

All Saints' Church Sanderstead

Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green

Sunday 12th December 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

*Proclaiming Jesus, Changing lives,
Serving our community*



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Welcome to our Christingle service! Today we rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us as the light of the world. In this service we celebrate the message of the coming of Christ, and we offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer and song.

<p>Welcome, Introduction and Lighting our Third Advent Candle</p>
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Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Joy. On the First Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, which reminded us of our hope in Christ. Last Sunday we lit the Second Candle, the Candle of Peace. We remembered the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace" - through Jesus alone true peace is found.

In this third week of Advent, we rejoice that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from Jesus. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.

We light the three candles, and say together:

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.
Amen**

SONG: SHINE JESUS SHINE

*during which Christingle collection boxes will be gathered in,
and a collection taken for the Children's Society
(Charity No. 221124)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=op17raOTXbk>

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING

In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire,
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me.

PRAYER

**Lord Jesus,
You are the light shining in darkness.
You are the light guiding our feet.
You are the light filling our lives.
You are the light leading us to safety.
You are the light shining for ever.
You are the light of the world and we worship You.**

Father God we thank you that through Jesus you have brought us out of darkness, to live in His marvellous light. Help us to be mirrors of that light for those who do not know His light in their lives.

During this service shine your light upon us. May the money we give to the Children's Society be turned into practical care which restores hope and family to children who aren't as well off as we are.

In the name of Jesus Christ we ask it,
Amen

A READING FROM THE BIBLE

Give to God glory and strength
Give God the honour due to his name

Give glory to God our creator
worship the Lord enthroned as King

Praise God who gives strength to his people
Praise him who gives us his peace. [Psalm 29]

Jesus said: I have come that you may have life,
and have it more abundantly. [John 10:10]

TALK

We welcome Dave Farris from the Children's Society.

THE CHRISTINGLE SONG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11EyPgMkDWg>

THE CHRISTINGLE BEGINS WITH AN ORANGE,

telling us of the world God made.

By the fruits of the earth in their seasons,
We can see the love of God displayed.

*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, light of Christ.*

God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;
we remember his birth again.
But the red ribbon round the Christingle
tells the story of his love again.

To complete the Christingle: the candle,
shining out in the darkest night,
Jesus promised to lead us and guide us,
come and celebrate the world's true light!

Mark Earey (1998, 2003)

PRAYERS

We pray for the work of the Children's Society, and for all children and young people who lack the basic necessities of food shelter and clothing.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in special need, for those who are sick or worried about the future, for those who are lonely or fearful, and for those who are sad.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of hunger, fear and injustice, and for those in any kind of trouble.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, our own needs, and for the needs of others.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Church, hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind, to serve you in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

**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**

SONG: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kt3Qc04uIOM>

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.

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**PREPARING AND LIGHTING
THE CHRISTINGLES**

SONG: AWAY IN A MANGER

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qa7Jj_AZU8U

AWAY IN A MANGER, NO CRIB FOR A BED,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky.
And stay by my side till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And bring us to Heaven to live with Thee there.

Original text: William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

CLOSING PRAYER

Bless us now we pray O Lord.
Thank you for all the good gifts you have given to us.

Help us to shine as your lights in a dark world
so that all your children may know hope, love, provision and a
sense of family this Christmas time.

And now may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

AMEN

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



NOTICES for Sunday 12th December 2021

Sunday 12th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30am Christingle, *the collection is for the Children's Society.*

Sunday 19th December – 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Eucharist with choir

5pm Candlelit Carol Service – *please book for this service on the website*

7pm Candlelit Carol Service – *please book for this service on the website*
www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk or call the Parish Office 020 8657 0665.

[Unfortunately, no refreshments after any of these services on 19th December.]

Friday 24th December – Christmas Eve

3pm **Crib service** – *please book for this service on the website*

5pm **Crib service** – *please book for this service on the website*

www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk or call the Parish Office 020 8657 0665.

11.30pm **Midnight service**

ADVENT MEDITATIONS by Rev Jeremy

Enjoy and meditate on these weekly Advent meditations found on our website
www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Unfortunately, there will be no Christmas Day Lunch in the halls this year. If you have a spare seat at your table and wish to invite someone to join with you and your family, please can you contact Rosanne in the church office **by Thursday 18th December 2021.**

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.

THE PLEDGE APPEAL

We are still happy to receive any Pledge cards that have got delayed and missed the November deadline. Your promises help us to set a realistic budget for our mission in 2022 so please do reply, even if there is no change to your current giving. Thank you. *Michael Turner*