

KEEP IN TOUCH

Newsletter

EASTER Edition

27th March 2021



Jeremy writes...

"He is not here. He has arisen!"



It's been a long, dark year hasn't it! Sometimes, it's felt as dark and hopeless as any tomb could ever be. And Mary, visiting the tomb of Jesus on that first Easter morning, must have trudged her way in utter despair. Imagine the heaviness of her heart!



"The Morning of the Resurrection" by Sir Edward Burne-Jones

"He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"

In an evocative, imaginative reconstruction of the scene, entitled "The Morning of the Resurrection" the Victorian artist, Sir Edward Burne-Jones, captures the power of historical interpretation through art and beauty.

The tomb is represented simply as a red stone casket in contrast to the traditional image of a rock sealed with a large stone.

Mary's face bears a look of ecstatic joy and wonder at the moment he utters her name. She herself appears to have dressed for a cold, bleak morning, probably with no expectation of seeing her risen Lord. In that moment of recognition, she clings to the rock for support.

The awareness and luminosity of the angels is beautifully captured, and whereas other artists portray the risen Christ in majestic splendour, Burne-Jones - remembering that Mary had just mistaken him for the gardener - emphasises his simplicity and humility - newly risen, yet to be glorified.

There is an indescribable beauty about Easter Sunday morning. For us, coming as it does after a year of being locked down and feeling as if the light of dawn would never arrive, it feels especially poignant. It tells of hope after despair, rejoicing after sadness, life after death.

There's an old hymn by Robert Lowry which we hardly ever sing nowadays, and it goes like this:

**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Saviour,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!**

*Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Saviour,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Saviour;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Robert Lowry (1874)

Surely that's a good reason to rejoice this Eastertime: *He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!* I, for one, will go with that!

Revd Jeremy Groombridge

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Just a quick reminder that the 2021 APCM will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 27th April and due to the pandemic, the meeting will be held online. We shall appoint two ChurchWardens (who are appointed annually) and we currently have two vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives. Application forms are available from the Parish Office or electronically from Rosanne (admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk). Once completed, they should be returned to the Parish Office or to Martin or Jeremy marked for the attention of the PCC Secretary.



Papers for the meeting will be circulated two weeks before the meeting. If you have any questions relating to the APCM or if you have any matters to raise at the meeting under Any Other Business, please contact the PCC Secretary Dick Hibberd 020 8657 4562 (dccsec@sanderstead-parish.org.uk).

Dick Hibberd
PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll

The revised Parish Electoral Roll for Spring 2021 will be published on 2 April 2021 and can be viewed on the external notice boards of All Saints Church and Church Halls for a period of two weeks.

If you require a draft copy because you are unable to view the roll on the notice boards and/or if you detect any omissions or other errors on the roll, please would you contact the Electoral Roll Officer David Chillman 020 8657 7397 (david.chillman@btinternet.com) as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

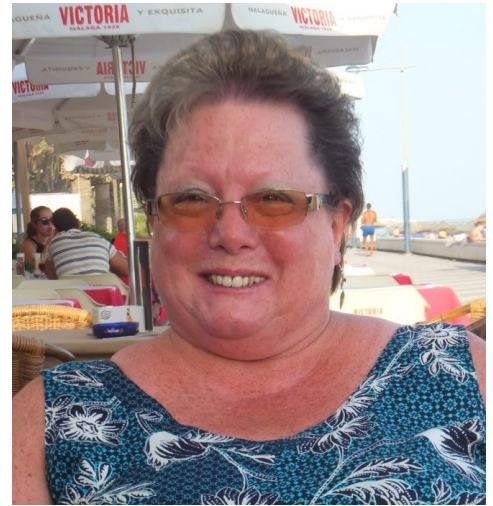
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ST. ANTONY'S CHURCH NEWS

Sue Leggett RIP

Sue Leggett sadly passed away on Friday 19th March after a long fight with cancer. She was a member of St. Antony's for many years and although she stopped coming to services, she and husband, Dave, carried on supporting us for years, arranging cream teas, running raffles, supplying prizes. She was responsible for raising hundreds of pounds for St. Antony's Church - very unassuming, a rare gem.



We all will miss her, those of us who knew her. RIP Sue, and thank you. Our love goes out to Dave, daughters, Karen and Julie, who used to be in the choir, beloved baby grandson, and mum, Marie.

Barbara Webster-Dudley

Star-Gazing Hares

How about a Star-Gazing Hare for Easter? They are hand carved by Nick, the Caretaker at St. Antony's Church, then cast and sold for £34. They are about 1½ feet tall and are suitable for the garden. Nick can deliver to your home. Let me know if you are interested...

Email: albarb2011@hotmail.co.uk

Barbara Webster-Dudley



Star-gazing



One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.

He worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty and then for three years he was an itinerant teacher.

He never wrote a book.

He never held an office.

He never owned a house.

He never went to college.

He never travelled two hundred miles from where he was born.

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him.

His friends ran away, one of them denied him.

He was handed over to his enemies and he went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.

His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth while he was dying - his coat.

When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave.

Twenty centuries have come and gone - today he is the centrepiece of the human race.

We are well within the mark when we say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built and all the kings, queens and rulers that ever reigned put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that

"One Solitary Life".

By James Francis

Rarely has so much been so well said about him in so small a space. The preacher who painted this picture in words, helps us to grip and be gripped by the fact that Jesus was the greatest man whoever lived, who rose again from the dead, was seen by a number of people, before ascending into heaven to be with God his father.

Shared by Pauline Foster

"He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"



A CHRISTIAN PRESENCE
IN EVERY COMMUNITY

Here is a prayer we can use to pray
for those who mourn...

*Gracious God,
as we remember before you the
thousands who have died,
surround us and all who mourn
with your strong compassion.
Be gentle with us in our grief,
protect us from despair,
and give us grace to persevere
and face the future with hope
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen.*



"THE WONDERFUL THING ABOUT PRAYING
IS THAT YOU LEAVE A WORLD OF NOT BEING
ABLE TO DO SOMETHING, AND ENTER GOD'S
REALM WHERE EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE.
HE SPECIALIZES IN THE IMPOSSIBLE.
NOTHING IS TOO GREAT FOR HIS ALMIGHTY
POWER. NOTHING IS TOO SMALL FOR HIS
LOVE." ~ CORRIE TEN BOOM

Easter Greeting from Martin.

Once again like last year, we'll be having our Easter services while in COVID lockdown, and unable to meet together. We are so very grateful for all your kind and encouraging comments of appreciation for the work done by the team in providing for recorded and live-streamed worship. But we do miss seeing one another in the flesh, and sharing the Easter greeting. We'd love to be able to sing together again and share in the experience of partaking in Holy Communion.

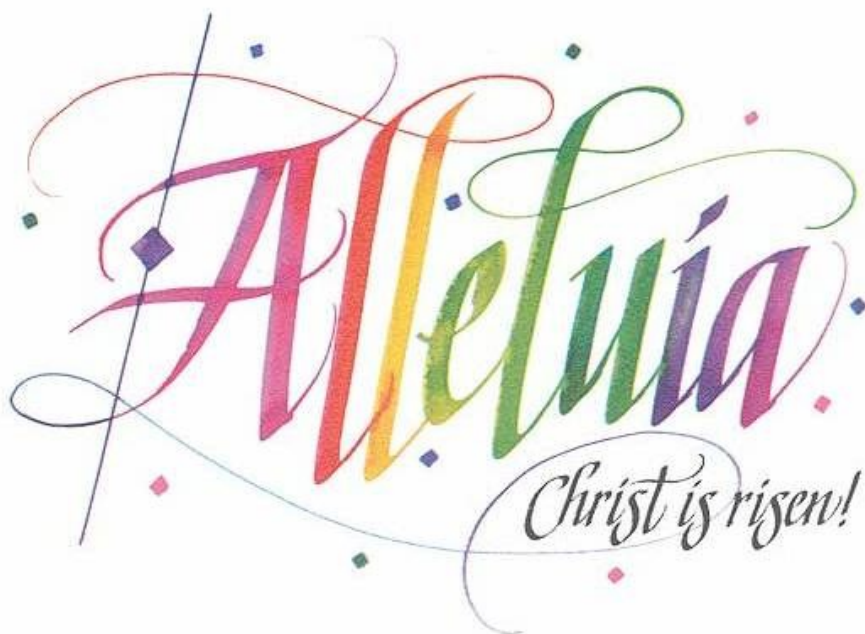
We simply have to believe that the risen Lord can overcome all barriers, and meet with us wherever we are. Remember, on that first Easter Day, the doors were all locked where the disciples were hiding – and yet Jesus appeared to them and said, Peace to you. The disciples were simply overjoyed.

Easter is the supreme festival, which above all demonstrates just how much God values and what he will do for any human being. St Paul wrote, "God shows his love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

Many of us know the songs and hymns which have been composed by Graham Kendrick. Here is one of his very early songs (written to be sung by a soloist) which challenges us all very clearly to believe that we are passionately valued and loved. It's called, 'Paid on the Nail'. I find it very moving to feel and know how much I am cherished by God. I hope this will encourage you too.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, hallelujah!

Martin



Paid on the Nail

Is a rich man worth more than a poor man?
A stranger worth less than a friend?
Is a baby worth more than an old man?
Your beginning worth more than your end?

Is a president worth more than his assassin?
Does your value decrease with your crime?
Like when Christ took the place of Barabbas
Would you say he was wasting his time?

*Well, how much do you think you are worth, boy?
Will anyone stand up and say?
Would you say that a man is worth nothing
Until someone is willing to pay?*

I suppose that you think you matter
Well, how much do you matter to whom?
It's much easier at night when with friends and bright lights
Than much later alone in your room.

Do you think they'll miss one in a billion
When you finish this old human race?
Does it really make much of a difference
When your friends have forgotten your face?

If you heard that your life had been valued
That a price had been paid on the nail
Would you ask what was traded,
How much and who paid it
Who was He and what was His name?

If you heard that His name was called Jesus
Would you say that the price was too dear?
Held to the cross not by nails but by love
It was you broke His heart, not the spear!

Would you say you are worth what it cost Him?
You say 'no', but the price stays the same.
If it don't make you cry, laugh it off, pass Him by,
But just remember the day when you throw it away
That He paid what He thought you were worth.

*How much do you think He is worth, boy?
Will anyone stand up and say?
Tell me, what are you willing to give Him
In return for the price that He paid?*

Children & Families Corner

Hi everyone,

Easter Garden



The Easter Garden is now up in the churchyard as a visual reminder of the Holy Week story, which we will be pondering on with fresh eyes this year. Why not make it part of your daily walk? It is being transformed as it comes to life with foliage and flowers. Jesus brings us life, hope and forgiveness.



'Easter in a bag'

On Monday 15th March, our wonderful team came together, in a socially distanced manner, to assemble 200 'Easter in a Bag' craft bags. The bags are crammed full of craft materials, an Easter book and even a little chocolate!



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Holy Week

We will have our first 'how to' video at the end of our Palm Sunday service, then there will be a daily video released Monday to Thursday telling the Easter story and explaining the craft. We will bring things together in the All age Good Friday service as we stand in awe at the foot of the cross anticipating the joy of Easter Sunday.

Prizes for Kids!

We are giving an Easter egg to the top 50 pictures shared to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/All-Saints-and-St-Anthonys-Church-Parish-of-Sanderstead-and-Hamsey-Green-109854244143990> of crafts you have made with EASTER IN A BAG, which starts this Sunday with our Palm Sunday Service...

<https://youtu.be/BuNMIGTitU0>

A Big thank you to Pinks Funeral Directors for giving us 50 Easter eggs!

An Added Bonus...

I have uploaded a Family Fun Magic show to YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/Scbf-3l4g8Y>



Have fun and happy Easter!

God bless,
Chris Newman,



*Children and Families Pastor
Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green*

Rhobi Samwelly

Rhobi Samwelly is on a mission to promote and improve respect for human dignity for women and girls in Tanzania



Friends/Relatives,

There is an excellent article about Rhobi from a Zimbabwean woman journalist... It is powerful, and pays good tribute to Giselle's film. Thanks to all for your support,

Very Good wishes,

Julian Marcus

If you are interested in reading the article, please ask Rosanne to send you a copy.

Letting go by Kenneth Semon, El Paso, Texas

Letting go does not mean to stop caring; it means I can't do it for someone else. To 'let go' is not to cut myself off; it is the realisation that I can't control another. To 'let go' is not to enable but to allow learning from natural consequences.

To 'let go' is not to fix, but to be supportive. To 'let go' is not to be in the middle arranging all the outcomes, but to allow others to affect their own destinies. To 'let go' is not to be protective, it is to permit another to face reality.

To 'let go' is not to criticise and regulate anybody, but to try and become what I dream I can be.

To 'let go' is not to regret the past, but to grow and live for the future.

To 'let go' is to fear less and love more.

Shared by Sally Nicholas — taken from an old copy of Cornerstone (previous Church magazine).



Child-play

Father Mother God
every now and then you call me
to drop my burdens at the side of the road
and play games with you.
I respond sluggishly,
carrying burdens can make me feel important
and sometimes I'm afraid to drop them
in case I suddenly become invisible.
But when I do let go for a while
how simple life seems—
and how beautiful!

God of play and playfulness,
thank you for castles in the sand,
for swings and slides and soap bubbles,
kaleidoscopes, rainbows,
and wind to fly kites.
Thank you for child-vision
of flowers and stones and water drops,
for child-listening to the universe
humming inside a sea shell.
Thank you for showing me once again
a creation filled with laughter
and the enjoyment of your presence.
And thank you, thank you,
dear Mother Father God,
for the knowledge
of your enjoyment of me.

Author Unknown

Shared by Sally Nicholas

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38th UNLOCK LONDON WALK

Saturday 24th April 2021

This will be the second time a virtual walk is being organised and will cover Lambeth, Southwark and the City of London. Last year's on-line walk raised a remarkable £19,000 for the charity.

Details can be found on their web site unlock-urban.org.uk

Ann Turner

Monthly Draw

Do you want the possibility of winning up to £35 each month and help a local charity to raise funds?

Only £12 per ticket, your chosen number will be entered in the draw each month with a chance to win a cash prize?

Prize money each month (based on selling 150 tickets) will be:

1st prize £35

2nd prize £25

3rd prize £15

3 prizes to be won each month

Interested? Email us at

sandersteadneighbourhoodcare@gmail.com

DIOCESAN TRAINING

Do I need a spiritual director?

*Monday 19 April, 7.30-9.00pm,
Zoom, free*

A session led by Spidir explaining how a spiritual director can help you and how to go about getting one. To book, e-mail: ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org

The fool says in his heart: There is no God

*Wednesdays 21 April and 28 April
and 5 May, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom,
free*

A short course taking Psalm 14:1 as its starting point led by the Revd Joshua Rey, who teaches Christian Doctrine at St Augustine's College. To book, e-mail ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org (you are booking for all three evenings).

The Bereavement Journey

The Bereavement Journey is a six-session self-help course of films and discussion groups hosted by volunteers. During this time of national loss, it has been made available online with all the resources and support needed to make it easy for any church to run, with accompanying training.

See the Loss and Hope website for more: www.lossandhope.org/

The Diocesan Spirituality Day: Wells of Salvation

*Saturday 9 October 2021,
10.00am-4.00pm,
Southwark Cathedral*

A day of prayer, worship and restoration in many styles and traditions. The event may move online depending on Coronavirus restrictions.



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PARISH of SANDERSTEAD and HAMSEY GREEN

Our Services of Worship continue online, either pre-recorded or live-streamed. Join us if you can...

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APRIL

HOLY WEEK

Mon—Thurs 9.30am Morning Prayer (on Zoom*)

1st Maundy Thursday

- **8pm Holy Communion** (Live-streamed)

2nd Good Friday

- **'Journey to the Tomb'** (Recorded service, suitable for all).

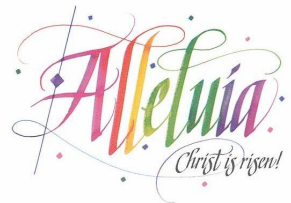
- **3 hr Devotional Service 'Four men, three crosses'**

(Recorded for 12pm, 1pm, 2pm)

4th Easter Sunday

- **6.30am Sunrise Service** (Meeting in person**)

- **9.30am Easter Eucharist** (Live-streamed)



11th **Parish Praise** (Live-streamed) **2nd Sunday of Easter**

18th **Parish Eucharist** (Live-streamed) **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Saturday 24th, 9am PRAYER MEETING (on Zoom*)

25th **Sanderstead Light** (Recorded) **4th Sunday of Easter**

MAY

2nd **Parish Eucharist** (Live-streamed) **5th Sunday of Easter**

9th **Parish Praise** (Live-streamed) **6th Sunday of Easter**

Thursday 13th, 2pm Ascension Service – (Details TBC)

16th **Parish Eucharist** (Live-streamed) **7th Sunday of Easter**

* For Zoom details, contact admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

** To register for this "in person" outdoor service, go to the website.

"He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"

Look out for these & more around the churchyard...

Colorado 2011



But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. – Isaiah 53: 5

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New Zealand 2010



Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. – Romans 6:4

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Pics taken by Katheryn Hewitt

"He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"

Church services & updates are on the website...
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Can we pray 4 u?

Prayer Phone: 07486 033877 (*call or text*)
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Happy Easter!

With love,

Rosanne



Please continue to send me your thoughts, articles & ideas.
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