

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 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 4th January 2026

**THE PARISH MASS
CHORAL
10.30am**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass Setting: Missa Aeterna Christi
Munera by G.P da Palearina (c.1525-1594)
Hymns in CAHON (orange book)
Please join in with the Bold Type

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Choir sings the Introit, Ich steh an deiner Krippe hier (from the Christmas Oratorio). Music composed (1733-36) by **J. S. Bach** (1685-1750).
Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)

1. Ich steh' an deiner Krippe hier
o Jesulein, mein Leben;
ich komme, bring' und schenke dir
was du mir hast gegeben.
Nimm hin, es ist mein Geist und Sinn
Herz, Seel' und Mut, nimm alles hin
und laß dir's wohl gefallen.

1. I stand beside your manger here,
Jesus, life of my living.
I come, and all the gifts I bear
Are things that you have given.
Accept them, Lord: my heart and soul
Mind, spirit, strength—accept it all,
And may it, Lord, be pleasing.

2. Ich sehe dich mit Freuden an
und kann mich nicht satt sehen,
und weil ich nun nicht weiter kann,
so tu ich, was geschehen.
O daß mein Sinn ein Abgrund wär
und meine Seel ein weites Meer
daß ich dich möchte fassen.

2. I look at you with utter joy
My eyes and heart are filling
And though I cannot do much more
To gaze on you is thrilling.
Oh, that my mind were canyon-deep
My soul a place wide as the sea
So I could comprehend you.

3. Wo nehm ich Weisheit und Verstand
mit Liebe zu erheben
die Äuglein, die so unverwand
nach mir gerichtet stehen;
der volle Mond ist schön und klar,
schön ist der güldnen Sternenschar,
dies Äuglein sind viel schöner.

3. How can I ever be so wise
To praise with understanding
The gaze of these relentless eyes
That hold me where I'm standing;
The full moon is a gorgeous sight
As are the golden stars so bright
But these eyes still outshine them.

4. Eins aber hoff ich, wirst du mir,
mein Heiland, nicht versagen,
daß ich dich möge für und für
in, bei und an mir tragen,
so laß mich doch dein Kripplein sein,
komm, komm und lege bei mir ein
dich und all deine Freuden.

4. I have just one hope, Saviour dear,
Pray you will not deny me,
May I forever hold you here
Within, without, beside me;
Lord, grant that I your manger be
Come, come, and find your home in me,
Bring all your joys within me.

Stand Station at Crib

Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed the incarnation of your Son by the bright shining of a star, which led the Magi to offer costly gifts in adoration. Let the star of your justice give light to our hearts, that we may give as our treasure all that we possess and all that we are; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

S. Luke 2: 16

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

The Processional Hymn: 724 - We three kings (Tune: Kings of Orient)

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo. / 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, / miserere nobis;
/ qui tollis peccáta mundi, / súscipe deprecationem nostram.
/ Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, / miserere nobis.
/ Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, / tu solus Dóminus,
/ tu solus Altíssimus, / Iesu Christe, / cum Sancto Spiritu:
/ ✠ 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

O God, who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory 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 prophet Isaiah (60: 1-6)

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

Psalms: 72: 1-15 is sung by the choir

Deus, judicium

¹ GIVE the King thy judgements, O God : and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

² Then shall he judge thy people according unto right : and defend the poor.

³ The mountains also shall bring peace :

and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

⁴ He shall keep the simple folk by their right :
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.
⁵ They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth :
from one generation to another.
⁶ He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool :
even as the drops that water the earth.
⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish :
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
⁸ His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other :
and from the flood unto the world's end.
⁹ They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him :
his enemies shall lick the dust.
¹⁰ The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents :
the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him : all nations shall do him service.
¹² For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth :
the needy also, and him that hath no helper.
¹³ He shall be favourable to the simple and needy :
and shall preserve the souls of the poor.
¹⁴ He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong :
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
¹⁵ He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia :
prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Letter of S. Paul to the Ephesians (3: 1-12)

¹ I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♪ **Alleluia!** We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage. *Cf S. Matt. 2: 2* **Alleluia!** ♪

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

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ **Matthew (2: 1-12)**
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ²'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

¶ **The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts**

*In keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church,
the moveable feasts of the current year are announced.*

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the **18th** day of **February** will fall **Ash Wednesday**, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the **5th** day of **April** you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the **14th** day of **May** will be the **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**. On the **24th** day of **May**, the feast of **Pentecost**. On the **7th** day of **June**, the feast of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. *(Corpus Christi)* On the **29th** day of **November**, the **First Sunday of the Advent** of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Today the Magi knelt before our Saviour. Let us also kneel to worship him with great joy and to make our prayer to his heavenly Father saying,
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 1

Father, the Magi came from the east to worship your Son: grant to Christians everywhere a true spirit of adoration. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 2

Father, you are King of kings and Lord of lords; grant an abundance of peace to your world. We pray especially for *(Celebrant adds the names...)*
Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 3

Father, the holy family shared the life of the people of Nazareth: protect in your mercy our neighbours and our families, together with the whole community of which we are a part. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 4

Father, your Son was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor: show your love for the poor and powerless, and strengthen them.
We remember all whose names are on the Prayer Board and also *(Celebrant adds the names...)*, and all who suffer. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 5

Father, the Magi presented to your Son gold, frankincense and myrrh: accept the gifts we bring and the offering of our hearts at the beginning of this new year. Lord in your mercy.

Celebrant

Father, you are the King of heaven, the hope of all who trust in you:
give to all the departed the wonders of your salvation.
We pray for the recently departed...
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.

*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. Joseph of Nazareth, Pray for us. Holy Magi
S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, **S. Paul** the Apostle, our Patron
S. Augustine and **S. Monica**, **S. Benedict** and **S. Scholastica**
S. Francis and **S. Clare** of Assisi, **S. Angela** of Foligno
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: 641 - The first Nowell (Tune: Traditional)

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

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church in which are offered now not gold, or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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. Hosánna in excélsis.

✠ Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna 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

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta 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

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Cf. S. Matthew 2: 2

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies

Amen.

and then receives.

Choir sings the **Communion Motet, Bethlehem Down.** Music composed by **Peter Warlock** (1894-1970). Words by **Bruce Blunt** (1899-1957).

1. When he is king we will give him the kings' gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
"Beautiful robes", said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her firstborn on Bethlehem Down.

2. Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight—
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

3. When he is king they will clothe him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

4. Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

* 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: 326 - In the Bleak Midwinter (Tune: Cranham)

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the Magi have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



¶ NOTICES & ANY BANNES OF MARRIAGE.

¶ Blessing of Epiphany chalk

It is customary for the faithful to bless their homes at Epiphany with blessed chalk.

Bless, ✠ O Lord God, this creature, chalk,
and let it be a help to humankind.
Grant that those who will use it with faith in your most holy name,
and with it inscribe on the doors of their homes
the names of your saints, Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar,
may through their merits and intercession
enjoy health in body and protection of soul;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*After sprinkling the chalk with Holy Water, it is then distributed to the faithful,
whilst the Celebrant marks the church west doors.*

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The **digits**, which appear at the beginning and end of the line, designate the New Year. The **crosses** represent the protection of the Precious Blood of Christ, whom we invoke, and the holiness of the Three Magi sanctified by their adoration of the Infant Christ. **CMB** stands for the traditional names of the Magi, (Casper, Melchior and Balthasar) and also signifies the Latin prayer '**Christus Mansionem Benedicat**' translated as, '**May Christ bless this dwelling**'.

These initials over our doorway serve to remind us of Christ, who the Magi saw in that manger and how they saw Him. They remind us to adore him as they did. The chalk markings remain over the door until Pentecost. The inscription is made, so that all who enter and depart the home may enjoy God's blessing. It also provides a very public witness to the Faith. It is a popular custom that all who enter or re-enter their home for the first time after the blessing should step with their right foot across the threshold so as to start things off "on the right foot."

¶ At Home

Mark your front door, or lintel, with chalk.

After writing the inscription we pray the following prayers:

The Magnificat, the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S. Luke 1: 46-55)

is said in the home, and whilst incense may be burned:

✠ My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm:
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy, the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Then say **the Lord's Prayer**: Our Father... & these prayers:

1. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. **Amen.**
2. Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
3. Lord our God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Stand

The Solemn Blessing

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

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

May God the Father, who led the Magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from light, lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, give us a place with the saints in light in the kingdom of his beloved Son. **Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts and fill our lives with his joy and peace. **Amen.**

And may 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: 49 - As with gladness (Tune: Dix)

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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THE COLLECTION OF MONEY

is taken for the Mission & Ministry of the Church.

Please see the **Financial Information** Section in the **Notices** on the back page of this Mass Sheet for further information about giving to S. Paul's. Contactless payment and Yellow envelopes are provided for the gifts of visitors. Please fill in the front of the envelope or enter the details on the machine so that we can claim Gift Aid on your offering.

Regular members of S. Paul's should be giving by Direct Debit, or be part of the parish envelope scheme.

Please see the Churchwardens or Hon. Treasurer for further details.

THE KALENDAR

MASS & Other Service Times in church

2nd WEEK of CHRISTMASS - 4th to 10th January 2026

SUN, 4th, MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am, EP 5pm**
MON, 5th, Feria, No Public Liturgies
TUES, 6th, Feria, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
WEDS, 7th, Feria, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
THURS, 8th, Feria, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
FRI, 9th, Feria, EP 6pm
SAT, 10th, Feria, **Mass 10.00am, EP 6pm**

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

11th JANUARY 2026

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

MORNING PRAYER at 9am

PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 5pm

THE NOTICES

The Rector would like to thank everyone for their generous Christmass greetings and gifts.

**First Holy Communion at Parish Mass
Sunday, 15th February 2026.**

Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested in
HOLY BAPTISM &/or in **HOLY CONFIRMATION**

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

We will begin our discussion

of 'Transcendence for Beginners' by Clare Carlise,
on Thursday, 29th January 8.30-10pm on Zoom.

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

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)

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