

THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL DEPTFORD



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Welcome to S. Paul's today in church or on Zoom.

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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 3rd SUNDAY
before ADVENT**

'Remembrance'

9th NOVEMBER 2025

**THE PARISH MASS
CHORAL
10.30am**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass Setting: Mass for Four Voices (1592-3)

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, My soul there is a country** (1918, 1933).

Music: Charles **Hubert Hastings Parry** (1848-7 October 1918).

Lyricist: Henry Vaughan (1621-1695).

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| <p>1. My soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a winged sentry
All skilful in the wars:</p> <p>3. He is thy gracious friend
And, O my soul, awake!
Did in pure love descend
To die here for thy sake.</p> <p>5. Leave then thy foolish ranges,
For none can thee secure
But One who never changes,
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.</p> | <p>2. There, above noise and danger
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles
And One, born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files.</p> <p>4. If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flow'r of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress and thy ease.</p> |
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Stand

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

The Processional Hymn: 417

O God, our help in ages past (Tune: St Anne)

✠ 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.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 88: 2

The Greeting

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



/ 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 Father, whose will is to restore all things

in your beloved Son, the King of all:

govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,

and bring the families of the nations,

divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,

to be subject to his just and gentle rule;

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 Job (19: 23-27a)

23 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! 24 O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! 25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; 26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, 27 whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

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

Psalm 17: 1-8 sung by the choir

Benedic, Exaudi, Domine

1 HEAR the right, O Lord, consider my complaint :
and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence :
and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.

3 Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night-season;
thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me :
for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.

4 Because of men's works, that are done against the words of thy lips :
I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.

5 O hold thou up my goings in thy paths : that my footsteps slip not.

6 I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me :
incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.

7 Shew thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them
which put their trust in thee : from such as resist thy right hand.

8 Keep me as the apple of an eye : hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Second Letter of S. Paul to the Thessalonians (2: 1-5, 13-17)

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

✠ **Alleluia!** Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and power, forever and ever. *Revelation 1:5a, 6b* **Alleluia** ✠

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

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ Luke (20: 27-38)
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, ²⁸ 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

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

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant

My sisters and brothers, through our common prayer let us pray for the coming of the peace and unity of your kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 1

Let us pray for the peace of the world: for statesmen and women and all in authority, that they might have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right; for all who work to improve international relationships, that they may find the true way to reconcile humankind divided by ethnicity, religion, politics, and self-interest and for men and women the world over, that they may have justice and freedom, and live in security and peace. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 2

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace: Turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself, that by the power of your Spirit the peace which is founded on righteousness may be established throughout the whole world. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 3

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war: for the injured and disabled, for the mentally distressed, and for those whose faith in God and humanity has been weakened or destroyed, for the homeless and refugees, for those who are hungry, and for all who have lost their livelihood and security. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 4

Let us pray and give thanks for the people of this Parish; for our families, friends and neighbours; for our schools, churches, organisations and groups; and for all the people who serve us in the community. Help us to work together for the peace and well-being of Deptford. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 5

Let us pray for all who are sick, those whose names appear on our Prayer Board and also *(Celebrant adds the names...)* Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 6

Let us pray for all those who mourn their dead, those who have lost friends, partners, children, brothers, sisters or parents, and especially for those who have no hope in Christ to sustain them in their grief. Lord in your mercy.

Celebrant

For the recently departed, *especially...* and all 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. Leo** the Great, **S. Martin** of Tours, **S. Josaphat**, **Ss. Florido** & **Amanzio**, **S. Albert** the Great, **All** you angels and saints.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, infinite in wisdom, love, and power: have compassion on those for whom we pray, and help us to use all suffering in the cause of your kingdom, through him who gave himself for us on the cross, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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, 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. Hosánnā in excélsis.

✠ *Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánnā 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

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

S. Matthew 5: 9

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, Rest,**
poem from 'Goblin Market and Other Poems' (1865) by Christina Rossetti (1830-94)
as set by **Ralph Vaughan Williams** (1902).*

O Earth, lie heavily upon her eyes;
Seal her sweet eyes weary of watching, Earth;
Lie close around her; leave no room for mirth
With its harsh laughter, nor for sound of sighs.

She hath no questions, she hath no replies,
Hushed in and curtained with a blessed dearth
Of all that irked her from the hour of birth;
With stillness that is almost Paradise.
Darkness more clear than noon-day holdeth her,
Silence more musical than any song;
Even her very heart has ceased to stir:
Until the morning of Eternity
Her rest shall not begin nor end, but be;
And when she wakes she will not think it long.

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: 377

Immortal, invisible, God only wise (Tune: St Denio)

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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 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: 492

O God of earth and altar (Tune: King's Lynn)

¶ THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping, those who have
died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we
treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

A list of those to be remembered by name is read.

*Choir sings, **For the fallen**, Words by Laurence Binyon (1914)*

Set by Douglas Albert Guest CVO, (1916 – 18 November 1996), in 1971.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

2 minutes Silence.

*Choir sings, **Orthodox Kontakion**, Kyiv Melody*

Translator: W. J. Birkbeck, (1869-1916)

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
Where sorrow and pain are no more;
Neither sighing but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, and the creator and maker of man:

And we are mortal formed from the dust of earth,

And unto earth shall we return: for so thou didst ordain,

When thou created me saying:

"Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."

All we go down to the dust;

And weeping o'er the grave we make our song:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
Where sorrow and pain are no more;
Neither sighing but life everlasting.

Celebrant says:

Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **We will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **We will.**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **Amen.**

✠ Rest eternal, grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

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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& 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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THE KALENDAR

**3rd before Advent & 32nd Week of Ord. Time
9th to 15th November 2025**

MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 9th,	MP 9am, PARISH MASS 10.30am , EP 5pm
MON, 10th,	S. Leo the Great, No Public Liturgies
TUES, 11th,	S. Martin of Tours, EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm
WEDS, 12th,	S. Jospaphat, EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm
THURS, 13th,	Ss. Florido & Amancio, EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm
FRI, 14th,	Feria, EP 6pm
SAT, 15th,	S. Albert the Great, Mass 10.00am , EP 6pm

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

16th NOVEMBER 2025

2nd SUNDAY before ADVENT

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 5pm

THE NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Preparation classes for First Holy Communion
begin after Parish Mass today, Sunday 9th November**

(Baptised children from 7 years upwards.

Parent/carer must also attend the classes)

**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

Meets some Thursdays, 8.30 - 10pm on Zoom.

Next date to be agreed. All welcome.

Info & login details on Parish website & the Rector's Weekly Email.

Open to ideas as to what we might read and discuss in 2026.

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)