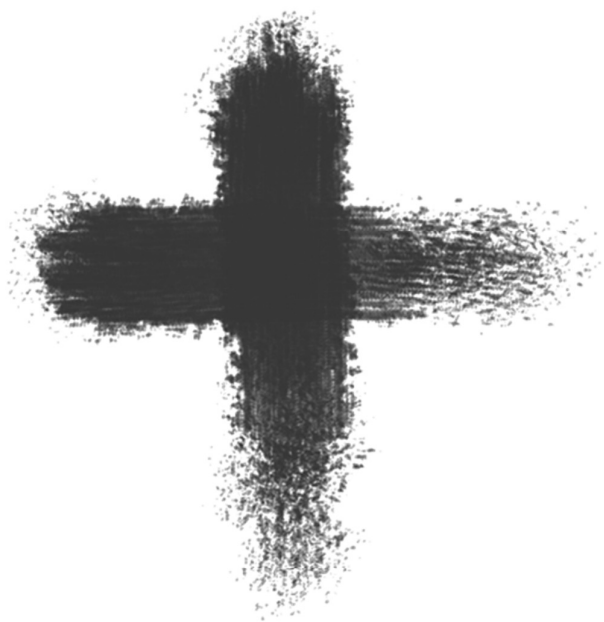


Ash Wednesday

18th February
Services at 1pm and 7pm



Holy Communion
with self-examination and ashing



St Mark's

The Church at the Heart of Wimbledon
Sunday 1st February 2026

Welcome! Whether you are a visitor or a regular member of the congregation, we pray that you might come closer to God during the service.

Children & young people: We currently have a single group for children pre-school age and above that meets in the hall after the first hymn. We ask that children under four are accompanied. Do join us!

Parents with babies & toddlers are welcome to use the chapel at the back of the church behind the glass windows. There are toys and books provided, & a loudspeaker so you can hear what is happening during the service.

Thinking of making a donation to the church? You can give contactlessly using the card reader at the back of church, or via your mobile phone using the QR code in the Entrance Area. If you give regularly, why not join the Planned Giving Scheme? This is an easy way to give and helps the church plan its finances. Contact Sheila Dunman: s.dunman@btinternet.com, for more information, or pick up a Planned Giving form from the back of St Mark's.

Mobile telephones: Please ensure these are turned off / silent during the service.

After the service please collect a tea, coffee or squash in the narthex (entrance hall).

Can't be here every Sunday? We can help you stay in touch with St Mark's by emailing the notice and readings sheets to you each week. Please email your request to office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk.

Our mission statement, purpose, and reason for being here:

- To be enriched by the love of God
- To extend the welcome of God
- To express the compassion of God

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Church Office hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am – 1.30pm (please check overleaf for any amendments) 020 8944 8436 office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk

Items for inclusion should reach the Church Office by 9am Wednesday of each week.

Prayer requests - please pray for:

Gerald Dorman	Mike McTernan
Holly Hayes	Eze Joseph
Liz Pinto	Matina Stylianou
Janet McKenzie	Tina Joseph
Margaret Sarsby	Mark
Jane Pillay	Sarah Wong

Organisations that St Mark's supports: this month we are praying for **Wimbledon Guild**

RIP:

Ian Caldwell
Jean Telfer

If you would like to add an individual to our prayer request list, please email the Church Office or use the intercession folder at the back of the Church.

Sunday Hospitality: we are called to connect with one another and with everyone who walks through our door. Can you help with any of these roles? Training will be given where necessary and you can also shadow someone already doing this job before you commit. We hope that lots of members of the congregation will be helping out in some way every 3 or 4 weeks. Some jobs are easy to combine.

Audio Visual - set up microphones, show slides, record services to put on our website.

Sunday club - support the Sunday club leaders and spend time with the younger members of our congregation. You don't have to have children yourself. Safeguarding checks will be done and safeguarding training is essential.

Tea & Coffee - Make and serve drinks after the service. Arrive early to set up or stay at the end to clear up.

Welcome - be at the door to welcome people to the service.

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Please feel free to chat to the current volunteers. *Jane Andrews.*

Notices

Services this week:

Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	1pm	Holy Communion
Thursday	2pm	Team Prayers at St John's

Morning and Evening Prayer as well as a midweek Eucharist are also held at St Matthew's and St Mary's. Please see their websites for details. *Jane Andrews.*

Ash Wednesday (18th February) marks the start of Lent and is one of the major observances of the church. We will be holding two services: 1pm and 7pm. Each will be a simple said Eucharist with an act of self-examination and ashing and will last about 45 minutes. I encourage you to set your intention for this holy season by coming to one of these two services. *Jane Andrews.*

Pray for the Climate: Sunday 1st February at 12.30pm for half an hour in St Mark's Church. All welcome. Enquiries: julietboyd0740@gmail.com. *Juliet Boyd.*

Last week Bishop Gilpin school was inspected by **SIAMS** (Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools). The school worked hard to show off the best of all that they do and the children were, as usual, on very good form. The official outcome won't be released for a couple of weeks, but we were all pleased with how the day went. Thank you for your prayers. *Jane Andrews.*

More Tea Vicar



To help me be your vicar I'd like to know each of you better. If we've never really chatted or if it's a while since we last did, I would love to meet up for a coffee, a stroll on the common or a cuppa on the sofa. Please contact me or catch me after a service to arrange a time. *Jane Andrews.*

Children & Young People

Sunday Club: We currently have a single group for children pre-school age and above that meets in the hall after the Gloria. Today, 1st February, we will worship together in the 10am service but do join us for Sunday Club again next week. *Beccy and Steph.*

Rafters, our parish youth group for young people in years 8-13. Sunday evenings 6-7.30pm. A space to discover friendship, belonging, faith and your place in the world. This Sunday, 1st February @ St Mary's, 8th February YMIC, 1st March @ St Mary's. *Jane Andrews.*



I am very pleased to announce that we have a new **Youth Worker** in the parish. Her name is Nequela and she is funded by YMIC, the youth network that we have joined. Nequela will be leading Rafters, our parish youth group, connecting to local secondary schools and, we hope, building a youth congregation. She came ice-skating with Rafters and did a wonderful job of connecting to the young people and supporting those who were less confident on the ice. *Jane Andrews.*

We will be holding a **Lent study group** following the same pattern as in Advent beginning in the last week in February: Tuesday 6.30pm to 8.15pm, Wednesday 1.45pm to 2.45pm. More details to follow. *Jane Andrews.*

There is a table in the narthex of **lost property** which has accumulated in the church over the past couple of months. Please have a look to see if anything of yours is there. We will dispose of anything that is still left on Thursday 12th February. *Jane Andrews.*

Next week both our readings (Romans 8.18-25 and Matthew 6.25-34) invite us to consider what it means to rely on God. Amidst a cost of living crisis and increasing international tension, how can we draw hope from Christ? *Jane Andrews.*