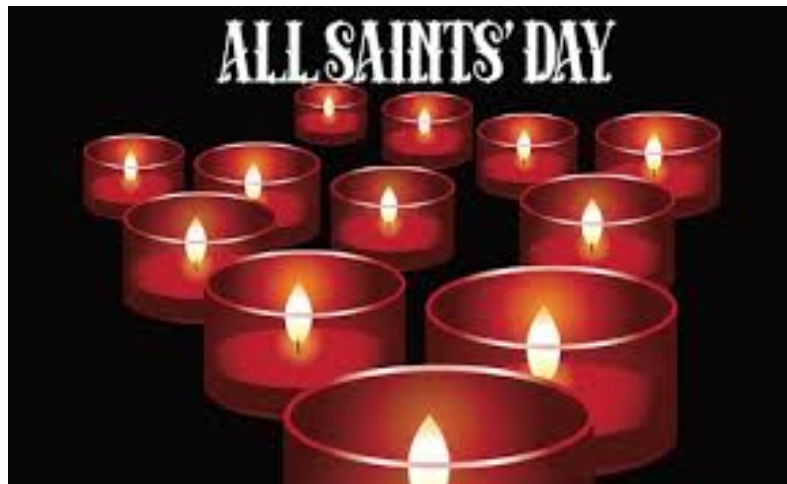


The Parish Church of All Saints',
Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 31 October 2021



4th Before Advent

***Proclaiming Jesus
Changing Lives
Serving our Community***

Welcome to you in the name of Jesus Christ! We meet in His name and share His peace and joy.

Today's service is also being live-streamed. If you are watching this at home and would like to take part in Communion, why not light a candle and prepare a table so we can all participate at the appropriate moment.

Today's theme is: "Light overcomes darkness" and the words for Holy Communion have been designed to cater for all ages.

If you would like to know more about our church and the Christian faith, please do get in touch with either Revd Canon Martin Greenfield or Revd Jeremy Groombridge - our contact details are on the website (<https://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/>).

A Minister announces the Hymn.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kt3Qc04ulOM>



LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS

Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us Your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Bernadette Farrell

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all...If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:5-7

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Preparation. This prayer is said

**Lord, direct our thoughts,
teach us to pray,
lift up our hearts to worship you,
in Spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Confession

God our heavenly Father,
we come to you in sorrow
for our sins.

For turning away from you, and
ignoring your will for our lives;
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us;
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn
away from you by temptations
in the world around us;
Father forgive us;
save us and help us.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your
sins, heal and strengthen you by his
Spirit, and raise you to new life in
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRSJFZqxdAk>

GLORIA, GLORIA

In excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Gloria,
In excelsis Deo.

Lord God, heavenly King,
Peace you bring to us;
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We sing our song of praise.

*Gloria, Gloria,
In excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Gloria,
In excelsis Deo.*

Jesus, Saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away our sins, O Lord,
Have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,
Lord, receive our prayer,
For you alone are the Holy One,
And you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son,
Glory, Holy Spirit,
To you we raise our hands up high,
We glorify your name.

Justin Stretch

A poem, by Malcolm Guite

“I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12

I see your world in light that shines behind me,
Lit by a sun whose rays I cannot see,
The smallest gleam of light still seems to find me
Or find the child who's hiding deep inside me.
I see your light reflected in the water,
Or kindled suddenly in someone's eyes,
It shimmers through the living leaves of summer,
Or spills from silver veins in leaden skies,
It gathers in the candles at our vespers
It concentrates in tiny drops of dew
At times it sings for joy, at times it whispers,
But all the time it calls me back to you.
I follow you upstream through this dark night
My Saviour, source, and spring, my life and light.

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

**O God of Holiness
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**

*ACTIVITY
Led by Chris Newman*

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1-12



Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 11:32-44



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days."

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



THE SERMON

Affirming our faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in
heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts
through faith and fills us
with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

*The Mothers Union will lead our prayers
for the needs of the world, our community,
our church and for one another*

The responses are:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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



The priest greets the people in peace



We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace
to those who were far-off and
those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you!
and also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

HYMN [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= bZPRHlyVBA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZPRHlyVBA)

COLOURS OF DAY DAWN INTO THE MIND

The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend.

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the Son came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

Songwriters: Sue McClellan / John Paculabo / Keith Rycroft

We prepare the table and place bread and wine upon it.

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

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.

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Listen, and we will hear.
Lord of all life, you created the universe
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth
to discover and to cherish.

**You give us your love, even when things go wrong.
Jesus knew hurt and pain.**

Through him you wipe away our tears,
and fill us with your peace.

You made us all wonderfully different, to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

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

We thank you loving Father
because when we turned away,
you sent Jesus your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

**Send your Holy Spirit - that these gifts
of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.**

Why do we share this bread and wine?
Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his friends, saying:
"This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me."

After they had eaten he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his friends, saying:
"This is my blood, poured out for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins."

So, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love,
his death and risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?
Listen, and we will hear.

**Help us, Father, to love one another;
as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
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.**

Every time we eat this bread
And drink this cup
**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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs
from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

These words are said:

**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.

Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of
all good things;
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
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**

Notices

Our Parish Prayer

**God of hope and love,
You have called us to proclaim the saving power
of the name of Jesus Christ throughout our neighbourhood,
sharing the Good News of his love which changes our lives.**

We offer ourselves in service to you and seek your guidance.

**As we worship, learn, tell and serve,
May we know the power of your Spirit among us;
May our homes and our churches be places of welcome and
safety;
May many come to know the forgiveness and peace that are
found in Jesus alone;**

**May we find joy as we follow him day by day,
with courage to speak out against injustice,
a willing spirit to reach out and care for one another and for
our community,
and a new respect for the beautiful world in which you have
placed us;**

**May your kingdom come, your will be done and your love be
known by all.
Amen.**

Prayer of God's Blessing

May God who has prepared for us
a city with eternal foundations,
give you grace to share the inheritance
of the saints in glory.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQ8kq1azVBU>

LORD, YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF LIFE TO ME;
when darkness hides my path, you help me see.
Shine on me, O Lord, that now and all my days
your light may lead me on, guiding my ways.

Lord, you are the rock on which I stand,
stable and strong in you, held by your hand.
Keep me safe, O Lord; in weakness let there be
your loving, firm embrace upholding me.

[cont.]

Lord, you are the truth that sets me free;
only in you is found true liberty.
Teach me then, O Lord, in all things to pursue
your good and perfect will, growing like you.

Lord, you are the Lamb of God who died,
suffering for love of me, scorned, crucified.
Love me still, O Lord; let others daily see
your selfless, serving love flowing through me.

Lord, you are the King who ever reigns.
Earth's rulers rise and fall: your throne remains.
Rule my life, O Lord; I yield myself anew
your name to glorify, living for you.

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

*You are invited to join us for tea / coffee in the Church Hall after
the service.*



NOTICES for Sunday 31st October 2021

Sunday 31 October

9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints – *'The light of the Gospel'*

Thursday 4th November

2.30pm Midweek Holy Communion at St. Antony's – all welcome.

Sunday 7th November

9.30am Parish Eucharist, with the choir

4pm Memorial Service, giving an opportunity for people to remember loved ones who have died, and to light a candle.

Sunday 14th November

10.00am Remembrance Service

MOTHERS' UNION

Monday 8 November 8pm in All Saints **Small Hall** (*Note change of venue*).

Making 'Iris Folding' Cards for Christmas with Margo Barrett. Please bring scissors and Sellotape. *Our meetings are open to anyone who would find these sessions interesting or would like to find out more about MU. For further details email: Rosemarykempsell@gmail.com*

Rosemary

SAS BELLS

Monday 8th November 8pm will meet in church.

MEN'S GROUP EVENT – Illustrated Talk on London's TheatreLand

Thursday 18th November: 7.00 for 7.30 pm in the Small Hall. Andy Warde has kindly agreed to give us an illustrated talk on London's TheatreLand. (More details in the newsletter). For catering purposes (drinks & nibbles) please let David Chillman or Dick Hibberd know beforehand if you would like to join us. As ever, all are welcome at Men's Group events.

David & Dick

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.

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