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Dear Friends

I used to dread Lent, but these days I look forward to it. It is a blessing to be given a season to draw closer to the Lord and develop our spiritual lives. For me, as a priest, the best Lents are those when I have been aware of the community of faith growing closer to the Lord – a corporate development of the spiritual life.

It is in this hope that we have put together the programme for Lent 2025. Our theme is God's mercy. It is an important theme. Lent is a season of penitence, when we confess our sins. The Christian understanding of repentance is inextricably bound up with our understanding of God's mercy. We believe in a merciful God, who is always ready to welcome us back to his fold with open arms. Just read the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15! We cannot speak of human sin without also speaking of divine mercy.

I particularly commend to you our two 'headline' events this Lent: the Devotional Tour of the National Gallery on II^h March, and our Celebration of Healing and Reconciliation on 23rd March. They are each being led by outstanding priests. Fr Peter Anthony combines a serious intellect with a delightfulness of touch; his tour will be both insightful and entertaining. The Revd Laura Darrall is an immensely gifted and personable communicator, and her deep faith and reliance on God's grace will be an enormous blessing to us.

With my love and prayers for a good and holy Lent Fr Daniel

Services in March 2025



Morning Prayer is said publically at 9.10am and Evening Prayer at 5pm Monday-Thursday. ST PAUL'S CHURCH

The church is open for visitors and private prayer every day from 9am to 5pm

Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
S	I				The sick
S	2	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
М	3				Racial justice
T	4				Peace in the Middle East
W	5	ASH WEDNESDAY	9am 12.30pm 8pm	Whole School Service Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our keeping of Lent
Т	6				Those preparing for the Christian rites of initiation
F	7	Ss Perpetua and Felicity			The persecuted Church
S	8				Parish clergy
S	9	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
М	10				Our PCC
Т	П		2pm	Devotional Tour of the National Gallery	The arts
W	12		12pm 12.30pm	Lectio Divina Eucharist	St Michael & All Angels, Negage
T	13				Climate justice
F	14				Our children and young people
S	15		_		Prisoners
S	16	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
М	17	St Patrick			The people of Ireland
Т	18		9.15am	School Eucharist	St Paul's School
W	19	St Joseph	12pm 12.30pm	Lectio Divina Eucharist	Families
Т	20	St Cuthbert			Missionaries
F	21				The homeless
S	22				Local charities
S	23	THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am 6pm	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Celebration of Healing and Reconciliation	Our parish and its people
М	24				Commerce and industry
Т	25	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BV MARY	12.30pm	Eucharist	Devotion to Our Lady
W	26		12pm 12.30pm	Lectio Divina Eucharist	Mothers' Union
Т	27				Our pastoral care team
F	28				The unemployed
S	29				Our Parish Safeguarding Officer
S	30	FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Mothering Sunday)	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M Services ti	31	t to change. Please contact the Parish Office for details. Co			The elderly

FEBRUARY 2025 FLOWER ROTA

Ist March Sharon Saunders

There will be no flowers in church during Lent apart from posies of daffodils that will be distributed on Mothering Sunday.

Everyone is invited to join the Group to make these posies. If you would like to help, please contact Adele, our Flower Arranging Organizer, on adele.houldsworth@gmail.com or 07917060233 to find out the time and place for meeting up to make them.

Adele would also be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join the flower arranging team. Both experienced flower arrangers and people who would like to develop their skills would be most welcome.

FROM THE REGISTERS JANUARY 2025 BAPTISMS



12th January Magnus Benger Ella Farragher

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Heavenly Father, have mercy on your Church in all its need.

As we turn away from sin may we turn to you in repentance and embrace your holiness with all our heart.

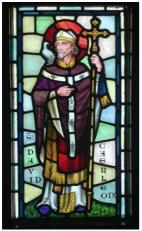
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ST. DAVID (I MARCH)

'Be Joyful. Keep the Faith. Do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.'

'Gwnewch y pethau bychain mewn bywyd.'



century Wales, with one legend telling of his mother, St Non, giving birth to him on a clifftop in Pembrokeshire during a storm. However, the exact date of his birth is unknown, and he was either born in Caerfai, Dyfed or Ceredigion. He was a native Welsh Christian and later became the Bishop of Minevia. He was dedicated to God, spreading the Christian faith and his life was marked by simplicity, devotion, and deep faith, which embodied key biblical teachings.

David emphasized living simply, prioritizing prayer, service, and devotion over wealth or status. He was said to have lived on a diet of leeks and water as a sign of his commitment to humility.

He founded many monastic communities and churches across Wales, Brittany, and South West England, including the community at Glyn Rhosyn (now St David's Cathedral).

His life was a model of Christ's call to humility: "The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted." (Matthew 23:11-12). David preached extensively throughout Wales, fulfilling the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19-20). His teachings focused on practical faith, urging people to live out their beliefs in daily actions, in the same way as the apostle Paul encouraged believers to "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (I Corinthians II:I).

Throughout his life, Saint David performed miracles. He is said to have brought a dead boy back to life by sprinkling the child's face with tears and healed his blind tutor with the sign of the cross. At one point, the ground beneath him rose to form a hill, allowing a larger crowd in

Llanddewi Brefi to hear him, and a white dove settled on his shoulder as he preached.

Saint David's well-remembered words came from a sermon he gave before his death: 'Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do'. Though the exact date is uncertain, David is said to have died on 1st March 589. He was buried at the site of

Saint David's Cathedral and during the Middle Ages his shrine was a place of pilgrimage. After his death, his holiness and miracles led to his veneration as a saint. In the 12th Century, Pope Callixtus II canonised him, and by this time, more than 60 churches in Wales were dedicated to him.





Saint David's feast day, celebrated on March Ist, honours his virtues of humility, perseverance, and faithfulness. Since the 16th Century, Welsh people have been wearing a leek, which is St. David's personal symbol, or a daffodil, the

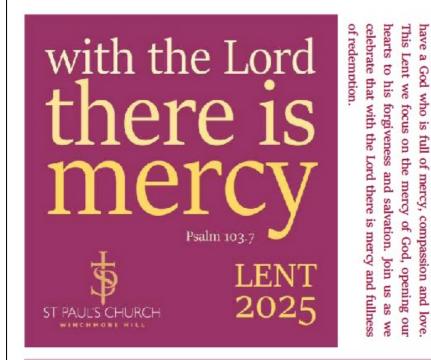
national symbol of Wales, or both to celebrate St. David's Day!

Saint David's life encourages us to live with humble and quiet devotion, trusting that we encounter God's love and grace in our small, faithful acts. As we celebrate his feast day, let us pray for the strength to follow his example, doing the little things with great love, knowing that God works miracles through our simple acts of faith.

Happy St. David's Day! ~ Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus!

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The main Church Hall can be hired for weekend birthday parties. £52.50 per hour. 3 hour minimum for a party booking Discounts available for regular use. For more information contact our Facilities Manager, Ayse Eris, at facilities@spwh.org or 07946 852 110



Ash Wednesday: 5 March

The beginning of Lent

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence, as we begin this season of penitence and self-denial.

At the Eucharist of Ash Wednesday, ashes are blessed, and we are 'ashed' as a reminder of our mortality and our need of God's mercy.



In an unforgiving world it is easy for us to forget that we

12.30pm Said Eucharist 8pm Sung Eucharist St Paul's Church

A Devotional Tour of the National Gallery

Led by the Revd Dr Peter Anthony

For 200 years the National Gallery has been bringing people and paintings together at the heart of the nation's capital.

Fr Peter Anthony, Vicar of All Saints, Margaret Street, takes us on a tour of the gallery, exploring how works of art can deepen our understanding of the Christian life.



Tuesday 11 March 2025, 2pm Book your place at office@spwh.org

This event is in partnership with All Saints, Margaret Street

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina – literally divine reading – is a way of reading the Bible reflectively and contemplatively, allowing the reader to be immersed in the Word of God.

Members of our Ministry Team will help us reflect on gospel passages which communicate the mercy of God. This takes place each Wednesday before the lunchtime Eucharist; come to either or both.



Wednesday 12, 19, 26 March, 2, 9 April 12pm Lectio Divina, 12.3opm Eucharist St Paul's Church

A Celebration of Healing and Reconciliation

Preacher: The Revd Laura Darrall

A liturgy of prayers, readings and music celebrating God's mercy and love, and his power to reach us at our deepest point of need. With opportunities to receive ministries of healing and reconciliation.

The Revd Laura Darrall is a priest, writer and actor, and a regular contributor to Radio 4's *Daily Service*.



Sunday 23 March 2025, 6pm

St Paul's Church

Quiet Day

A day of stillness and reflection for Lent run by our Pastoral Team. Meditations, prayers, songs, quiet activities and sharing of reflections. Light refreshments available, please bring your own journal and blanket (if wanted). Note that this day is not suitable for children.



Saturday 29 March 2025, 10.30am-3.30pm St Paul's Church Book by emailing pastoral@spwh.org

Other Lent resources



Following Jesus, responding to the climate and ecological emergency, and renewing our faith and discipleship aren't rival projects. They may turn out to be the same thing. For Lent 2025, everyone across the Diocese of London is invited to reflect deeply on five significant moments in Jesus' life and ministry. As we take this journey together, how might we encounter Christ through creation, pursue justice from within, and convert our fearful reactions into a loving response?

Tuesdays during Lent, online, 7.30-8:30pm www.london.anglican.org for details.



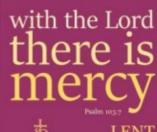
Develop a daily connection with God. Connect with God with the new Everyday Faith app. Journey daily with reflections to inspire, equip and encourage you in your everyday faith. Everyday Faith is now available to download for iOS and Android.







Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Grange Park once again offers a Launch Lent evening on Tuesday 11 March at Winchmore Hill United Reformed Church, on Compton Road. Check our weekly enewsletter and notice sheet for more details.





Holy Week & Easter 2025

Palm Sunday 13 April

8am Said Eucharist

Liturgy of Palms, Procession 10am

and All-Together Eucharist starting on The Green

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

7pm Said Eucharist and homily

Maundy Thursday 17 April

Sung Eucharist 8pm

followed by Watch of the

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Good Friday 18 April

10am Children's Liturgy

Ecumenical Walk of Witness 11.30am

2pm Liturgy of Good Friday, with Holy Communion

Easter Eve 19 April

8.30pm The Easter Vigil

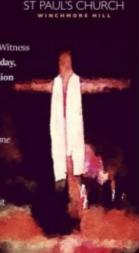
followed by champagne

Easter Day 20 April

8am Said Eucharist

9.15am Joyful Noise Eucharist

Sung Eucharist 10.30am



Racial Justice

Lent Appeal 2025: Climate Justice



Since 1998, the Diocese of London has been linked with the Anglican churches in Angola and Mozambique through ALMA (Angola London Mozambique Association). In recent years these two African countries have been greatly affected by the impact of climate change. This Lent we are invited to think about Climate Justice, the challenges our partners face every day and their responses to them. Examples of how climate change has affected these two countries include:

- Cyclones Chido (2024) and Dikeledi (2025) devastated Cabo Delgado and Nampula provinces in northern Mozambique and destroyed many buildings (homes, churches and schools), which need to be rebuilt.
- + Serious coastal erosion in the Diocese of Inhambane, Mozambique, is being addressed by the Green Anglicans' mangrove replanting initiatives to protect the coast. The Green Anglicans are also engaged in urban tree planting, litter collection, and clearing culverts in cities and beaches.
- The population in southern Angola is suffering the worst drought in 40 years and the consequential poor harvests, as well as the aftereffects of the El Niño climate phenomenon. In response, the Church is providing nutrition education for families and caregivers of children and also emergency aid to those displaced by drought and hunger.

Money raised in the Lent Appeal will be split between the Cyclone emergency response in Nampula (60%), the Green Anglican projects in Inhambane (10%) and drought relief in Southern Angola (30%).

You can donate using this QR code or by cash/cheque via the Parish Office.



How can



you help?

This year's May Fair is only two months away and we want it to be the best one yet, so it is time to think about how **YOU** can help to achieved this.

- * Would you like to help on a stall at the Fair?
- * Can you help set up the Fair on evening of Friday 9th May?
- * Does your employer offer matched giving / charity matching? If so, scan the QR code below or contact the Parish Office (office@spwh.org / 020 8886 4290) today!

There are other ways to help, especially by donating items for the stalls and games. Items needed will include:

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Please begin to collect these items together and next month we will tell you where and when you can bring them to church.





Make A Mother's Day 2025

Give a Gift of Peace this Mothering Sunday Sunday 30th March

Every year the Mothers' Union organises a Mothering Sunday campaign to raise funds to support its global community projects which transform lives every day.

Around the world mothers, grandmothers and other carers work tirelessly to help their families and communities thrive, often unnoticed and without thanks.

To celebrate Mothering Sunday why not buy a **'Gift of Peace'** which will empower women living in challenging circumstances to learn new skills so they can better support their families and play an active role in their local communities. Examples of Gifts of Peace can be found at https://mueshop.org/collections/make-a-mothers-day-2025. The price of these gifts range from £10 upwards.

When you purchase one of these life-changing gifts, you will receive a gift card detailing the impact of your generosity, along with a beautiful Mothering Sunday greetings card to give to your loved one. Your thoughtful gift will help bring hope, peace, and lasting change to families in need around the world.

MOTHERS' UNION DIARY MARCH 2025

MOTHERS' UNION AGM THURSDAY 20TH MARCH AT 2 PM

Come along to hear reports on our \overline{MU} activities in the last 12 months and help us plan for future events.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL OUR MOTHERS' UNION MEETINGS AND EVENTS SO DO COME ALONG AND JOIN US.

Church Open



St Paul's Church is open 9am-5pm every day* for people to pray, be quiet, or have a look round.

* There may be occasions when it is not possible for the church to be open, or an event may be taking place. If you are making a special visit, please contact us in advance.

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PATRONAL FESTIVAL 200 DRAW

These are the results of the 200 Draw held at the Patronal Festival:

- * Ist Prize £300 Scott's Travel Voucher Emma Mulgrove (Ticket Number 37)
- * 2nd Prize £200 cash Madeline West (Ticket Number 163)
- * 3rd Prize £100 cash Paul Prigmore (Ticket Number 94)
- * 4th Prize £50 cash Yvonne Griffin (Ticket Number 20)
- * 5th Prize £50 cash Simon Garosch (Ticket Number 179)

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to everyone who bought tickets – we ended up making over £500.

A special thanks to Scott's Travel who kindly donated the first prize.

Martyn Caswell

St Paul's Church has been supporting the charity All People All Places (APAP) for some time by providing



sandwiches for their Day Centre in Pymmes Park on Tuesdays each week (as described in the article in the October 2024 magazine written by Rhiannon Sheldon) and also by donating money raised by 'Carols on The Green' each year.

APAP's mission is to break cycles of poverty and disadvantage, and to tackle issues of homelessness in Haringey and Enfield by:

- Providing respite to those rough sleeping
- Supporting individuals through and beyond housing crisis
- Preventing people from experiencing the nightmare impact of rough sleeping

As well as running the Day Centre, during the last two years APAP has provided night shelter provision for rough sleepers on a year round basis, not just during the winter months. Of all the clients supported in this way, last year none returned to rough sleeping and the majority were found permanent or temporary accommodation.

Another part of the work of APAP is their support for households facing eviction. (It is a little known fact that 300 London households face eviction every week.) There are many reasons why families might find themselves facing homelessness including the receipt of an eviction order from a landlord, getting into arrears with rent or illegal eviction resulting from harassment by a landlord. Whatever the reason for being threatened with eviction, APAP's casework service can provide support and advice about tenants' rights, information on how to apply for any benefits available to their clients and assistance in finding alternative accommodation.

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