



# All Saints' Church

Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green

## PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent



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

*Welcome in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!*

*Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent and we continue our preparation for the coming of our Saviour.*

*We will offer Communion in both forms - bread and wine. If you would prefer to partake in just one form - a wafer - please indicate by saying "one" to the Priest. If you would like both bread and wine please say "both" and the Priest will then dip your wafer in the wine and place it in your hands. If you need a gluten-free Communion wafer, speak to one of the stewards.*

### **The Lighting of the Advent Candles:**

*The Advent candles are lit. We then say:*

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
blessed is the angel Gabriel who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours;  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas  
and bless us your children who long for your coming.  
Amen**

**WHEN OUR GOD CAME TO EARTH,**

Not for him noble birth  
He affirmed human worth  
from a humble manger  
Just another stranger

*Let the poor rejoice!  
Let the mute give voice!  
Love is shown, God is known  
Christ is born of Mary*

Not for kings was the word  
which the poor shepherds heard;  
Hope renewed, grace conferred,  
and the hillside ringing,  
with the angels' singing

Bethlehem, humble town  
where the babe wears the crown,  
turns the world upside down:  
God so unexpected  
homeless and rejected.

Let us sing Mary's song,  
Bringing hope, righting wrong  
heard with fear by the strong,  
poor and humble raising,  
God of justice praising.

Michael Forster (b. 1946)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*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*

When the Lord comes he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*We say together the special prayer (the 'Collect') for today*

**God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of  
your Son,  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as  
our judge,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen**

***The Liturgy of the Word***



**First Reading:** Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup> "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times."

<sup>3</sup> Therefore Israel will be abandoned  
until the time when she who is in labour bears a son,  
and the rest of his brothers return  
to join the Israelites.

<sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd his flock  
in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they will live securely, for then his greatness  
will reach to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he will be our peace  
when the Assyrians invade our land  
and march through our fortresses.  
We will raise against them seven shepherds,  
even eight commanders.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 1:39-55



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory, to you, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup> But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!"

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

<sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful  
of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me—  
holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.

<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful

<sup>55</sup> to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
just as he promised our ancestors."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**



*Traditional English Carol Solo: "This is the truth sent from above"*

*The Creed*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

*The Prayers of Intercession*

*This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

*These prayers end with:*

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*



In the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Hymn*



**LORD JESUS CHRIST**, you have come to us,  
you are one with us, Mary's Son;  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in,  
Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, now and ev'ry day  
teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you.  
Into our lives your pow'r breaks through, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
born as one of us, Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,  
live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your pow'r breaks through, living Lord.

Patrick Appleford (b.1925)

*The table is prepared.*

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one; so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)**

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.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty Good and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,  
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.  
John the Baptist was his herald  
and made him known when at last he came.  
In his love Christ fills us with joy  
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,  
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;



who in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died**  
**Christ is risen**  
**Christ will come again!**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**  
**be yours for ever and ever.**  
**Amen**

*Let us pray.*



Looking for the coming of the Kingdom, 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.**

**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.*

*Everyone is invited. All who receive Holy Communion in their own churches are welcome. The stewards will guide you. If you do not wish to receive Communion bow your head for a prayer of blessing. If you would prefer to partake in just one form - a wafer - please indicate by saying "one" to the Priest. If you would like both bread and wine please say "both" and the Priest will then dip your wafer in the wine and place it in your hands.*

*When receiving communion, it is customary to say 'Amen' as you receive the elements.*

*Time of Quiet*

*Prayers after Communion:*

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**We give you thanks, O Lord,  
for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen**

*Any notices and announcements.*

*Prayer of God's blessing.*

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes 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.**



**TELL OUT, MY SOUL**, the greatness of the Lord:  
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

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

*Voluntary: Aria Pastorella – Valentin Rathgeber*

*There are no refreshments after this service but please do join us  
this evening for one of our carol services –*



**5pm and 7pm Lessons & carols by candlelight**



*If you haven't booked, come along anyway as there is still  
availability at both services, especially at 7pm.*

# NOTICES for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Eucharist with choir

5pm Candlelit Carol Service – *if you haven't booked, please just come along*

7pm Candlelit Carol Service – *if you haven't booked, please just come along*  
*[Unfortunately, no refreshments after any of these services on 19<sup>th</sup>December.]*

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

*Our crib services have been cancelled.*

11.30pm Midnight service

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

9.30am Carols and Communion

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Boxing Day

9.30am Pre-recorded Holy Communion – see website for this service

## ADVENT MEDITATIONS by Rev Jeremy

Enjoy and meditate on these weekly Advent meditations found on our website  
[www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/](http://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/)

## THANK YOU

Jim, David and John Wrigley wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to members of All Saints for their kind words of sympathy, cards and offers of support following Betty's passing. These have all have been a great comfort at this sad time. The family would also like to thank all those who attended the service of thanksgiving conducted so compassionately by Jeremy.

## 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.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES:** For those using envelopes the 21/22 envelopes are at the back of church for collection

## **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*

## **Church Office opening times**

The Parish Office will be open usual hours Monday to Thursday (20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec), and then close for Christmas and the New Year. It will re-open on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

This week Rosanne will work Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 2-6pm in the office, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 9-1pm from home, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-2pm in the office, as per usual. Then off for Christmas and the New Year, returning on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Can we pray for you?**

If you have a prayer request, please call Cathy Butler on Tel: 020 8657 4695. Your prayer request will be treated with the utmost confidence and will only be shared if you permit us to do so, so that a wider group can pray for you.