

TAMING THE TONGUE

Paul Murray reflects on James 3:3-12

We watch many great programmes on TV, but it also has some very dodgy content. Lorries are vital for trade but can also be used in terror attacks. Newspapers can provide information but can also manipulate the beliefs of millions.

In the same way, our tongues can be used for good and evil.

James 3:10 says, *"Praising and cursing come out of the same mouth. My brothers, these things should not be this way."*

Our tongues need taming, our conversation needs curbing. Easier said than done of course.

Do you remember in the film Bambi that young Thumper was reminded by his mum that, "If you can't say anything nice, then don't say nothing at all!"? Perhaps we shouldn't be guided by an animated rabbit, but this is what God says in **Proverbs 21:23**, *"The one who guards his mouth and tongue keeps himself out of trouble."*

Let's all take that brief moment to pause before speaking. Avoiding one untimely word may save months of anguish.

Psalm 19:14 *"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."*

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Most of our services can be attended in person or on Zoom.

Zoom meeting ID: 508 367 3910

If you have missed a Sunday or Wednesday service, the sermons (and some services) can be accessed on the website under 'Media Library'. Sermons are deleted after 4 months, while services are only available for 2 months.



The Parish Church
of Water Orton

Sunday 25th January

Welcome to Saint Peter & Saint Paul's

Our Vision:

To prepare a community to meet the Christ

Our Mission:

To worship God, grow believers and make believers

Our Values:

Word, Worship, Welcome and Wisdom



25th January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4: 12-23

This Week's Collect Prayer

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news
to the poor, release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen

Welcoming Prayer

Father, lead us and guide us as we grow
together in your family. May our church
show your love to new friends and may
more hearts be full of your love.
Amen

Church Weekend Away

This year, our weekend at Cloverley Hall is
Friday 10th-Sunday 12th July.

Fees for 2026:

Adults	£199
13-16 years	£129
10-12 years	£86
4-9 years	£43
0-3 years	Free
En-suite	£16

(There is a limited number of en-suites)

If you would like to pay in instalments,
please speak to Judith or Paul.

Today

9.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Contemporary Worship (with children's groups)

Please pray...

For the residents of Long Leys Croft

For all affected by the train crash in Spain.

We pray for the families of those who died,
and we remember the injured and all who
survived. May they know God's comfort and
peace.

Amen

For our nation's leaders, that they
would promote justice and peace.



Next Sunday 1st February

9.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Contemporary Worship (with children's groups)
3.00 pm	Communion Service

Lent Study Meetings at the White City Community Centre

Fridays: 20th & 27th February; 13th,
20th & 27th March at 10.30 am

Book Club

The Book Club has been running for
about 2 years now. We have had some
very interesting discussions on a wide
range of Christian books. If you would
like to join us, the next meeting is on
Saturday 18th April at 2.00 pm, where
we will be looking at 'The Heavenly
Man' by Brother Yun.

This week...

Tuesday

9.30-11.30 am	The church is open for the Food Bank
10.00 am	Morning Prayer-Common Worship on Zoom & in church

Wednesday

10.00 am	Holy Communion in church and on Zoom
7.30 pm	Music Group
9.00 pm	Compline on Zoom

Thursday

9.00-10.00 am	Contemporary Prayer Meeting at the vicarage (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME AND VENUE. THIS WILL NO LONGER BE ON ZOOM)
7.30 pm	Choir

Friday

12.00 for 12.30	Meet & Eat
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Saturday

10.00 am	The church is open for the Food Bank & for private prayer
5.30 pm	Thrive Social at the vicarage

Future Events

Friday 6th February at 12.00 noon - Service to celebrate the life of John Hart

Friday 6th February at 2.00 pm – Memory Café in the Robert Lloyd Room

Final Talk by Paul Murray

Tuesday 3rd February at 7.30 pm Talk 3 - Israel Future: **Born to be the Jewel
in the King's Crown** REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BIBLES WITH YOU

Ash Wednesday 18th February at 10.00 am - Communion Service with ashes

Friday 6th March at 10.30 am – World Day of Prayer at the Methodist Church