

Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green

KEEP IN TOUCH

Newsletter

2022, No.1

Farewell to Martin & Emma Greenfield



Outside new home in Chichester

Martin writes...

Dear friends

Sadly, this will be the last piece I write for the 'Keep In Touch' newsletter. As you know, I am retiring as Rector of Sanderstead, and Emma and I will move to Chichester.

At my licensing in All Saints on 19th March 2013 by the Bishop of Croydon, he reminded me of my calling as God's priest and charged me to be a caring shepherd for the people. He urged the congregation to support their new priest in a shared ministry. It's been a kind of covenant relationship, where Rector and people co-operate in mutual support to carry out God's mission in the parish. For me, it has been a very precious time. I have had new experiences; I have learned new skills; I have grown through it all. Now we are moving on, and it will be hard to go. As we say farewell we have mixed feelings, and we shall miss you all.

We are leaving a very beautiful part of God's world. We have enjoyed many walks around Riddlesdown and Kings Wood. We shall miss the lovely variety of the trees along the pavements, especially when they are in their spring blossom. We will no longer have views of the Shard, Wembley Arch and Canary Wharf. With all this and its shops, clubs and amenities, Sanderstead has many good things to commend it.

Thank you for everything. We have been supported by wonderful, committed volunteers. All the Churchwardens have been exceptional. We have never known better. As curate and now Assistant Priest, Jeremy has been a caring colleague and is a gifted minister. You are in good hands! Sandra Groombridge has been the most diligent and caring Pastoral Minister. Michael Turner has been a great treasurer and always an encouragement. We particularly appreciate the efforts of Judith, Sue, Sandra and all who have faithfully kept on with our activities for children and families, which is the church's priority focus along with Coffee Pot. Thank you to the singers and musicians in the choir and the band; also to Tony Robinson and the tech team, and in general to all the volunteers who maintain church life to a very high standard.

There have been changes since 2013. We lowered the ground on the south side of the church in order to get rid of the two hazardous steps and create a level access through a new door. Pews in the North Aisle have been removed, and hopefully the project to reorder the whole interior can soon be completed. We now have a drop-down screen and TV monitors, and have installed very good quality video, wi-fi and sound equipment, enabling us to record and to livestream services. Since 2017, there has been a new Rectory. In 2016, the Diocese of Southwark purchased 53 Glebe Hyrst. We have been very happy here,

and it will be a great home for the next Rector and their family. No.1 Addington Road was finally sold, though the site is still to be developed. In a different vein, after St Mary's left, the Sanderstead Team Ministry came to an end. St Edmund's is to be joined to the Parish of St James.

Most of that is about buildings and externals. However, we all know that the church is not the building, but has more to do with the Spirit. Speaking personally, I think that there has been significant change in the spiritual life of the church; the feel and atmosphere have changed. Right at the start in 2013 I said that I wanted there to be a practice of giving thanks in the church. God has shown his blessing and favour. Our meetings for worship and fellowship now feel much 'lighter' and more relaxed. The Alpha course helped people to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. The monthly Parish Prayer meetings continue to be strong and there is more of an openness to God. More people are now comfortable in praying out loud in a small group. God in his grace has brought new people to share in worship at All Saints. As a church we are more united. For the future, continue to focus everything on Jesus, as you continue in bible reading, worship and prayer.

During the interregnum, Jeremy, Mike and Sue will make sure that church life continues normally. In due course they will work with the Church Council and the Archdeacon to recruit and appoint a new Rector.

As Emma and I now move on, I am aware that none of us can know how life will turn out. It's not for us to know the future; that's in the hands of God.

I know who holds the future, and he'll guide me with his hand.
With God things don't just happen; everything by him is planned.
So as I face tomorrow with its problems large and small,
I'll trust the God of miracles, give to him my all.

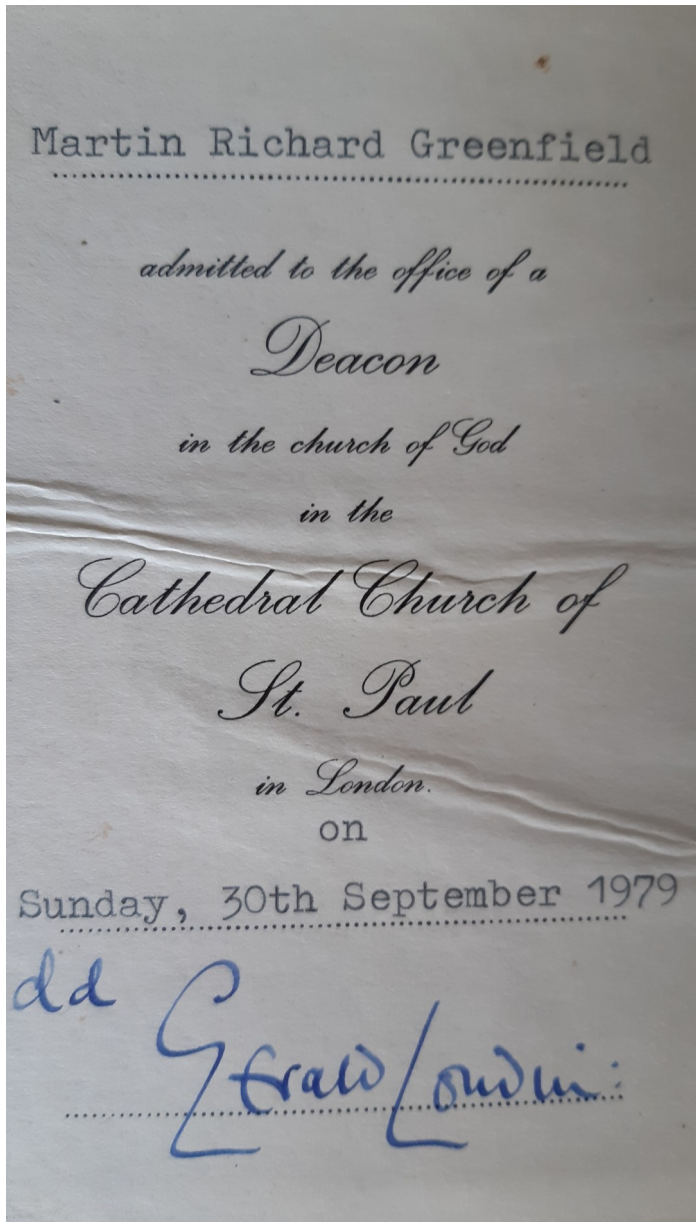
With love, prayers and best wishes,

Revd Canon Martin Greenfield



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Some photos from Martin's time in ministry, starting in 1979 at St. Paul's Cathedral, including a few pics of Nigeria....



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Emma writes...

Dear friends,

When we arrived in Sanderstead on a snowy February day in 2013, I really had no idea what to expect. And on reflection it is encouraging to remember all the good things that God has done in our time here.

As you know the two areas where I've been most involved, were helping to develop the childrens' work and the music group. When we first came, there hadn't really been much going on with the children in church for some time apart from the ever busy toddler groups.

Looking over my notes from 2015 I have a vague memory of the first Family Fun afternoon – which involved water and Martin wearing his yellow sou'wester hat – the actual story escapes me however! But from there, the work with children and families grew steadily.

Contributing to that aspect of our church family life has been most rewarding and a real privilege. Sue Thomas and Judith Robinson were great fun to work with in those early days and then Sandra came and the volunteer team has grown in confidence and commitment.

Covid has of course brought many challenges and not being able to have face to face events with families for an extended period was hard. But as Judith and Sue start the childrens' activities again, it is important to look back and recognise how far we have come as a church in this area. We can be confident that the work we have done here together, with the timely involvement of Annalie and then Chris, has touched the lives of hundreds of children and their families.

And more opportunities will come in the future; nothing will be wasted at all.

I also wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who has been so supportive in the music group. While over two years have passed since we sang together, I want to say a big thank you to Jackie and Tony Worthington for your hospitality in hosting our practice sessions, also to Steve Cooke, Robert Randall, our son David Greenfield, Elaine Leck, Amy and Luke Assinder, and Monique Truscott.

I loved our times together in the group, preparing and worshipping God. It has been a privilege to work together and I have learnt so much.

Finally I wanted to thank the All Saints' PCC and the church family here for supporting Sugandh in New Delhi. Most of you know, I think, that Sugandh is a small grass roots charity that I started in New Delhi in 1997. Sugandh provides tuition support to children and young people to complete their primary and secondary education and through self-help groups, supports 1056 women to save together and to be financially independent.

In September, Sugandh will have worked with the most marginalised in the slums for twenty five years. Last December, All Saints' gave Sugandh £700 and I am very grateful for that. I do hope that you will feel able to support Sugandh for a little bit longer as we come out of the pandemic. The Annual Reports are now available and I'll leave a few in the back of the church. *[Also, see more info on next page].*

In closing, a couple of verses come to mind:

1 Corinthians 15:58 *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.*

And from Galatians 6:9 *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The work is never finished, until Jesus returns.

God bless each of you, with love,

Emma Greenfield



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ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 2020-MARCH 2021

Warm Greetings from Sugandh!

“To summarize Sugandh’s program performances, we have enrolled a total of 92 children from the communities in the school as part of the education program. Along with this, we managed to reach out to over 4,741 people through our outreach program. We have continued to network with schools, other NGO’s and community leaders....”

If you would like to read the report, request a copy from Rosanne (admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk). It is full of colourful pics.

What's on at St. Antony's

ALL are WELCOME to our regular activities.



Photo by Martin Greenfield

- **T4U** at **2pm** on **2nd & 4th Mondays** of the month. **Monday 24 January, 14, 28 February etc**
- **Women's Social Club** at **8pm on Thursdays**. Term-time only. **Thurs 27 January, 3, 10, 17, 24 February etc**

Contact Barbara Webster-Dudley albarb2011@hotmail.co.uk or the Parish Office for more details.

Torchlight Ministries

meeting at St. Antony's Church

@ 11am (every Sunday)

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A few pics from the Farewell Tea



Cake made by Jackie Worthington



Children & Families Corner

MESSY CHURCH with craft, stories, songs for children and their parents/carers **at 3.30pm— 5pm**



Next few Messy Church dates...

Sunday 6th February in **CHURCH— Abram & Sarah**

Sunday 6th March in **CHURCH HALL— Moses**

Friday 8th April in **CHURCH—TBC**

JIGSAW (Sunday School) & FAMILY WORSHIP

Children and their families and friends are welcome to our church services **EVERY SUNDAY at 9.30am**, and there will be something for them each week...

30th Jan	All Age Eucharist
6th Feb	JIGSAW— Fresh start
13th Feb	Family Worship with Children's Activity
20th Feb	JIGSAW— Calming the storm
27th Feb	Family Worship with Children's Activity
6th March	JIGSAW— Escape
13th March	Family Worship with Children's Activity
20th March	JIGSAW— Return
27th March	Family Worship—Mothering Sunday
3rd April	JIGSAW— Celebrations

We would love to see as many children as possible to any or all of these events.

God bless,

Judith & Sue

Children's Team at All Saints



ALL SAINTS COFFEE POT

Alternate Fridays

Coffee, tea, cakes & friendship

28 January & 11 & 25 February

10.00 – 12pm

in All Saints Church Halls

For more details call the Parish Office on Tel: 020 8657 0665.

YOUNG AT HEART

Alternate Fridays

Social Club for over 65 year olds,
Programme of speakers and lunch.

4 & 18 February

10.00 – 12.30pm

in All Saints Small Hall

Call 020 8657 8289 for more details & to book lunch.



SUNDAY LUNCH

1st Sunday of the month

Hot main course, dessert & coffee

6 February, 6 March

12.30pm for 12.45pm

All Saints Church Halls

Cost £5

Call 020 8657 8289 for more details & to book lunch.

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PURLEY CLASSICS FEBRUARY RECITAL

Nova Duo: Giovanni Re – Trumpet and Giulia Semerano –Piano

Works by Handel, George Gershwin, Colin Skinner (UK Première)

Giovanni is an established trumpet soloist and orchestral player and a passionate chamber musician. He started playing in his native Sicily and studied and played all over Italy. He now lives in the UK and has played in several orchestras. Giulia is from Florence and is now studying for her MA in Early Years Music Education at CREC/Birmingham City University. She has performed in several of London's prestigious venues.

Wednesday 9th February 2022, 1.15pm to 2.00pm

St Mark's Church (Woodcote), Church Rd, Woodcote, Purley CR8 3QQ

Open to all with a retiring collection to cover costs

For more details and latest Covid-19 update: www.purleyclassics.com

THE GATE OF THE YEAR...

I SAID TO THE MAN WHO STOOD
AT THE GATE OF THE YEAR,
"GIVE ME A LIGHT THAT I MAY
TREAD SAFELY INTO THE UNKNOWN."

AND HE REPLIED, "GO INTO THE DARKNESS
AND PUT YOUR HAND INTO THE HAND OF GOD.
THAT SHALL BE TO YOU BETTER THAN LIGHT
AND SAFER THAN A KNOWN WAY!"

SO I WENT FORTH AND FINDING
THE HAND OF GOD
TROD GLADLY INTO THE NIGHT.
HE LED ME TOWARDS THE HILLS
AND THE BREAKING OF DAY
IN THE LONE EAST.

SO HEART BE STILL!
WHAT NEED OUR HUMAN LIFE
TO KNOW IF GOD HATH COMPREHENSION?

IN ALL THE DIZZY STRIFE OF THINGS
BOTH HIGH AND LOW,
GOD HIDETH HIS INTENTION.

-MINNIE LOUISE HASKINS. 1908

THE GATE OF THE YEAR

ABBNEYFIELD HOUSE, SANDERSTEAD

WE CURRENTLY HAVE A VACANCY

*Abbneyfield Houses are designed for
active older people who no longer wish to live alone*



- Individual en-suite rooms.
- Delicious homecooked lunch and high tea every day.
- Beautiful garden to relax in — exclusive to residents. You can help with gardening if you wish!
- A friendly and welcoming family atmosphere where you can make new friends — maximum 9 residents.
- Visitors welcome (currently Covid restrictions apply).
- A programme of social events to please all tastes.
- Within easy reach of all local amenities.
- Rooms available at realistic rents.



We cannot offer nursing care, but residents may arrange carers if they become necessary.

Interested? For a friend or relative or yourself?

Contact the House Manager on 020 8657 6668 or e-mail aflds@tiscali.co.uk

Abbneyfield House, 2 Beechwood Road, Sanderstead, CR2 0AA

MOTHERS' UNION

A couple of dates for the diary...

Monday 14 February 8pm at St. Mary's Church will be our AGM which this year will be chaired by Father Grant Cohen.

Friday 4 March at All Saints: World Day of Prayer

Time 12 noon to be confirmed.

Rosemary

Email: Rosemarykempsell@gmail.com

FAREWELL to BISHOP JONATHAN, Bishop of Croydon

Bishop Jonathan will be leaving us in March, exactly 10 years from his consecration as Bishop. His last day in post will be Thursday, 24 February. Bishop Jonathan warmly invites all parishes to attend a farewell evensong and reception to celebrate his ministry in the Croydon Episcopal Area.

Farewell Evensong - Thursday, 24 February 2022

Time: 17:30-18:30

Location: Croydon Minster Church Street, Croydon, CR0 1RN

Register: If you would like to attend, please use the following link to [RSVP](#) by Thursday, 17 February 2022

Farewell Reception - Thursday, 24 February 2022

Time: 19:00-21:30

Location: The Minster Parish Church Junior School,
Warrington Road, Croydon, CR0 4BH

Register: If you would like to attend, please use the following link to [RSVP](#) by Thursday, 17 February 2022

Alternatively, let Rosanne know by Sunday 6th February [*Contact details on back page*].

Farewell Messages

All those who would like to send a farewell message are invited to do so by following the hyper link to sign [Bishop Jonathan's E-Card](#) this facility will be available to use until Wednesday, 23 February 2022.

Gifts & Collection

In addition, if you would like to contribute to Bishop Jonathan's collection; please find the relevant information below to make an e-payment, please remember to use the reference **2214.G01 BJonathan** to identify the correct collection.

Account name	SLCF Assessment
Account number	70380740
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Reference	2214.G01 BJonathan

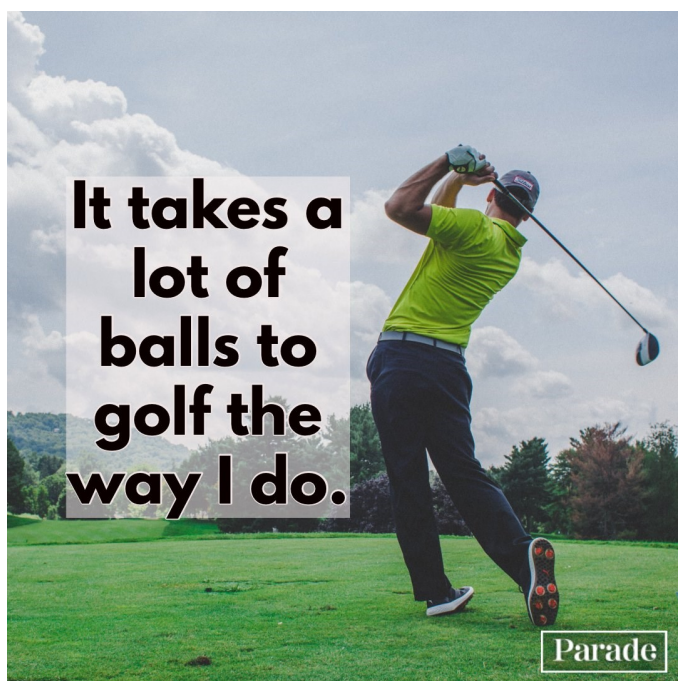
Best wishes,

Nadina

Nadina Bedlow
PA to the Bishop of Croydon

Funny One-Liners

1. My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.
2. I went to buy some camouflage trousers but couldn't find any.
3. I failed maths so many times at school, I can't even count.
4. I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my [grandfather](#)... Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
5. When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.



6. Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.
7. Russian dolls are so full of themselves.
8. Two fish are in a tank. One says, 'How do you drive this thing?'
9. Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation toward the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.
10. 'Doctor, there's a patient on line one that says he's invisible.' 'Well, tell him I can't see him right now.'

11. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.
12. A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.
13. The future, the present, and the past walk into a bar. Things got a little tense.
14. It was an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers.
15. I went to a seafood disco last week, but ended up pulling a mussel.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes.



your eCards
someecards.com

**I got a new pair
of gloves today,
but they're both
'lefts' which,
on the one hand,
is great, but on
the other, it's
just not right.**

16. Blunt pencils are really pointless.
17. Just got fired from my job as a set designer. I left without making a scene.
18. One of the cows didn't produce milk today. It was an udder failure.
19. The man who invented Velcro has died. RIP.
20. What's a frog's favourite type of shoes? Open toad sandals.

PARISH of SANDERSTEAD and HAMSEY GREEN

All Saints Sanderstead www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Our Services of Worship are **in church in person**, and most are also livestreamed.



FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday 6 February 4 th Sunday before Lent	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist with choir & JIGSAW* New series begins today on KEYBOARD keys... "reboot"
	3.30 pm	Messy Church in Church Abram & Sarah
Sunday 13 February 3 rd Sunday before Lent	9.30 am	Family Worship + Communion The "ON" switch – a new start
Thursday 17 February	12.30 pm	Midweek Holy Communion
Sunday 20 February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist with choir & JIGSAW* "pause" - Waiting for God
Saturday 26 February	9.00 am	Monthly PARISH PRAYER on zoom
Sunday 27 February Sunday before Lent	9.30 am	Family Worship + Communion "delete" – sins forgiven in Christ
Wednesday 2 March ASH WEDNESDAY	8.00 pm	Holy Communion with ashes Ashes to ashes, dust to dust
Saturday 5 March	10am - 4pm	CHURCH AWAY DAY at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton
Sunday 6 March 1 st Sunday of Lent	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist with choir & JIGSAW* "escape"
	3.30 pm	Messy Church <u>In</u> the Church Hall Moses

Proclaiming Jesus, changing lives, serving our community

***JIGSAW:** Sunday School for primary school aged children

I know who holds the future, and he'll guide me with his hand.

Since we're thinking about the computer keyboard...

WHAT IF GOD HAD VOICE MAIL?

We have all learned to live with voice mail as a necessary part of modern life, but what if God decided to install voice mail!

Imagine praying and hearing this:-

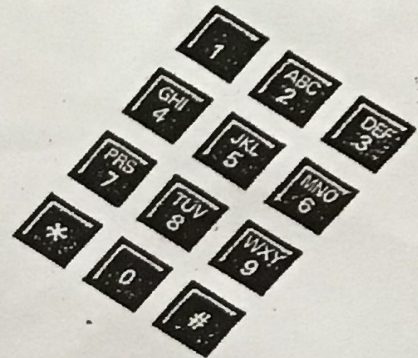
Thank you for calling my Father's House. Please select one of the following options: -

Press 1 for requests

Press 2 for thanksgiving

Press 3 for complaints

Press 4 for all other enquiries



What if God used the familiar excuse:

I am sorry but all our angels are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and will be answered shortly, so please stay on the line.

Can you imagine getting these responses: -

To speak to Gabriel - Press 1

To speak to Michael - Press 2

For a directory of all other angels - Press 3

To hear King David sing a psalm while you wait - Press 4

To find if a loved one has been assigned to Heaven - Press 5
then enter his or her Social Security Number and press #.
If you get a negative response try area code 666

For reservations to My Father's House please enter J-O-H-N
followed by 316

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth or the whereabouts of Noah's Ark, please wait until you arrive here.

Our computers show that you have already prayed once today, so please hang up and try again tomorrow.

This office is closed for the weekend to observe the religious holiday.

Please pray again on Monday after 9.30am.

If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, please contact your local Priest.



Shared by Pauline Foster

Church services & updates are on the website...
www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Contact Us:

Asst Priest: Revd Jeremy Groombridge CB,
jeremy@sanderstead-parish.org.uk, 020 8668 7795, day off—Mon

Parish Office: Paul Shipley parish.office@sanderstead-parish.org.uk,
020 8657 0665

Rector's Admin Assistant: Rosanne Morris admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk,
020 8657 0665, option 5 - Mon, Tues & Thu 10am - 2pm.

Can we pray 4 u?

We would be very happy to pray for you, in confidence.
If you have a prayer request, please call Cathy Butler who is
coordinating the Prayer Chain at this time.
Or email: prayer@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

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.

Midweek Holy Communion services...

Thursday 17th February 12.30pm, All Saints



The next newsletter will be published
the first week of March.

Please continue to send me your
thoughts, articles & ideas by the end
of February.

With love,

Rosanne

admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

