

Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green
All Saints Church

Proclaiming Jesus, Changing Lives, Serving our Community

FAMILY WORSHIP and Baptism of SIENNA JOSEPHINE HIGGINS

Sunday 24th April 2022, 9.30am
Sunday next after Easter

Theme: Seeing is Believing



A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ to this service today. And a very special welcome to Sienna, her parents, Jack and Katy, together with all those who have come to support her on this special day.

The service will be followed by the APCM at 11.15am.

Please spend time in quietness before the service begins.



Opening Prayer

Let us be still,
for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here.

Let us be still,
for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Let us be still,
for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Our Father God, we ask you to open our minds and open our hearts as we worship You. Amen.

Opening Song: My Jesus, My Saviour (Shout to the Lord)

<https://youtu.be/dr78ff70XKQ>

MY JESUS, MY SAVIOUR

Lord there is none like you
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar,
At the sound of Your name!
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have
In you.*

Darlene Zschech



Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.

When we take our ease rather than watch with you, Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy

When we strike at those who hurt us, rather than stretch out our hands to bless, Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy

When we deny that we know you for fear of the world and its scorn, Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy

May God who is both power and love 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

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



**O risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred,
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.**

Amen

BIBLE READING

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

To Believe

19-20 Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

20-21 The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."

22-23 Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

24-25 But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."

But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

26 Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

27 Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

28 Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

29 Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

30-31 Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.

THE BAPTISM



Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for Sienna who has come to be baptised today.
Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support Sienna as she begins her journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and
godparents, you speak for Sienna today.

Will you pray for her and help her to follow Christ?

We will.

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to
find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his
call. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

Signing With The Cross

*The minister makes the sign of the cross on Sienna's forehead,
saying:*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Parents, Godparents and Sienna move to the font.

The minister prays over the water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

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

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came
upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that Sienna who is
baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with
your Spirit, may she know that she is loved as your child,
safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

The people affirm their Christian faith

Let us affirm,
together with this little one who is being baptised,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in
the world?

I 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.**

The Baptism

Sienna Josephine Higgins, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily
be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for this child
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their home from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in
the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us
a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Welcome to Sienna

The minister says:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Sienna, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish,
strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Parents, Godparents and Sienna return to their places.



SONG: This little light of mine

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Every way I go, I'm gonna let it shine

Every way I go, I'm gonna let it shine

Every way I go, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

GIVING OF A CANDLE

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Sienna, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

LAST VERSE of *This little light of mine*

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Harry Dixon Loes

ACTIVITY



TALK by Katheryn Hewitt
Theme: Seeing is believing

PRAYERS

The Lord's Prayer

As Jesus 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.



<https://youtu.be/USM71JqV30o>

O LORD MY GOD, when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art.*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and then proclaim: "my God, how great thou art!"

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Any notices and announcements.

THE BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

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

Music to close

Coffee & Refreshments, all welcome



11.15am: APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting).

NOTICES for SUNDAY 24 April



Saturday 30 April - PARISH PRAYER

9.00am *Monthly church prayer meeting on zoom. The link will be emailed early next week.*

Sunday 1 May

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST with choir**

*Speaker – Archdeacon of Croydon, Rosemarie Mallett
Theme: Our Living Hope*

3.30am **MESSY CHURCH** *for children and their parents / carers*
– 5.00pm *Crafts, songs, activities, refreshments*

Sunday 8 May - FAMILY WORSHIP & COMMUNION

9.30am *Theme: Living as people of Hope - HOLINESS*

DATE FOR THE DIARY...

Saturday 4 June – PLATINUM JUBILEE PICNIC on the Gruffy

12.30pm Bring your food, drinks and chairs

