



Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green

Spring Newsletter

2022



Photo by Tony Robinson

Jeremy writes...

Dear friends,

I must have been around 12 or 13 at the senior school when our history lessons covered the World Wars. I remember being horrified at harrowing tales of violence, people feeling their homes as troops began ruthless onslaughts over borders, tearing down anything that stood in their way. And I remember asking the teacher whether this kind of thing could ever happen again. "No", she assured me, "We have the United Nations and NATO to protect us. It certainly couldn't happen again".



As a naive, young schoolboy, I was immensely relieved and reassured by my teacher's confidence. But today, over 50 years after I was given that reassurance, I'm not so sure. What we have seen played out in Ukraine - a modern, European nation that has developed rapidly in recent years - has made us all sit up and wonder how safe we really are. And by and large, that's about all we have done - we've watched from the side-lines. Yes, we've supplied "lethal" defensive weapons (isn't the word "lethal" a bit of an oxymoron in this context?) and good people have sent lots of goods, money and goodwill to relieve the plight of some of the displaced. We fly our Ukraine flag proudly from our flagpole, and some of us meet every week to pray. A few hardy young men have left these shores to fight on behalf of their country. They are very brave and we salute them.

In the meantime, indescribable things are happening to the civilian population of Ukraine. The Russian invaders are firing all manner of fierce missiles, attacking civilian centres - maternity hospitals, theatres where men, women and children are taking shelter, queues of people trying to escape through so-called humanitarian corridors. They fire directly at civilians. They kill children in cold blood. They even kill an elderly man who had been in a concentration camp, not just once but twice, during the holocaust. The terror through which these people are having to live is unimaginable. And it has been going on for four weeks - filling up this period of Lent, as we prepare to live holy lives in readiness for celebrating the Easter festival.

We can understand why NATO has no desire to enter into a full scale war. That could be catastrophic for the entire world. But that doesn't mean that our only role is to watch and "hope for the best". On the contrary, we should be using this time to intensify our prayers. For it is only through God's almighty power that the hand of the aggressor will be stayed and driven back. There are numerous examples in the Bible recording how God has intervened to drive back the powers of destruction. But we have scarcely asked God to do that in this instance

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and I'm wondering why that should be. And I have been wondering why our prayers are so tentative. Is it because we find it hard to believe that our God - who parted the waters of the Red Sea - could answer our prayers in such a powerful way?

On our TV screens the horror is reported graphically. But after five weeks of terror and destruction, I do wonder whether there is a hint that it is all becoming "old news".

During those same history lessons I remember being deeply moved by a painting depicting the horror of war just a couple of years before the full outbreak of



the Second World War. That picture was named simply "Guernica". The artist was Pablo Picasso.

I'm sure you know this picture well - it portrays the suffering brought about by violence, and chaos. Sadly, it could just have easily been entitled "Dresden", or "Coventry" or "Mariupol". There are different ways of interpreting this piece of art, but the gored horse, the bull, the screaming women, the dead baby, the dismembered soldier, and the flames all tell a story of pain and death - a story that is only too real and vivid in Ukraine today.

That all this should be happening during Lent adds a poignancy that will not be lost on believers - including Orthodox Christians - as we all prepare prayerfully in penitence. I urge us all to pray, in the powerful name of Jesus, that peace will be brought to Ukraine; that the hand of the aggressor will be turned back; and that those who have perpetrated these terrible acts of evil will be brought to account.

As I write this, we are preparing for Holy Week. On Easter Sunday there will be an opportunity to rise early and celebrate the Risen Christ when we meet at 6am outside the church by the empty tomb, and a happy Easter Day service later in the morning.

Let us rejoice - for He is risen indeed! The gloom of Lent, and everything else that is going wrong in our world, will be outshone by the glorious resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Revd Jeremy Groombridge CB, MA, 020 8668 7795

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TALKING ABOUT PRAYER...

The other day I was browsing through the Old Testament book of Chronicles and came across a remarkable example of simple, but powerful and effective prayer.

The story concerns King Asa. As you probably know, most Old Testament kings are described as "bad" or "evil" because of the deeds they did. So some allowed idolatry, some committed evil acts. Relatively few are described as good and doing right things, but Asa - in 2 Chronicles 14 - is an exception to the rule. He was a good and diligent king who restored the altars to their rightful use, who built up his people, set up protective defences in the cities and invested in two well equipped armies - one of 300,000 soldiers and another of 280,000. As a result, there was peace in the land.

Until, that is, an enemy suddenly appeared with "thousands upon thousands" of Ethiopian soldiers (under Kieran the Cushite) ready to invade Asa's territory. Commentators have suggested that this could be a reference to an army of well over a million fighting men together with 300 chariots.

This story resonates with modern times doesn't it? Just like the leaders of Ukraine, Asa must have been horrified to see the build up of such mighty forces marching towards him and his people. He would have expected total annihilation. But his first instinct was to pray - and it is a prayer of such simplicity, expressing total reliance and dependence on God:

2 Chronicles 14:11-13 NIV

"... LORD, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. LORD, you are our God; do not let mere mortals prevail against you."

What a great prayer! Isn't that the prayer we should be uttering before God at this very time? Expressing reliance on the God who alone can help the powerless against the mighty. *"Lord, you are our God; do not let mere mortals prevail against you"*. This prayer, in Hebrew, is a mere 27 words.

Yet it resulted in the total about-turn of events. The scripture simply records: *"The Lord struck down the Cushites before Asa and Judah. The Cushites fled"*.

That, it seems to me, is what we ought to be praying in relation to Ukraine, and a whole lot of other things that threaten us and worry us at the present time. Let's be less tentative and timid in our prayers. Centred on the mighty power of God, trusting and relying on him, this is a prayer for all of us. Lord, you are our God!

Revd Jeremy

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BREAKING NEWS...

The PCC convened an urgent meeting on 4 April to consider our response to the emerging refugee crisis. There is a possibility that a family from Ukraine (known to one of our congregation) may wish to take refuge in the UK. And even if not this family, there are likely to be others who seek our help. We agreed to explore how Flat 2A might be brought into use for a period of time. Further discussions will be had with the family in question, and we will start prepare the ground for receiving either that family or another family. We have already expressed interests in the government scheme for deploying self contained properties in this way, but will now also explore the possibility of receiving a sponsored family. A range of legal and logistical issues are now under active exploration and we will see where this leads. We were unanimous in agreeing that, if the flat can be used in some way, we would want to be of help.

More will follow in due course, but our driving principle is one of compassion and humanitarian concern, remembering Matthew 25: *"In as much as you have done it for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me"*.

Revd Jeremy



THANK YOU for giving to the UKRAINE AID APPEAL

In the middle of March, Regina Coeli School in South Croydon acted as a hub for donations to the Ukrainian Aid appeal. Alan Robert's carer, Gosia, is Polish and this is the school her children attend. *"The response from so many generous people was amazing. We filled Gosia's estate car this morning (11th March). She was thrilled and so thankful to everyone."*



DONATING TO UKRAINE

Rather than giving goods, we encourage monetary donations be made directly to the charity of your choosing whereby Gift Aid declarations can be made. The following are both good charities and would welcome your support...

DEC Ukraine Appeal - Disasters Emergency Committee Charity No. 1062638

Help DEC charities scale up their response & help those affected by the conflict. <https://www.dec.org.uk/> Telephone: 0370 606 0900

International Needs Emergency Appeal – Ukraine Refugees
Charity No: 1175526

IN-Romania and IN-Slovakia are providing transportation, food and shelter for families. <https://ineeds.org.uk/> Telephone: 01883 331332

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A message from Moscow



Rev'd Canon Malcolm Rogers preaching at St Andrew's church, Moscow

The Rev'd Canon Malcolm Rogers, Chaplain of St Andrew's Anglican Church in Moscow, reflects on being powerless in light of the conflict in Ukraine.

St Andrew's Anglican Church in Moscow is situated only ten minutes walk from the Kremlin, the physical and geographical centre of power. The Ministries of Education, Culture and Defence are near neighbours. We are in the centre of power and yet we are powerless.

Today, as many of our dear friends have left Russia, and as we nervously wonder whether or when we should leave, we are even more conscious of our powerlessness.

Conflict was predicted and we were helpless, unable to do anything to prevent it. Now that 'special military operations', as they are called here, have begun, there is nothing that we can do to stop them.

But it is precisely our powerlessness which means that there are things that we can do. We are gospel people, who serve a crucified but risen Lord. We are the 'nobodies' of 1 Corinthians 1, and it is our very powerlessness and insignificance and foolishness that can also be our strength, if it is handed to God.

First of all, **we are simply here.** We are a community of very messed up people, but as we gather together to hear the Word of God and to receive bread and wine, a community of Russians and foreigners gathered together, **centred on and receiving from Jesus Christ**, our simple presence can be a witness of what the world can be like, of the future kingdom.

Secondly, **in our powerlessness, we can worship and pray.** We pray for peace. That is far more than just praying for the absence of war. We praise God for the coming Kingdom, for the hope he has given us.

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I am struck that in both Mary's song and Zechariah's song we praise God for what we hope will happen, as if it already has happened; and we cry out for God, as we pray and long for the coming of God's Kingdom. We pray for the time when there will be no more 'fake news', lies, betrayals or violence, and no more fear and death. And it is our very powerlessness which opens to us our dependence on God and on him doing wonderful works.

Thirdly, **we can still speak truth.** There are some things that we cannot say in Moscow, but we can still preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen and reigning. We can call people to repentance and offer people hope. In my 30 plus years of ministry, I have never known a time and a place when people are more hungering for God.

And fourthly **we can love and serve our neighbour.** We read the news and feel powerless. Most of us are in no position to solve world problems or to bring peace. The job advert when I applied to come to Moscow said that the person appointed could make a difference for world peace. On those grounds I have been a spectacular failure! But we can make a difference where we are, and love the actual physical neighbours who God has given us. For some, the neighbours are Ukrainian refugees. Yesterday I heard from the woman who I ran our college Christian Union with. Since leaving university, she has been working with Polish Christians, witnessing, and serving mainly among addicts and street women. She wrote of how her team met a family of homeless Ukrainian refugees and they are now living in her flat. There are many stories like that. Our neighbours at St Andrew's in Moscow are different. They are the young Russian crushed by what has been done in his name; the mother sick with anxiety for her son who has been sent to Ukraine, the foreign student unsure whether to leave or how to leave, the person who has been named on the wrong sort of list, the older person who fears a return to the isolation and economic depression of the 80s. In our hubris we think that we are somebodies who can save the world - and we end up paralysed. But it is when we realise our powerlessness, that in the world's eyes we are 'nobodies', that we can begin to see the neighbour who God has given us and learn to serve them.

Pray for us, for courage and wisdom and perseverance in faith and love. And we will pray for you.

Rev'd Canon Malcolm Rogers

Chaplain of St Andrews, Moscow

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia

Area Dean of Russia and Ukraine

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"Time for even more prayers..." by Sally Nicholas

THE MOTHERS FOR PEACE QUILT

This piece of the Quilt was made by Svetlana Pomiljajko and her friends from Russia in 1991.

The Quilt celebrates and commemorates ten years of international peace making.

Mothers for Peace,
Ilkley, West Yorkshire



Mothers for Peace Quilt,
made by Svetlana

Svetlana, from Moscow, became the closest of friends to myself from 1994. I remain very close to her daughters.

Svetlana, Kate and Pasha (1994)



1994 Svetlana came to England with the Quilt sewn to celebrate 10 years of peace.

1994 This photo was taken of Svetlana with her 2 daughters, Kate (14y) and Pasha (9y) just after they returned from England. They are wearing clothes bought in England.

2011 Svetlana died.

2014 An email to me saying, "*We are very worried now too...time to prepare... So it is time for our prayers now...*"

2022 Ukraine. "*Time for even more prayers.*"

Techy Follow Up

Since my techy update appeared in the last edition of KIT, a number of you have asked whether many people watch our Live Streams.

We use the You Tube platform to make all our Service Live Streams public, and they provide a plethora of information about Sanderstead Parish You Tube Channel. Interpreting it all is, however, a 'dark art' and needs to be treated very carefully to gain any sensible understanding.

I am going to restrict my answer to '**how many views do we get?**' and '**how many hours do people spend viewing our live streams/videos**'. Some of the 'views' are likely to be the same person watching in 'bite size chunks' so the number of hours watched is probably the single most telling statistic.

So, over the last 365 days – 27 Mar 2021 to 26 Mar 2022 there have been 7,617 viewings with a watch time of 1,078 hours.

So far this year, from 1 Jan 2022 to 26 Mar 2022 there have been 1,326 viewings with a watch time of 206 hours.

Q: What about for Sunday Service live streams?

A: Well in the last 365 days the highest viewed Sunday Service was Parish Praise on 11th April 2021 with 199 views and 27 hours total viewing time.

In the same period the lowest viewed Sunday Service was Family Service and Baptism on 12th September 2021 with 35 views and about 6 hours total viewing time.

So far in 2022 the Sunday Service viewings have varied between 43 and 51 per Live Stream.

Q: Which video is at the top of the All Saints video chart?

A: Without a doubt it is 'Jonah and the Big Fish' with 1,075 viewing in the last 365 days with a staggering watch time of 23.2 hours.

Q: What does it all mean?

A: It's all statistics - so anyone's guess really; but I think we can conclude that people are continuing to watch our Live Streams and videos, perhaps unsurprisingly in lower numbers now we are 'out of Covid control measures', but nonetheless sufficient interest to make it worthwhile.

Tony Robinson

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What's on at St. Antony's

WELCOME to our regular activities.



Photo by Martin Greenfield

- **T4U** at **2pm** on **2nd & 4th Mondays** of the month.
- **Women's Social Club** at **8pm on Thursdays**. Term-time only.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Easter!

With so much misery in our world, how heart warming it is to see the new birth and hope which the start of Spring gives to us all.

"Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings"

The 2 St. Antony's church affiliated clubs are running well, and all good here!!

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

Torchlight Ministries

worship at St. Antony's
Church
@ 11am (every Sunday)

Prayer

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.

Star gazing hares, for sale...

Sculpted and hand cast by Nick.
To order, call Tel. 020 8657 2456 or look
on website... www.etsy.com/uk
[search for 'star gazing hare'].



Barbara Webster-Dudley

A Sonnet

'Jesus come break my resistance and make me your home'

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

by Malcolm Guite

'SPRING' by Pat Seely

I very much enjoyed Jeremy's article in last month's Newsletter with his celebration of Spring "the most wonderful season". He quoted Wordsworth's well-known poem "I wandered lonely as a cloud" which prompted me to write a follow up.

The Lake District is a particularly special part of the country for the Seely family. We had relatives in Kendal, and Charles and I started our married lives there for a while. Our two older sons were born there.

The poet's sister, Dorothy, who lived with him at Dove Cottage in Grasmere, kept a journal, extracts from which tell us something of their lives. Some notes are very brief and certainly not at all poetic e.g. "William and I sat all morning in the field" – but one memorable entry I quote, "I never saw daffodils so beautiful, some tossed and danced and seemed as if they verily laughed with the wind that blew upon them over the lake". Maybe her brother William was inspired by the entry. Who knows?

I've always loved his poems, several of which celebrate the arrival of Spring. One particular favourite is dedicated to his sister.

It is the first mild day of March:
Each minute sweeter than before,
The redbreast sings from the tall larch
That stands beside our door.

My sister! ('tis a wish of mine)
Now that our morning meal is done.
Make haste, your morning task resign;
Come forth and feel the sun.

He urges her to
Put on with speed your woodland dress;
And bring no book: for this one day
We'll give to idleness.

PTO...

"Lord, you are our God; do not let mere mortals prevail against you".

Who could resist such an invitation? Wordsworth is convinced that,

One moment now may give us more
than years of toiling reason

and concludes that...

for the year to come may take
our temper from today.

(Yes, I know we are now in April!)

Pat Seely

[Poem extracts from Wordsworth's "My Sister"]

'Spring' from my dining room, David Chillman





'THE CHURCHYARD'

*"Inspired by the late winter sun on the gravestones of
All Saints Sanderstead (1230c) churchyard."*

Remembrance stones stand upright
Horizontal at rest residents lay
All is quiet in the churchyard
Spend a little time, walk this way

Through the lych-gate, darkly clad
Past the ancient yew, mourners have walked
Babes for christening, brides and grooms to wed
If only that old tree could talk

Gone the frost and winter chills
Beneath the ground lies a mystery
Wild daffodils profusely flourish above
Here we find a treasure of history



A sleepy field mouse emerges
From a curb and tufted mound
Scurrying across Ernest, Polly and Sarah
Wild flower seeds are yet to be found

Thomas, George, Albert and Jack
For their country battles fought
Olive and Reginald, Edith and Edgar
Brought new life with partners they sought

Now awakening are young fox cubs
Wrestling racing happily in play
Over Leslie, Marjorie, Kate and Jenny
Twisting and tumbling over the graves

Although in a never-ending sleep
Through old man's beard and marble book
Edmund, John and Bertram, chiselled names
Never forgotten if you take a look





Comforting lichen clasps the shoulders
Of Gertrude, Nellie, Alice and Fred
An ivy scarf surrounds William and Lucy
You wonder what lives they had led

Bodily warming a brimstone butterfly
On a sunlit plaque naming Rose
Then pitching on Violet and Primrose
Sweet names their parents chose



In the churchyard amongst cherry blossom
In chorus many birds sing
Filled with new life and fresh hope
Find the pleasures that nature brings

Servants, labourers, noble gentry
Kate Ruby, Bill Syd, Oswald and Giles
Loving, resilient caring and strong
Forenames that bring to us a smile

Draw strength from their spirit
Their world, our world, life carries on
Join David and Arthur leading the choir
Enter the church rejoice in song

Silence is broken as church bells ring
The congregation make their way
To worship in prayer and hymn
This glorious spring Easter Sunday.

By: Sheila Lovell ©

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Church Away Day

for the Parish of Sanderstead & Hamsey Green

On Saturday 5th March 2022, we had a day of reflection, prayer, discussion on these topics...

- Who do we think we are?
- What do we want to see in the future?
- How do we get there?
- What sort of person do we need to look for to lead us into the future?



Based on the input from this Away Day, a new Parish profile is being written by the PCC, and is well underway. Please pray for them on **Wednesday 20 April** as they meet to discuss and hopefully agree the Parish Profile.

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Kathleen May Walder

24 April 1934 - 17 September 2021



Friday 22 April 2022: A service of thanksgiving

11.30am at All Saints Church, Sanderstead

Onslow Gardens, South Croydon CR2 9AB

with refreshments afterwards at All Saints Church Hall

"Faith is putting your hand out in the dark and finding it held" (Anon)

Below is some information about some of the things Kathleen did during her time at All Saints...

- Cleaning rota on Tuesday morning (monthly)
- Area road warden for Onslow Gardens, welcoming new people to the area, for about 5-10 years
- Booked weddings in the vestry on Friday evenings (weekly) for probably about 10-15 years
- Led ecumenical house group at her house on Monday evenings (weekly) for probably over 30 years

She was also a stalwart of Southwark Cathedral, which had been her school church - she went to St Saviour's & St Olave's School when it was in the Old Kent Road - and she went to the cathedral now and again for services.

Do come along if you remember Kathleen, all are very welcome.

The family



UNLOCK London Walk Number 39

"In the Shadows of the Tower"

Saturday 23 April 2022 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Further details are available on line at unlock-urban.org.uk

Is is a unique way of seeing London and engaging with some of its churches and at the same time supporting Unlock's crucial work of sharing the gospel.

Ann Turner

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The 2022 APCM will be held at **11.15am on Sunday 24 April** after the Morning Service for the purposes of electing representatives to the Deanery Synod and PCC (Parochial Church Council) and also Churchwardens.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) representatives

We currently have two vacancies on the PCC and three PCC members will reach the end of their term of office.

Deanery Synod

We currently have three vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives.

Churchwardens

Churchwardens are elected annually and we hope that Mike Fixter and Sue Thomas will both stand for re-election but others are also entitled to put their names forward.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above roles, nomination forms are available at the back of Church, from the Church Office. Completed forms should be returned to the Church Office or to Dick Hibberd or brought to the APCM.

If you have any questions relating to the APCM, please contact Dick Hibberd 020 8657 4562

Dick Hibberd,
PCC Secretary

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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

Monday May 9th 8pm " Home Grown." St Catherine's Aisle

Wednesday June 15th 7.30pm SKITTLES evening at the Scout Hut Farm Fields. NB change of day and venue.

Monday July 11th Summer Social Venue TBC

Rosemary

Email: Rosemarykempsell@gmail.com

Children & Families

SUNDAY SERVICES (9.30am)

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

JIGSAW (Sunday School) ... First and third Sundays...

PARISH EUCHARIST with JIGSAW (Sunday School)

FAMILY WORSHIP ... Second and fourth Sundays...

FAMILY WORSHIP + Communion with Children's Activity during the service.

MESSY CHURCH (3.30pm - 5pm)

with craft, stories, songs for children and their parents/carers **in CHURCH.**

Next few Messy Church dates...

- **Sunday 1st May**
- **Sunday 26th June**



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

Save the dates...

Tuesday 30 & Wednesday 31 August
(Time TBC)

God bless, **Judith & Sue**
Children's Team at All Saints
Email: children@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY...

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend **Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022**

On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.



To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities,



More info to follow.

Gruffy Fayre 2022

Saturday 2nd July

Gatton Community Theatre

The Life of Jesus

**on 14-17 & 20-23 July 2022,
at 7.30pm**

Gatton Community Theatre will stage a promenade performance of the life of Jesus in July 2022 set outside in the exquisite scenery of Gatton Park, Reigate.



'We'd love a few more cast members to join these 8 performances. If you're interested in joining in, contact us on info@gattontheatre.org.uk

Quiz Night

Gatton Community Theatre would like to invite you to join us for; **GCT Quiz Night Friday 13th May 2022 7.30pm** The Gatton Trust Education Cabin Gatton Park (Follow the signs) Use car park by St Andrews Church, Gatton

Tickets £10.00 per person (Includes ploughman supper - bring your own drinks & glasses). 6 people per team

To book, please contact: info@gattontheatre.org.uk

GCT is a Christian community group seeking to promote the Christian faith and its principles of love and forgiveness through the medium of the arts. Participants come from all faiths and none and this unique performance experience is open to all.

Scams

Do continue to be vigilant when receiving emails that don't look quite right, for example they end with unusual greetings. If you are unsure, check the email address to see if it is correct. If the email address is wrong, delete the email and do not click on any links.



COFFEE POT

Alternate Fridays

Coffee, tea, cakes & friendship

22 April, 6 & 20 May, 3 & 17 June, 1 & 15 July

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.

29 April, 13 & 27 May, 10 & 24 June, 8 July

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, Cost £5

1 May, 5 June, 3 July

12.30pm for 12.45pm, All Saints Church Halls

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



CRAFT GROUP

1st Friday of the month

6 May, 3 June, 1 July

from 2pm to 4pm

in the Small Hall

Do come along with your knitting, stitching or crochet and join our friendly group of crafters, or just join us for a chat and a cuppa.

Everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions call: Sue Chillman 020 8657 7397.

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WHAT DID THE BUFFALO SAY TO
HIS SON WHEN HE LEFT FOR COLLEGE?



Can a kangaroo jump higher
than the Empire State Building?

Of course! The Empire State
Building can't jump.

What happens to a frog's car
when it breaks down?

It gets toad away.

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN
ALLIGATOR IN A VEST?



What do Alexander the Great
and Winnie the Pooh have in
common?

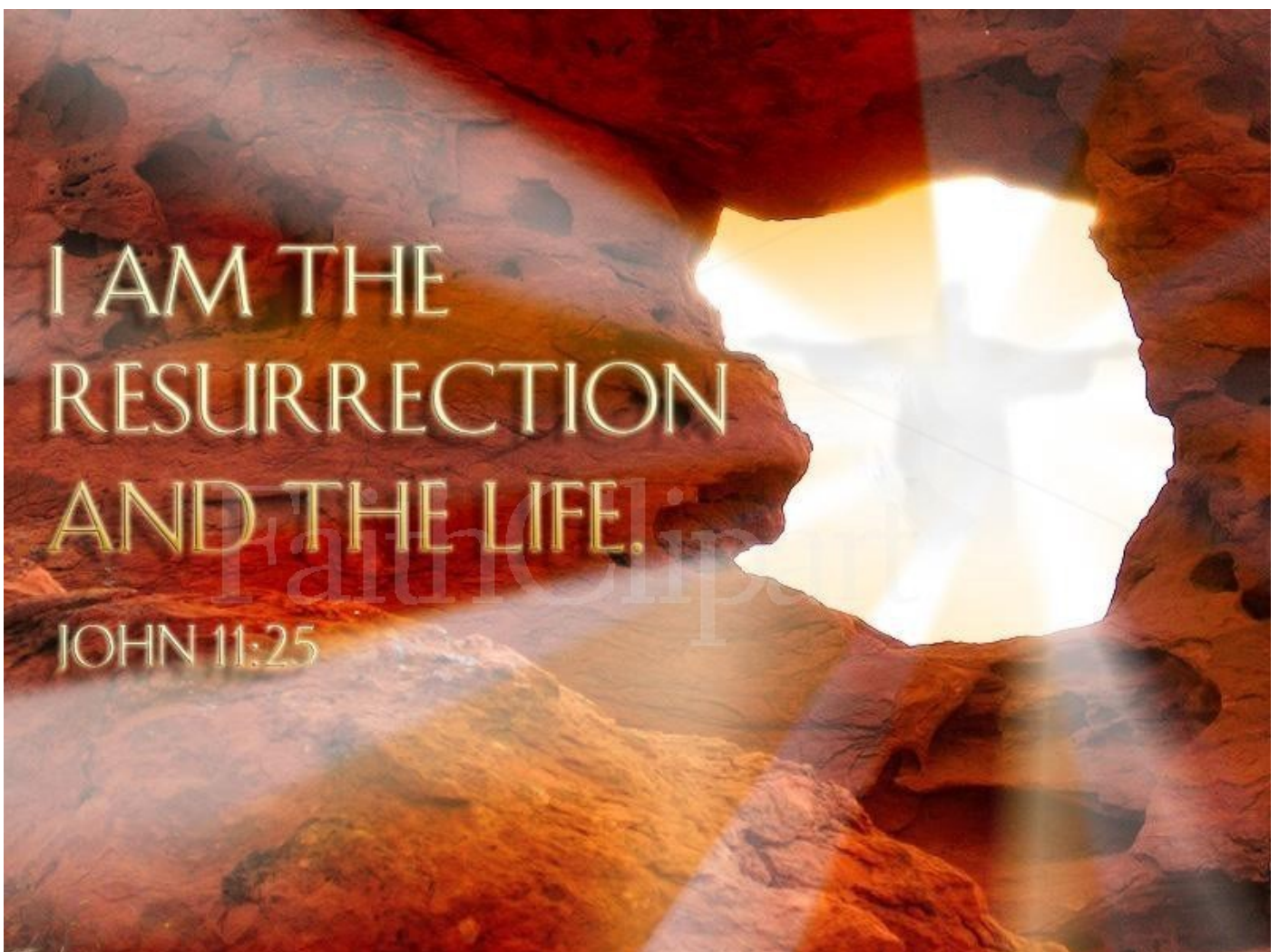
Same middle name.

AN INVESTIGATOR.

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Pics of All Saints taken by Sheila Lovell



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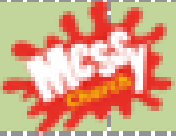

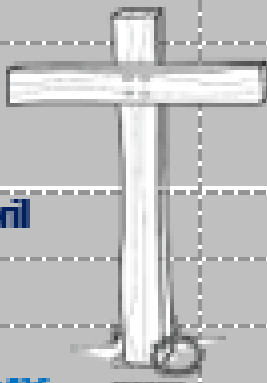

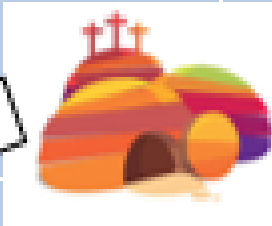

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APRIL 2022

Sunday 3 April 5th Sunday of Lent		9.30 am	Parish Eucharist with choir & JIGSAW (Sunday School) <i>"Shift" – a new and living way</i>
Friday 8 April – after school for children & their parents / Parents		3.15 pm – 5.00 pm	Messy Easter in the Church. <i>We will make an Easter Garden, & there will be songs & refreshments.</i>
Sunday 10 April Palm Sunday		9.30 am	Family Worship + Baptism + Communion <i>Christ's entry into Jerusalem</i>
HOLY WEEK and EASTER			
Monday 11 April		8.00 pm	Lenten Reflection
Tuesday 12 April		2.30 pm	Stations of the Cross <i>We share in Christ's journey through Jerusalem to the desolation of the cross.</i>
Wednesday 13 April		2.30 pm 7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross Compline
Thursday 14 April MAUNDY THURSDAY		7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Friday 15 April GOOD FRIDAY		9.30 am	Walk of Witness from Sanderstead Methodist Church to URC
		12pm, 1pm & 2pm	Meditation <i>with Archdeacon Rosemarie Mallett</i>
Sunday 17 April EASTER DAY		6.00 am 8.30am	Easter Sunrise Service outside All Saints. Easter breakfast in Church Hall, just turn up, all welcome!
		9.30 am	Easter Sunday Eucharist with choir. "He is risen!"
Thursday 21 April		2.00 pm	MIDWEEK COMMUNION
Sunday 24 April 2nd Sunday of Easter		9.30 am	Family Worship + Baptism followed by APCM
Saturday 30 April		9.00 am	Monthly PARISH PRAYER


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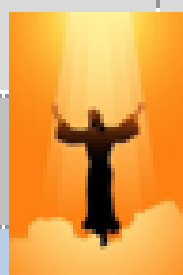
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MAY 2022

Sunday 1 May Easter 3 Speaker: Archdeacon Rosemarie Mallett	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist with choir & JIGSAW (Sunday School) Theme: OUR LIVING HOPE
Messy Church for children & <u>their</u> parents / carers 	3.30 – 5.00pm	Messy Church in the Church. Songs, crafts, activities, refreshments.
Sunday 8 May Easter 4	9.30 am	Family Worship + Communion Theme: Living as people of Hope: HOLINESS
Sunday 15 May Easter 5	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist with choir & JIGSAW (Sunday School) Theme: Living as people of Hope: HARMONY
Thursday 19 May	12.30 pm	MIDWEEK COMMUNION
Sunday 22 May Easter 6	9.30 am	Family Worship + Baptism Theme: Living as people of Hope: HUMILITY
Thursday 26 May Ascension Day	7.30 pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion
Sunday 29 May Sunday after Ascension	9.30 am	Fifth Sunday All Age Eucharist Theme: Living as people of Hope: PREPARED & EXPECTANT



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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

Midweek Holy Communion services

Thursday 21st April, **2pm** (not 12.30pm)

Thursday 19th May, **12.30pm**

Thursday 16th June, **12.30pm**

Everyone is welcome - we'd love you to join us.

Confirmation class

If you would like to participate in Confirmation classes, Revd Jeremy is thinking of starting some in the near future. Or you may prefer instead to join a class about entering Communion so that you can be admitted.

If you are interested in either of these, please let him know
on Tel. 020 8668 7795.



Now that we are out of lockdown, we will start doing newsletters once a quarter instead of once a month. Our Summer newsletter will be published at the beginning of July.

Please continue to send me your thoughts, articles & ideas by the last Saturday of June.

With love,

Rosanne

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