

The Parish Church of All Saints',
Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green

PARISH EUCHARIST

Eco-Church Sunday 17 October 2021
Trinity 20



*Extending God's Welcome to All.
Committed to Grow – in Discipleship, Service and Numbers*

Welcome to you all! We hope you will enjoy the worship and the friendship.

[If you need a gluten-free Communion wafer, speak to one of the stewards]

Welcome to Bishop David Atkinson, who will be preaching this morning on, "Remember Your Creator".

The 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) will be held in Glasgow from 31st October to 12th November. Leaders of the nations of the world will meet and make decisions.

Please wait in silence and prepare for worship. You may like to read and think about the Eco Commitment near the end of the service.

A Minister announces the Hymn.



LET ALL CREATION DANCE in energies sublime,
as order turns with chance, unfolding space and time;
for nature's art in glory grows,
and newly shows God's mind and heart.

God's breath each force unfurls, igniting from a spark
expanding starry swirls, with whirlpools dense and dark.
Though moon and sun seem mindless things,
each orbit sings: your will be done.

Our own amazing earth, with sunlight, cloud and storms,
and life's abundant growth in lovely shapes and forms
is made for praise, a fragile whole,
and from its soul heaven's music plays.

Lift heart and soul and voice: in Christ all praises meet,
and nature shall rejoice as all is made complete.
In hope be strong, all life befriend,
and kindly tend creation's song.

Brian Wren (b.1936)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. *Psalm 24.1*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lord, fill us with the knowledge of your will
that we may bear fruit in every good work.

Preparation. This prayer is said

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

We confess to you
our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you
our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

'Gloria in Excelsis'

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

The minister leads us in the special prayer (the 'Collect') for today

**O Lord our God,
who brought your people into a good land,
and sends showers of blessing upon the earth;
grow within us your gift of faith
that, in our worship and our lives,
we may honour and renew your creation
and join in obedience
with the wind and the waters,
the wilderness and the desert,
the birds that fly and fish that swim,
and all created things to give glory and praise
to Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
the image of the invisible God,
the first born of all creation,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14



A time for everything

3 There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

9 What do workers gain from their toil? **10** I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. **11** He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. **12** I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. **13** That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil – this is the gift of God. **14** I know that everything God does will endure for ever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-33



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Do not worry

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?]

²⁸ 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



The Sermon

Choir Anthem: Spirit of God - adapted from an American source

[O living waters, refresh my soul. Creation's glory will I extol. Spirit of God, God of creation, Spirit of hope bless ev'ry nation.]

The Prayers of Intercession

Praise God, all you people of the earth.

Blessed be God forever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

Blessed be God forever.

As high as the tree soaring above the forest

As beautiful as the river flowing through many lands

As rich as the eco-systems of an abundant earth

As close as the smallest creature on the ground

So good is the God of all creation

Blessed be God forever.

Liberating God,

standing on a mountainside,

you spoke words of challenge and freedom.

We listen to you now

beckoning us to recognise real treasure.

To untangle our hearts from the slavery of desire

from having more, yet never enough.

Help us to value the things of Earth

with the perspective of heaven.

To stand with you on the mountainside

and see the wealth of creation

the worth of all people

and to invest in a flourishing future

to the glory of God.

Blessed be God forever.

God who loves us so much,

we know that we need each other.

Let us find you in each other,

let us find each other in you.

God, present in every movement of creation,

let us be responsible sharers

of your garden of life.

And as the sky in all its mystery and glory

points out into the cosmos,

so may our lives display the mystery and glory of love,

your will for life on earth.

Blessed be God forever.

God, Creator of all,
We give thanks for all that we enjoy in life,
our communities and friendships, freedoms and wealth,
give us a continual sense of wonder amidst your creation,
compassion to respond to the needs of others,
courage to take what action we can for justice in your world,
and wisdom to choose ways of living which are good for the
climate,
the needs of future generations
and the health of the earth.

Blessed be God forever.

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ.**

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



The priest greets the people in peace

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

HYMN

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O GOD MY FATHER,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960) © 1951 Hope Publishing Co.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
He is the image of the unseen God,
the first-born of all creation.
He created all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
thrones, dominions, sovereignties, powers,
all things were created through him and for him.

He is the radiant light of your glory:
he holds all creation together by his word of power.

He is first to be born from the dead.
All perfection is found in him,
and all things were reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Church is his body,
he is its head.
He takes his place in heaven
at your right hand,
where we worship you with all of your creation, singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray



As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Invitation

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the Glory of God the Father.**

These words are sung:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

The Holy Communion is distributed. The stewards will guide you. If you do not wish to receive Communion bow your head for a prayer of blessing. When receiving communion, it is customary to say 'Amen' as you receive the bread.

Time of Quiet

Prayer after Communion

Lord God of all creation,
as your Son, when he had fed the multitude,
instructed the disciples to gather up the fragments left over,
so that nothing may be lost,
so gather us, whom you have fed in this holy sacrament,
fill us with love for your living world,
and refresh us and the whole creation
to serve and praise you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen**

Act of Eco Commitment



Noah made sacrifice to the Lord God, and the Lord said in his heart
'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind.'
Genesis 8.21

As we offer our own sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, we pledge
ourselves to honour the everlasting covenant between God, the
creator of all things who loves the world, and the creation which
responds in joyful praise.

Let us pray

**Lord God, the earth is yours and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;** *Psalm 24.1*
hear our prayer, accept our service and receive our pledge:

May our *worship* honour your generous gifts; may we explore together our responsibilities to the creation of which we are a part, in preaching and teaching, in prayer and praise:

for the earth is yours and all that is in it.

May our *church buildings* be houses of prayer, temples to your glory, and signs of the renewing power of your grace to sustain and refresh all life;

may our use and development of the resources we have inherited be an example of careful nurturing of discipleship and fruitful witness:

for the earth is yours and all that is in it.

May we allow the *land* we occupy to flourish in your care; may we share and protect both open space and managed earth, and build community with and through the land and all it sustains:

for the earth is yours and all that is in it.

May we live as the body of Christ, fostering relationships within our *local and global communities*, and raising awareness of how our actions affect our brothers and sisters across the world, having a particular care for the poorest and most vulnerable:

for the earth is yours and all that is in it.

May we show in our *lives* what we claim in our words, revealing in our discipleship our love for you, for each other, and for your world, following your command to bear fruit that will last: *John 15.17*

for the earth is yours and all that is in it.

**Lord God,
we pledge ourselves to your service in caring for your
creation,
that your kingdom may grow from the seed of hope
into a tree of righteousness and justice for the world,
and the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to
decay
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of
God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Romans 8.21



Any notices and announcements.

Prayer of God's Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his
children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all
peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN



TAKE UP THE SONG, AND SING THE PRAISE OF GOD

who gave the world its skies and lands and seas,
then formed the fish and creatures of the earth;
our God be praised for wondrous gifts like these!

Take up the song, and sing the praise of God,
who gave the power of choice to humankind,
that we might rule the earth through servanthood,
and so find joy in all that God designed.

Take up the song, and sing the praise of God;
proclaim to all the open mystery
that Christ, whose death destroyed the power of sin,
was raised by God and reigns in Trinity.

Take up the song, and sing the praise of God;
with music make both earth and heaven ring,
for God is good and loves all he has made,
so now to him all thanks and praises bring!

Rae E. Whitney (b.1927)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Voluntary: Autumn – movement from Four Seasons – A Vivaldi
(1678-1741)*

You are invited to stay for tea / coffee in the Church Hall.



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NOTICES for Sunday 17th October 2021

Sunday 17 October – ECO SUNDAY

9.30am Parish Eucharist at All Saints, with choir

11am Family Worship at St. Antony's

Sunday 24 October

9.30am Family Worship & Baptism

11am Said Holy Communion

GIVING

We invite everyone to become a regular giver to All Saints Church. For cash and envelope offerings, there are collection plates by the door.

We are continuing to collect non-perishable items for the **Croydon Refugee Centre** Charity No. 1064465 in the Rector's Office.

MICHAEL BOURNS (deceased)

Myrtle and the family would like to invite all who knew Michael to join them at **Croydon Crematorium at 12.15pm on Thursday 21st October**, and to the Thanksgiving service at **2pm at All Saints Church**. This will be followed by a wake in the Church Hall. All are welcome. Dress code: smart casual, no dark clothes. Our thoughts and prayers are with Myrtle, Celia, Graham and Helen, and grandchildren Samuel and Naomi.

MARGARET BROWN (deceased)

Margaret, widow of the late David Brown and known to many in the Parish, died in April last year and her ashes will be interred on **Friday 22 October**. The family have invited any who would like to join them for a short service of thanksgiving and reflection at **12 Noon in All Saints Church**, followed by the interment in the churchyard.

LAY CONFERENCE, Saturday 6 November 2021, 10am-3.30pm (on zoom).

A day to celebrate all that lay people do beyond the walls of their churches. This is a free online Zoom event (pre-registration is required). The keynote speaker is Andrew Graystone, and his subject will be Upside Down: A different way of looking at your church's mission. To find out more and to register, please visit <https://croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk> (booking will close midnight 24th October).

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED to organise Christmas Day Lunch

We are asking for someone, or a couple, to volunteer to organise this year's lunch on Christmas Day. If this is something you would like to do, please can you let the wardens or Rosanne know admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk as soon as possible.

Mike Fixter and Sue Thomas, Churchwardens

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

It's that time of year again! It would be very much appreciated if you could support the much needed work of the Children's Society again this year by buying some of their Christmas Cards. Sue Chillman and Jean Kelly both have illustrated leaflets, so please let them know if you would like to have one, and hopefully order some cards.

Sue Wragg