

# THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL

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



Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor

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## 8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10th 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

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend our cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Psalm 74: 20, 19, 22, 23

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

### The Processional Hymn: 476

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim (Tune: Paderborn)

### The Greeting

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. 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.

The Kyrie Eleison

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

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

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws

and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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 (15:1-6)

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 33: 12-22

### R. / Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own!

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

<sup>13</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven,

and beholds all the people in the world.

<sup>14</sup> From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze  
on all who dwell on the earth. R. /

<sup>15</sup> He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

<sup>16</sup> There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;  
the strong are not delivered by great strength.

<sup>17</sup> The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
for all its strength it cannot save. R. /

<sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,  
on those who wait upon his love,

<sup>19</sup> To pluck their lives from death,  
and to feed them in time of famine. R. /

<sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

<sup>21</sup> Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,  
for in his holy name we put our trust.

<sup>22</sup> Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
as we have put our trust in you. R. /

### Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (11: 1-3, 8-16)

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an

inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand & turn to face the Gospel*

### **Gospel Acclamation and Reading**

✠ **Alleluia!** Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. *S. Matthew 24: 42, 44* **Alleluia** ✠

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

A ✠ reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ **Luke (12: 32-40)**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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. Maximus the Confessor,**

**S. Maximilian Kolbe,**

**S. Roch,**

**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: 381**  
*Jerusalem the Golden (Tune: Ewing)*

*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**

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. 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

Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*S. Luke 12: 33-34*

*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: 483

*The Church of God a kingdom is (Tune: University)*

## The Examen: A Daily Prayer

by S. Ignatius of Loyola SJ (c. 23 October 1491–31 July 1556)

*S. Ignatius Loyola's Examen is an opportunity for peaceful daily reflective prayer. It invites us to find the movement of God in all the people and events of our day. The Examen is simply a set of introspective prompts for you to follow or adapt to your own character and spirit.*

Begin with a pause and a slow, deep breath or two.

Place yourself in God's presence.

Give thanks for God's great love for you.

### Thanksgiving

What am I especially grateful for in the past day...

The gift of another day ... The love and support I have received ...

The courage I have mustered ... An event that took place today ...

### Petition

I am about to review my day; I ask for the light to know God  
and to know myself as God sees me.

### Review

Where have I felt true joy today?

What has troubled me today?

What has challenged me today?

Where and when did I pause today?

Have I noticed God's presence in any of this?

Reflect on what you did, said, or thought in those instances.

Were you drawing closer to God, or further away?

### Response

In light of my review, what is my response to the God of my life?

### A Look Ahead

As I look ahead, what comes to mind?

With what spirit do I want to enter tomorrow?

Think of how you might collaborate more effectively with the  
Reign of God. Be specific and conclude with the "Our Father."



## I August: Saint Clare of Assisi

(b. 1193 – d. 1253)

Born in 1193 in Assisi of a wealthy family, S. Clare caught the joy of a new vision of the gospel from Francis' preaching. At seventeen, she heard Francis of Assisi, the monk who repaired churches and ministered to the sick, speak and say: "When there is poverty with joy, there is inner peace." A year later, she decided to follow in his footsteps by giving up her life of wealth. Escaping from home, first to the Benedictines and then to a Béguine-style group, with the encouragement of S. Francis she chose a contemplative way of life, and founded her own community at San Damiano, just outside the city walls of Assisi. Here they lived

in corporate poverty understood as dependence on God, with a fresh, democratic lifestyle. In 1240, Saracen soldiers stormed the convent cloister of San Damiano in Assisi. Blessed Tommaso da Celano, a Franciscan Friar who lived during the time of S. Clare, writes that the nuns were terrified and cried to S. Clare for help, who with a fearless heart though she was weak and sick, prostrated herself before the Lord and said, "Behold, my Lord, is it possible You want to deliver into the hands of pagans Your defenceless handmaids, whom I have taught out of love for You? I pray You, Lord protect these Your handmaids whom I cannot now save by myself." She suddenly heard a voice from the tabernacle, "I will always protect you." She then proceeded to bring a silver case carrying the Blessed Sacrament out before the Saracens and, in complete trust, called upon the Lord for that protection. The Saracens were struck with fear from seeing the courage of S. Clare and her sisters standing before them without fear. They retreated and left Assisi. S. Clare became the first woman to write a religious Rule for women, and in it showed great liberty of spirit in dealing with earlier prescriptions. It was finally approved by Pope Innocent IV on August 9 1253, only 2 days before her death. During the long years after Francis' death, she supported his earlier companions in their desire to remain faithful to his vision, as she did. Some of her last words were: "Blessèd be God, for having created me."

### Prayer to Saint Clare

O glorious Saint Clare! God has given you the power of working miracles continually, and the favour of answering the prayers of those who invoke your assistance in misfortune, anxiety, and distress;

we beseech you, obtain for us from Jesus, through Mary, his Blessed Mother, what we beg of you so fervently and hopefully, if it be for the greater honour and glory of God and for the good of our souls.

O Blessed Saint Clare, your life shines like a beacon and casts its light down the ages of the Church to guide the way of Christ.

Look with compassion on the poor and humble who call on you for help. As you bow before your Eucharistic Lord in Heaven, speak to him of my afflicted body and my broken spirit. Ask him to heal me and to wash away my sins in his precious Blood.

Great Servant of Christ, remember the needs of my dear ones and all those I pray for. Defend us from everything that would harm your Holy People. Hear the cry of the poor and make it a song of intercession, rising from your poor heart to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, our Healer, our Saviour, and our Lord. Amen.



## THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

**Postcommunion Prayer**  
Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever. **Amen.**



## NOTICES & ANY BANNES OF MARRIAGE.

Stand

### 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: 345

*Christ is the King, O friends rejoice! (Tune: Vulpius - Gelobt Sei Gott)*

### 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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### 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 KALENDAR

**8<sup>th</sup> after Trinity & 19<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time  
10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

### MASS & Other Service Times in church

**SUN, 10<sup>th</sup>,** MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am**, EP 6pm  
**MON, 11<sup>th</sup>,** S. Clare of Assisi, No Public Liturgies  
**TUES, 12<sup>th</sup>,** Feria, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**  
**WEDS, 13<sup>th</sup>,** S. Maximus the Confessor, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**  
**THURS, 14<sup>th</sup>,** S. Maximilian Kolbe, EP 5.30pm  
**Mass 6.00pm** with (conditional) **Baptism of Derel Amoo**  
**FRI, 15<sup>th</sup>,** Assumption of the BVM, EP 6pm  
**SAT, 16<sup>th</sup>,** S. Roch, **Mass 10.00am**, EP 6pm

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

## 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025

### 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

**PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 6pm

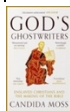
## THE NOTICES

### Thelma, known as, Fay, Mitchell RIP

We are very sorry to hear of the death last week of Fay Mitchell,  
a long-term member of the S. Paul's congregation. We send our deepest  
condolences to her family and friends and assurance of our prayers.  
We will share the funeral arrangements in due course.  
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.**

**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 ✠

On the

**Parish Website**

**Church Noticeboard** (churtyard forecourt)

**& Subscribe to the Rector's Weekly Email**

directly from the link on the website or by sending an email to:

[stpaulsdeptford@btinternet.com](mailto:stpaulsdeptford@btinternet.com)

sent every Friday via MailChimp (GDPR compliant)