4th, S. Birinus, EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm

FRI, 5th, Feria, EP 6pm

SAT, 6th, of the BVM, Mass 10.00am, EP 6pm

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

7th SEPTEMBER 2025

12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

PARISH MASS CHORAL at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at the new time of 5pm

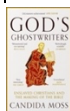
THE NOTICES**Thelma, known as Fay Mitchell RIP**

**Funeral at S. Paul's on Wednesday, 1st October at 11am,
 Committal at Lewisham Crematorium at 1pm.**

We send our deepest condolences to Fay's family and friends and assurance
 of our prayers. May Fay rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

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 after Mass 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.

Over the year our costs run to almost £1,000 a week. We receive no
 external 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 I 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.**

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 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>

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