

**St Paul's Church,  
Parkside**



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2017  
Advent 3**

**Welcome to St Paul's** If you are here for the first time, please introduce yourself to one of the people at the door before the service and join us afterwards for coffee or juice in the community centre. Children are very welcome here. If you are here with very young children and they need a break, then please make use of the toys & books in the coffee lounge. The service is relayed there so you won't miss anything – and come and go as you like. Members of **all** churches are welcome to receive communion.

<b>8:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion (1662)</b>	Margery Toller
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>	Margery Toller
<b>Hymns</b>	4, Advent wreath carol, 690, 325, Over my head, 695.	
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28	Rosemary Booth Richard Simon
<b>Intercessions</b>	Joan Endean	
<b>Offertory</b>	Rosemary & Richard	
<b>Collect</b>	Lord of light, who sent the Baptist to offer hope and face the world's scorn: open our ears to hear the cries from the margins, exposing our fears, inciting our vision and calling us to a step of faith; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.	
<b>Post Communion Prayer</b>	We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.	
<b>18:00</b>	<b>Songs of Praise Carol Service</b>	Heinz Toller

After the service: *Also sprach Zarathustra!* by Richard Strauss (1864-1949) [as used in Arthur C. Clarke's iconic film *2001*, to mark the centenary of the birth of the celebrated Science Fiction writer 16th December 1917 - "... the voice of the prophet".]

**Advent Ring Carol** *To the tune of 'The Holly And The Ivy'*

**Chorus:**

The Holly and the Ivy  
Are dancing in a ring  
Round the berry bright red candles  
And the white and shining King.

**Verse 1**

Oh, one is for God's people  
In every age and day  
We are watching for His coming  
We believe and we obey

**Verse 2**

And two is for the prophets,  
And for the light they bring,  
They are candles in the darkness  
All alight for Christ the King.

**Verse 3**

And three is for John the Baptist;  
He calls on us to sing,  
'O prepare the way for Jesus Christ,  
He is coming Christ the King.'

**Today, Advent tea in the Community Centre from 4-5.45.**

**For your diary: for all Advent and Christmas events see flyer and the notice board outside the church**

**This year we'll be CAROL SINGING in and around Southfields in aid of GLASS DOOR** Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>: 6-7pm at the Tube Station (Southfields Churches Together). Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>: between 7 and 9pm "Southfields Gardens" (meet at the Vicarage at 7pm).

**Helpers needed.** We will be decorating the Church for our Christmas Services on **Saturday 23rd December starting at 10 am.** The usual help would be most welcome so could you donate some seasonal greenery (with or without berries) form your garden or come and help on the day. Helping to decorate from 10 am but if you are able to come and help clear up please join us for coffee about 11.15am and stay to make sure the church is clean and tidy for the Christmas services. Offers of help please to me Doreen Hewitt, phone number 02083374815.

**Prayer Calendar for this week**

<b>Mon</b> <b>18</b>	9:00	No Service (staff day off)
Birthdays		Bette Waller
Intercessions		Lewesdon Close, Inner Park Road
<b>Tue</b> <b>19</b>	09:00 09:25	Morning Prayer Bible Study (in the Vicarage)
Birthdays		Daphne Foster
Intercessions		Limpsfield Avenue
<b>Wed</b> <b>20</b>	9:00 9:30	Silent Morning Prayer <b>Albemarle Primary School Christmas Carol Service</b> <b>No Holy Communion at 10am</b>
Birthdays		
Intercessions		Lindale, Wimbledon Park Road
<b>Thu</b> <b>21</b>	9:00	Morning Prayer
Birthdays		Nick Harper-Jones
Intercessions		Linden Court, Augustus Road
<b>Fri</b> <b>22</b>	9:00	Silent Morning Prayer
Birthdays		
Intercessions		Linden House, Victoria Drive
<b>Sat</b> <b>23</b>	9:00	Morning Prayer
Birthdays		
Intercessions		Linden Lodge School, Princes Way
<b>Sun</b> <b>24</b>	08:00 10:00 23:30	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b> <b>Sung Communion</b> <b>Midnight Holy Communion for Christmas</b>
		Heinz Toller Heinz Toller/Norman Allen

**In Memoriam:** Helena Bedin-Bello, Danie Nel

**Please pray for:** Ossie, Muru Thiru, Sue, David Peck, Phyllis, Paula, Helen, MT, Jeanne, Yvette, Andrew, RK, Lisa, Bridget, Margaret, John, Andrew, Barbara.

**RIP** Maeve Ellen Osler 05.07.1924 – 01.12.2017  
Friends and family and members of the church are warmly invited to join Sarah Peart and the family for a service of remembrance at 12 midday on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December (**tomorrow**) at St Paul's Church followed by refreshments. Thank you, Sarah.

**Music today:**

Before the service: *Fantasia* by William Byrd (1540-1623)  
Between readings: *All in a garden green* by William Byrd (1540-1623)

**Important date for your Diary.** Heinz's last service before he retires will be on **January 28th at 10.00.** We hope that lots of people will be there and will come to a Bring-and-Share lunch afterwards to celebrate Heinz' and Margery's work and contribution to St Paul's over 18 years, to thank them and to wish them well.

**Adventures in Anglicanism**, a collaboration between Whitelands College and three local deaneries, is an opportunity to explore various Christian themes from an Anglican perspective. Our next two sessions, on the theme 'Is life meant to be fair?' will be on **17th January** 'A Theology of Human Rights' introduced by Prof Tina Beattie, University of Roehampton, and on **24th January** 'Is Fairness a Christian Concept?' introduced by our very own Revd Dr Nicky von Fraunhofer. There will be ample opportunity in each session to ask questions and discuss the various issues raised. The sessions are free and run from 7pm (for 7.30pm) to 9pm. Refreshments are served beforehand and afterwards. For more information contact the Head of College, Revd Dr Mark Garner (mark.garner@roehampton.ac.uk; 8392 3501)

**Food Bank** We are continuing to collect ready for the Christmas season. Contributions please, in the big box under the noticeboard near the main door of the Church. (Always needed are long life milk, tea, coffee, cereals tinned fish, tinned meat.)

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or **07533652695** during office hours,  
**Wed-Fri: 9:30-12:30,**  
based in the Community Centre Meeting Room.



**Our Parish website**  
<http://www.stpaulswimbledonpark.org.uk>  
You can access the site directly by scanning the code on the left with your smartphone.

Pew sheet contributions by **Thursday 10 am** to:  
**stpaulsparkside@gmail.com**

**St Paul's is a registered charity – No 1142917**  
**We can benefit from GiftAid if you use the envelopes provided**

**Do you have** a spare freestanding, plug-in **electric radiator** that you are not using over Christmas? If so, **we'd love to borrow it** as we have three of our grandchildren coming to stay and the open flame gas fires in our bedrooms are not safe for small children ... and if you have some child safety electric socket covers you could lend us that would be great too. Thanks, Heinz and Margery Tel: 020 8788 2024.