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Churchwardens: Mr Andrew Taylor & Mr Ian Bhullar
Organist: Mr William Parkinson



**THE 18th SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY
'HARVEST FESTIVAL'
4th October 2026**

**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

¶ THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Stand

Entrance Antiphon

The earth has yielded its fruit, the Lord our God has blessed us. *Cf. Psalm 67: 6*

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

The Processional Hymn: 262

We plough the fields, and scatter (Tune: Wir Pflügen)

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.

¶ THE BRINGING FORWARD OF SYMBOLS OF THE HARVEST

The gifts are brought forward to the front of the Sanctuary, placed by the shrine of our Lady of Deptford, sprinkled with holy water, censed, and then blessed by the celebrant.

Prayers of Penitence

Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

The Confiteor

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;**
(And, striking their breast, they say:)
**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**
(Then they continue:)
**therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God. Amen.**

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution

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

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

The Kyrie Eleison

The 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

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings

First Reading from the Old Testament

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (8: 7-18)

⁷ The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹ Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶ and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

Psalm 65

R. / You crown the year with goodness.

- ¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- ² To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.
- ³ Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out. **R. /**
- ⁴ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
- ⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away. **R. /**
- ⁶ You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.
- ⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples. **R. /**
- ⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. **R. /**
- ¹⁰ You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
- ¹¹ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- ¹² You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty. **R. /**
- ¹³ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- ¹⁴ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing. **R. /**

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the second letter of S. Paul to the Corinthians (9: 6-15)

⁶ The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♪ **Alleluia!** Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life. *S. John 4: 35* **Alleluia! ♫**

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

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ **Matthew (6: 24-34)**
Glorify to you, O Lord.

²⁴ Jesus said: "No one can serve two lords; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot be a slave both to God and Mammon. ²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first for the kingdom of God and its justice and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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 peace let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 1

O God, the beginning and end of all things, in your providence and care you watch unceasingly over all creation; we offer our prayers that in us and in all your people your will may be done, according to your wise and loving purpose in Christ our Lord. Lord of all life: **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 2

We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life; for farming and fishing communities and their workers, for packers, distributors, transport workers, company boards, shopworkers; as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other, enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others before our own. Lord of all creation: **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 3

We pray for all engaged in research to safeguard crops against disease, and to produce abundant life among those who hunger and whose lives are at risk. Prosper the work of their hands and the searching of their minds that their labour may be for the welfare of all.

Lord of all wisdom: **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 4

We pray for governments and aid agencies, and those areas of the world where there is war, oppression, disaster, drought and starvation. By the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts and the hearts of all who live in comfort and plenty to hunger and thirst for justice, and make us wise stewards of your gifts.

Lord of all justice: **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 5

We pray for those who are sick or in any other kind of need, including the names on our prayer board and also... *(Celebrant reads the names...)*

Lord of all mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 6

We offer ourselves to your service, asking that by the Spirit at work in us others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace.

Lord of all faithfulness: **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

We pray for the recently departed 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. Joseph of Nazareth, Pray for us. 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. Faustina Kowalska, S. Bruno, S. Denys & Companions, S. Robert Grosseteste

S. John Henry Newman, S. Paulinus, 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: 263

All creatures of our God and King (Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen)

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

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **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

The LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.
The LORD brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey.

Deuteronomy 26: 7-9

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.*

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: 294

Just as I am (Tune: Saffron Walden)



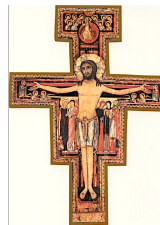
Short biography and some prayers of S. Francis of Assisi

Founder of the Order of Friars Minor (OFM)
known as, 'The Franciscans'
(1182 - 4 October 1226)

Today we commemorate the **800th anniversary of the Transitus — the passing from this life to eternal life — of Saint Francis of Assisi**, who died on the evening of 3 October 1226. Francis called death "Sister Death", not because he sought death, but because he had learned to receive every part of life as a gift from God. At the end, surrounded by his brothers at the little chapel of the Portiuncula, he asked to be laid upon the bare earth, returning himself entirely into God's hands. His Transitus reminds us that the Christian journey is not simply about what we achieve, but about becoming ever more free to love, to give thanks, and finally to entrust ourselves to God. As we remember Francis, may we share something of his joy, his poverty of spirit, his love for creation and his passion for peace, and learn with him to welcome both life and death as gifts held within the mercy of God.

Francis was born in Assisi in central Italy in 1182 or the following year. He was baptised Giovanni but given the name Francesco by his father, a cloth merchant who traded in France and had married a French wife. There was an expectation that he would eventually take over his father's business, but Francis had a rebellious youth and a difficult relationship with his father. After suffering the ignominy of imprisonment following capture whilst at war with the local city of Perugia, he returned a changed man. He took to caring for disused churches and for the poor, particularly those suffering from leprosy. Whilst praying in the semi-derelict church of S. Damian, he distinctly heard the words: "Go and repair my church, which you see is falling down." Others joined him and he prepared a simple, gospel-based Rule for them all to live by. As the Order grew, it witnessed to Christ through preaching the gospel of repentance, emphasising the poverty of Christ as an example for his followers. Two years before his death, his life being so closely linked with that of his crucified Saviour, he received the Stigmata, the marks of the wounds of Christ, on his body. At his death, known as the transitus, on the evening of 3 October 1226, his Order had spread throughout western Christendom. See the Rector's email for more information S. Francis, the 800th anniversary, and the Franciscan tradition.

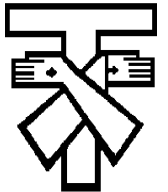
Prayer before the Cross of San Damiano.



Most High,
glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart.
Give me true faith,
certain hope
and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge, Lord,
that I may carry out
Your holy and true command.

Prayer on entering a Church.

We adore you,
Lord Jesus Christ,
in all Your churches
throughout all the world;
and we bless You because,
by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.



Meditation Prayer.

Deus Meus et Omnia.
My God and my all.

The Absorbear

"Absorbear" is the medieval Latin name for a prayer associated with *Saint Francis of Assisi* (1182 - 4 October 1226) often translated as "absorb" or "swallow up" in English. It asks God's love to so absorb one's heart that it becomes withdrawn from earthly concerns and ready to die for love of God. The prayer itself was "much loved by S. Francis," though not necessarily composed by him. Here is the full prayer as commonly translated:

May the power of your love, Lord Christ,
fiery and sweet as honey,
so absorb our hearts as to withdraw them
from all that is under heaven.
Grant that we may be ready
to die for love of your love,
as you died for love of our love. **Amen.**

The Latin original:

Absorbear, quaeso, Domine,
mentem meam et cor meum
ignita et melliflua vis amoris
Tui ab omnibus quae mundo sunt;
ut amoris Tui moriar,
qui pro amore amoris mei dignatus es mori.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



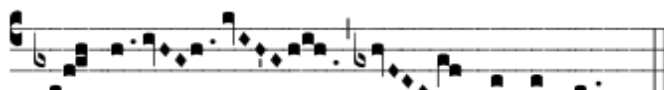
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Stand

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, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal



I- te, míssa est,
Dé- o grá-ti- as,

The Recessional Hymn: 259

Come, ye thankful people, come (Tune: St George's Windsor)

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

18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
27th WEEK of ORDINARY TIME

4th to 10th October 2026

MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 4th, MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am, EP 5pm**

800th Anniversary of the Transitus of S. Francis (1226-2026)

MON, 5th, S. Faustina Kowalska

No Public Liturgies

TUES, 6th, S. Bruno

MP 9.15am, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**

WEDS, 7th, Our Lady of the Rosary

MP 9.15am, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**

THURS, 8th, Feria

MP 9.15am, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**

FRI, 9th, S. John Henry Newman

MP 9.15am, EP 6.00pm

SAT, 10th, S. Paulinus

MP 9.15am, **Mass 10.00am, EP 6pm**

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

11th OCTOBER 2026

19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

PARISH MASS CHORAL at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 5pm

THE NOTICES

Dr Harry Bramma, organist, RIP

11th Nov 1936 - 23rd Aug 2026

Funeral Mass at Southwark Cathedral
Thursday 8th Oct - 2pm

Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested in

HOLY BAPTISM &/or HOLY CONFIRMATION

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

Next session to be arranged. All welcome.

Thursdays, 8.30-10pm on Zoom.

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

Ideas for the next book and/or film appreciated!

CHURCH CLEANING 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, 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)