

## 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

### 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