

THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL DEPTFORD



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



Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor
Organist: Mr William Parkinson with S. Paul's Singers

**THE 17th SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY
12th OCTOBER 2025**

**THE PARISH MASS
CHORAL
10.30am**

Celebrant The Rector
Preacher: The Bishop of Woolwich
The Rt Revd Alastair Cutting



**Mass Setting: Mass for Five Voices (1594)
by William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)**

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

Choir sings the **Introit, Let all mortal flesh keep silence.**
Music composed by **Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)** published in 1925. Text: Anonymous – traditional from the Divine Liturgy of S. James
Translator: John Mason Neale (1818-1866).

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and stand with fear and trembling,
and lift itself above all earthly thought.
For the King of kings and Lord of lords,
Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation,
and to be given for food to the faithful.
Before Him come the choirs of angels,
with every principality and power;
the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia.

Stand

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Cf. Psalm 130: 3,4

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

The Processional Hymn: 134

The head that once was crowned with thorns (Tune: St Magnus)

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

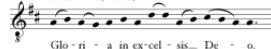
Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The choir sings The Kyrie Eleison

Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

Gloria in Excelsis

Mode VIII (11th. c.)



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis... De - o.

/ et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

/ Laudamus te, benedicimus te,

/ adoramus te, glorificamus te,

/ grátias ágimus tibi / propter magnam glóriam tuam,

/ Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, / Deus Pater omnipotens.

/ Dómine Fili unigénite, / Iesu Christe, / Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,

/ qui tollis peccáta mundi, / miserére nobis;

/ qui tollis peccáta mundi, / súscipe deprecationem nostram.

/ Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, / miserére nobis.

/ Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, / tu solus Dóminus,

/ tu solus Altíssimus, / Iesu Christe, / cum Sancto Spíritu:

/ ✠ in glória Dei Patris. / Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God,

you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:

pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,

and so bring us at last to your heavenly city

where we shall see you face to face;

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 Second Book of Kings (5: 1-3, 7-15c)

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms III sung by the choir

Benedic, Confitebor tibi

¹ I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart : secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

² The works of the Lord are great :

sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

³ His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour : and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴ The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works : that they ought to be had in remembrance.

⁵ He hath given meat unto them that fear him : he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He hath shewed his people the power of his works : that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

⁷ The works of his hands are verity and judgement : all his commandments are true.

⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever : and are done in truth and equity.

⁹ He sent redemption unto his people :

he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom : a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Second Letter of S. Paul to Timothy (2: 8-15)

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself. ¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♫ **Alleluia!** In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. *1 Thessalonians 5: 18* **Alleluia** ♫

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

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ **Luke (17: 11-19)**
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to the Samaritan, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

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, Sarah, archbishop of Canterbury-designate, 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. Luke** the Evangelist, **S. Edward** the Confessor **S. Pope Callistus**, **S. Teresa** of Ávila, **S. Hedwig**, **S. Margaret Mary Alacoque** **S. Ignatius** of Antioch, **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: 439

Praise to the Holiest in the height (Tune: Gerontius)

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, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. 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.

Celebrant sings the Preface in which God is praised for his mighty acts, & the choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosánná in excélsis.

✠ **Benedíctus** qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánná in excélsis.

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 said:

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 is sung by the choir.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Cf. 1 John 3: 2

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.*

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my
soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You
as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

S. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1797)

Choir sings the Communion Motet, O sacrum convivium

(Magnificat Antiphon for Second Vespers at Corpus Christi.)

Music composed by Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585).

O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur:

recolitur memoria passionis eius:

mens impletur gratia:

et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

O sacred feast in which we share in Christ.

*We recall the memory of his passion,
our minds are filled with grace;
and we receive the pledge of glory still to come.*

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: 307

Sweet Sacrament divine (Tune: Divine Mysteries)

Bookmark Prayer of S. Teresa of Ávila

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing;
God does not change.
Patience gains all things.
Who has God wants nothing.
God alone suffices.

Spanish original

Nada te turbe;
nada te espante;
todo se pasa;
Dios no se muda,
la paciencia
todo lo alcanza.
Quien a Dios tiene,
nada le falta.
Solo Dios basta.



Portrait of S. Teresa aged 61, true to her appearance, by Fray Juan de la Miseria, 1576.

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S. Teresa of Ávila, a Carmelite nun, prominent Spanish mystic, religious reformer, author, theologian of the contemplative life and of mental prayer, declared a Doctor of the Church, was born into an aristocratic Spanish family in 1515. Following her mother's death, she was educated by Augustinian nuns and then ran away from home to enter a Carmelite convent when she was twenty. After initial difficulties in prayer, her intense mystical experiences attracted many disciples. She was inspired to reform the Carmelite rule and, assisted by S. John of the Cross, she travelled throughout Spain founding many new religious houses for men as well as women. It led eventually to the establishment of the *Discalced Carmelites*, (i.e. "shoeless", sandal-wearing actually!) Carmelites, dedicated to a more austere life of prayer, work and penance. Her writings about her own spiritual life and progress in prayer towards union with God include *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, and her *Autobiography*.

S. Teresa experienced many hardships during her life, including illnesses and struggles both in her prayer life and in establishing her reformed Order. Still, she had an amiable disposition and a good sense of humour as well, as evidenced by a well-known story related to her. Supposedly, Jesus said to S. Teresa after she experienced some trial, "That's how I treat my friends" to which she replied, "and that's why you have so few"! Actually, as to her real feelings, she wrote in *The Interior Castle* that, "However many years life might last, no one could ever wish for a better friend than God." She died of exhaustion on 4 October 1582. Her feast is on **15th October** because the very day after her death the reformed calendar was adopted and eleven days were omitted from October that year.

Today's Collect is inspired by the opening paragraph of 'The Confessions' of S. Augustine (354-430)

"Great are you, O Lord, and exceedingly worthy of praise; your power is immense, and your wisdom beyond reckoning. And so we humans, who are a due part of your creation, long to praise you - we who carry our mortality about with us, carry the evidence of our sin and with it the proof that you thwart the proud. Yet these humans, due part of your creation as they are, still do long to praise you. You stir us so that praising you may bring us joy, because you have made us and drawn us to yourself, and our heart is restless, until it finds its rest in you."

The Confessions, Book I: 1.1.

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace

may always precede and follow us,

and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



¶ NOTICES & ANY BANNES OF MARRIAGE.

Stand

The Blessing

Bishop says,

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Blessed be the name of the Lord. **Now and for ever.**
Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Who made heaven and earth.**

Fr Paul

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

Bishop says,

The Lord bless you and keep you: **Amen.**
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you: **Amen.**
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace: **Amen.**
And the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal



The Recessional Hymn: 461

There's a wideness in God's mercy (Tune: Corvedale)

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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BLESSINGS FROM THE BISHOP

Bishop Alastair will offer blessings at the bottom of the chancel steps.

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Organ Voluntary

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& MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE CRYPT FOR REFRESHMENTS.**

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THE KALENDAR

17th after Trinity & 28th Week of Ordinary Time
12th to 18th October 2025

MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 12th, MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am**, EP 5pm
MON, 13th, S. Edward the Confessor, No Public Liturgies
TUES, 14th, S. Pope Callistus I, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
WEDS, 15th, S. Teresa of Ávila, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
THURS, 16th, S. Hedwig, S. Margaret M. Alacoque, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
FRI, 17th, S. Ignatius of Antioch; Rector's 19th Anniversary(2006), EP 6pm
SAT, 18th, S. Luke the Evangelist, **Mass 10.00am**, EP 6pm

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

19th OCTOBER 2025

18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at the **new time of 5pm**

THE NOTICES

PCC meeting this Wednesday, 15th Oct. 7.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

During the Autumn/Winter, the Rector will be running
preparation classes for **First Holy Communion**,
(Baptised children from 7 years upwards.
Parent/carer must also attend the classes)

The **6 Classes** will be at **I am on Saturday mornings.**

Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested.

**First Holy Communion will be at Parish Mass
on the Sunday before Lent, 15th February 2026**

Please also let Fr Paul know if you are interested in

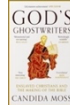
HOLY BAPTISM &/or in HOLY CONFIRMATION

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

Returns Thursday 30th Oct., 8.30 - 10pm on Zoom. Info
& login details on 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 on 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, and recommends that
members contribute 5% of their income to their church.

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** (churchyard
forecourt) & **Subscribe to the Rector's Weekly Email** directly
from the link on the website or by sending an email to:

stpaulsdeptford@btinternet.com

sent every Friday via MailChimp (GDPR compliant)