All Saints' and St Antony's in the Parish of Sanderstead

March 2023



('Fear not for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name you are mine.' Isaiah 43: 1)

Dear Church Family

Many of us have been using the C of E Dust & Glory Lent reflection booklets to reflect on how the Christian story is ultimately about humanity's failings redeemed and of sins forgiven through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

It is a story the Church is called to pass on. Why?

So that everyone would know that Christ has redeemed us because God loved the world so much and has always intended it to flourish and experience life in all its fullness.

The Church is the people of God - not just the building. However, our buildings are a physical sign that God's people are or have been present at some point in time.

The Parish of Sanderstead has two churches - All Saints' Sanderstead and a daughter church, St Antony's in Hamsey Green.

You will see that much of the regular worship services, take place at All Saints', (as well as parish baptisms, confirmations, Weddings and funerals).

Over the past year St Antony's has not had a Church of England worshipping community but this is changing as regular Holy Communion services re-commenced from January. These are currently held fortnightly on Mondays at 2pm before T4U. This year has also seen one funeral held at St Antony's.

This newsletter is an update (NOT a report – these will come at the coming APCM) of the ways our churches in the Parish of Sanderstead are currently open for regular worship, have reviewed to support and partner with seven new Mission Charities and the current regular church and community groups which have grown from a desire to fellowship, support, serve and share the good news of Jesus Christ with the community around us. There is also an update on activities at St Antony's.

Also highlighted are the key community links with whom the church often partners with to bring the community together and encourage its flourishing.

There is also updated information on the roles of employed staff who enable much of the work which goes on across the parish and within the church buildings and halls.

The work of the Church should always come from a place of worship and prayer, as we seek to be guided by God and discern God's vision for our parish churches.

As we journey onwards (and upwards), brothers and sisters I urge you to pray and to join others in praying for the work of God's Spirit within our two church congregations.

If you run a community or church group of which there are many, e.g., Crafty People, Messy Church, Bells, Men's Group, Toddlers, Coffee Pot, T4U - perhaps pray with one or two others beforehand for the people who will be attending, for opportunities to listen and encourage faith in Christ, for opportunities to pray with people.

Homegroups - please spend some time praying *together with* one another when you meet.

All Saints' I ask you to pray for St Antony's Church. St Antony's, I ask you to pray for All Saints' Church.

Praying with others builds relationship with God and with one another. Prayer reminds us that we need God. Prayer helps us to hear and see (discern) God's leading. Prayer is ESSENTIAL. Through prayer, God changes our hearts to have God's heart.

In Christ, God became present among us and both All Saints and St Antony's represent God's presence within Sanderstead & Hamsey Green.

The Parish of Sanderstead is an ancient parish and parochial influences are very much embedded and foundational to the life of its community. If our churches today are to be relevant in serving our neighbourhood, as the body of Christ here and moving forward, then we cannot be ignorant about the Church's remarkable formative influence over many centuries.

In my 5 months of being Priest-In-Charge of the Parish of Sanderstead, it is clear to me that familiar ingredients of parish ministry and worship are much needed at a time when everything seems to be uncertain and there is much displacement and change in everyday life and around the world. Amongst our congregation there is some work to be done in helping us to truly get to know others, to listen to and connect with the wider community in Sanderstead and Hamsey Green.

Through prayer may we grow closer together, and genuinely love one another as Christ has loved us. May we see God at work in our churches and in the wider community, and be willing to join in faithfully wherever God leads us.

Grace and peace

Revd. Carol Bates

Priest-in Charge of All Saints & St Antony's in the Parish of Sanderstead





All Saints' Church Sanderstead

St Antony's Church Hamsey Green

Pattern of Services:

Sunday Services at All Saints' Church

1st and 3rd Sundays: 9.30am Traditional Parish Eucharist

1st Sunday: 3.30pm – 5.00pm Messy Church

2nd Sunday: 9.30am All Age Worship with Holy Communion

4th Sunday: 8.00am Said Eucharist

9.30am All Age Worship with Holy Communion

5th Sunday: 9.30am All Age Holy Communion

Midweek Services at All Saints' and St Antony's Churches

3rd Thursday: 12.30pm Said Holy Communion All Saints'

2nd & 4th Monday: 2pm All Age Holy Communion St Antony's

Langley Oaks



Every 3rd Tuesday in the month @4pm.

An informal worship service with Holy Communion led by clergy.

Volunteers from All Saints help to support worship and chat to residents.

If you would like to be included on the Langley Oaks Volunteer rota please contact Rosanne: admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Messy Church



Family craft activities focusing on the Stories of Jesus, followed by refreshments.

All Saints' Church 1st Sunday of every month, 3.30 till 5pm.

At the same time...

Church hall Older children (age 10 and up) - Group games with Bible talk and prayer followed by refreshments.

Further details from Sarah Palfrey, Children & Family Support Worker sarah@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

What's on @St Antony's, Hamsey Green



2nd and 4th Monday @ 2pm: An informal All Age Holy Communion Service followed by T4U.

T4U is a lovely afternoon of tea. coffee, cake and biscuits along with chatter & friendship

This year it is lovely to see new people joining us. All are very welcome! A new worshipping community has begun to form here, and we have decided to provide practical support for The Purley Food Hub by having a basket for donations of non-perishable food items in the church foyer.

Women's Social Group (previously known as Young Wives Group). Alternate Thursdays at 8pm

An evening of Speakers and games, connecting with St. John's Selsdon ladies' group.

All are welcome.

For more information contact Barbara Webster Dudley *Mobile: 07861 688506*

NEWS ON ST ANTONY'S CHURCH



I began my incumbency on 23rd October 2022 at probably the busiest time in the Church calendar when Ministers are beginning to make preparations for Christmas services and all that goes on in the parish at this festive time.

The stark contrast between the church's activity at the different ends of the parish (All Saints and St Antony's) was evident.

In early December, Barbara Webster-Dudley, a member of St Antony's, showed me into the Sanctuary area of the building as I wanted to see the 'church' area to get a feel for the place.

Up until this point, I could not feel any connection with the building or the Hamsey Green community. The place felt cold and empty.

I remember standing facing the altar and looking up where there was a hole in some hanging curtains and thinking out loud saying, 'Hmmm, there's something missing here...'

And Barbara replied, 'Oh please can we bring Jesus back?'

It was a lightning bolt moment in so many respects, where I knew that God was speaking to me. "Bring Jesus back to this place."

The purpose of St Antony's is to be God's presence here in Hamsey Green.



Photo taken and used with kind permission by all in the photograph.

January 2023 saw the start of a monthly Said Eucharist Service and within 2 months, four new congregation members had begun to attend. In March after a team of volunteers delivered 600 leaflets through Hamsey Green doors, a number of residents, seen here in the photo, turned up for church on Monday 27th March.

(We plan to deliver another 600 leaflets on the other side of Hamsey Green during April).

Many of these people want St Antony's to be their local church and to see it being used to support their community. Some are new to the area, some have lived in the area for some time and go to other churches, but thought St Antony's had closed down. They have all completed Electoral Roll forms for the Parish of Sanderstead, and would like to be involved in the life of their local parish church.

Over many years the seeds of Christian faith, through the church's presence in Hamsey Green, have been sown. It is now time to till the ground and enable these seeds to grow and produce a harvest. We need use of the building during the week in order to carry out this work.

Afternoon Sunday worship from 3-5pm (to include an All Age Holy Communion and Bring and Share Tea) are planned to begin at St Antony's from 25th June 2023, to enable the new congregation to pray and grow together.

At the end of July 2023, the building will be closed, and the present Hirers have been instructed to remove all equipment stored in the building so that St Antony's can have an industrial clean over the summer. It is also hoped that some additional storage areas can be built in and the 'Sunday School' room at the back of the building, can be transformed into a cosy meeting room.

St Antony's is a consecrated Anglican Church and when it re-opens later in September, it is planned to be recognised as an Anglican Church and Community Hub for the people of Hamsey Green and surrounding areas. Initial ideas are for Toddler groups, a Drop-In Day Centre and a New Parent Support Group during the week. This means that the Pre-School and Torchlight will no longer be hiring the building.

Please pray for all the changes - change is never easy when things have been a certain way for a long time. Pray for wisdom and courage to join in more fully with God's mission: bringing reconciliation, freedom for captives, challenging injustice, proclaiming good news and treating everyone as family ¹.

Please also pray for the new congregation at St Antony's to grow and shine with the love of Christ for one another and the wider community.

Grace and peace

Revd. Carol Bates

Priest-in Charge of All Saints & St Antony's in the Parish of Sanderstead

For further information and to volunteer support for St Antony's Church or Community Hub please contact Reverend Carol Bates using email revcarolbates@gmail.com subject: *St Antony's*.

¹ Dust Glory Lent Booklet p66.

<u>Choir</u>



1st and 3rd Sundays of the month preceded by Friday choir practice in All Saints' Church @7.15pm

No formal audition required, but ability to follow or read music at correct pitch beneficial.

New members welcome.

For more information contact John Jones: 07902 840599

Homegroups

There are seven informal active homegroups in the parish helping people to enjoy being part of the church, providing a friendly environment to study the Bible and Christian faith and pray together as well as providing pastoral support:

- Landmarks
- Days Acre
- Hamsey Green
- Rectory Park
- St Catherine's
- Norfolk
- West Hill

A range of different resources (study guides, books, videos etc.) are used and from time to time there are opportunities to reflect on the Sunday sermon discussing what we have learned.

If you are not yet in a home group and would like to be part of one,

if you are already a member, but would like to move to a different group,

if you would like to join a new weekly day time homegroup,

Please contact: jeremy@sanderstead-parish.org

Prayer Chain

Can we pray for you?

We believe in the power of prayer and in the hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

'Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you.' Psalm 55: 22

But there are times when we need others to pray with us and for us.

If you would like us to pray for you, the **PRAYER CHAIN** will gladly bring it to God and treat your request with the utmost confidence.

For prayer requests please put subject: PRAYER CHAIN and contact:

rector@sanderstead-parish.org.uk Mobile: 0777 239 4855

Mothers' N

MOTHERS' UNION - Sanderstead Parish with St. Mary's

Our branch exists not only for our local communities, but to give support globally – United in prayer, worship, love and service

WORSHIP: Opportunities to join in Festival Services FELLOWSHIP: Meeting with others in a safe and friendly environment SUPPORT: MU projects such as a holiday scheme and Growbaby for mums

We meet at least monthly, usually the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30/8 p.m. Organised by 5 committee members. For further information contact:

Ann Turner 020 8657 5224 - email: annturner@go-plus.net

<u>Ukrainian guests</u>

All Saints' has offered housing, household gifts and hospitality through sponsorship of six Ukrainians.

Zina & Ivan Varga are housed in one of the church flats.

Antonina (Tonya), her daughter, Tanya and grandson, Sasha were staying with Margaret Quiney but have now found rented accommodation in Sanderstead Court.

Dasha, who celebrated her 18th birthday recently, is housed with Ian and Julie Marsh.

They are all very thankful to everyone for their kindness.

Provision is being made for transportation to a monthly Ukrainian church service on 1st Sunday of the month at Christ Church, South Nutfield:



30th March 2023

Our Mission Partners, also showing our church contact representatives below:

LOCAL MISSION				
welcare strengthening families since 1894	T R E	FUGEE CENTRE	FOOD	
www.welcare.org	croydonrefugeedaycentre.co.uk		purleyfoodhub.net	
Rena Gray renagray@hotmail.co.uk		Wright asurer@ gmail.com	All Saints' Judith Robinson judithofsanderstead@gmail.com & Fanny Smith fanny.smith@talktalk.net St Antony's Barbara Dudley-Webster albarb2011@hotmail.co.uk	
NATIONAL MISSION				
The Children's Society childrenssociety.org.uk		Gri	Together we will end homelessness crisis.org.uk	
Sue Wragg & Richard Wragg richardwragg@hotmail.co.uk		Gill Bailey gilljbailey@gmail.com		
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Open Doors* One Church. One Family.		International Needs Empowering families		
opendoorsuk.org		ineeds.org.uk		
Chris Bates batesco1970@gmail.com		Veronica De Grasse-Grant vdegrasse@hotmail.co.uk		

CHURCH GROUPS IN THE PARISH

Toddler Group - Activities for pre-school aged children. Sharing a Bible story, relevant craft and songs at some of our sessions.

Every Tuesday and Friday term time only All Saints Church Large Hall 9.30-11.30am £3 per family

There is currently a waiting list as there are no spaces at the moment. Please contact Sarah Palfrey, Children & Family Support Worker, to be added to the waiting list:

sarah@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot is held on alternate Fridays in All Saints Small Hall10am -12 noon.

This is a Drop-in with a difference. Coffee, tea and cake with occasional sausage rolls and other delicious delights.

A Thought for the Day is the usual topic for discussion accompanied by a brief talk on the subject.

We also have a Prayer Box with paper and pens for PRAYER REQUESTS for which the church is asked to pray.

Crafty People



Meeting every 1st Friday of the month All Saints Small Hall @2pm

A very informal and friendly group to bring sewing, knitting and any other craft or get help with crafty problems.

No charge to attend but donations appreciated.

Volunteers from this group are also supporting Croydon Refugee Day Centre by teaching people to knit & crochet on Wednesdays 10-12pm at West Croydon Baptist Church.

Sunday Lunch

This is a lunch for Senior Citizens living within the Parish of Sanderstead.

When: First Sunday of the month @12.30 for 12.45pm Where: All Saint's Small Hall

Cost: £7.50 (Includes main course, dessert, and coffee)

Places need to be booked through Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care on 020 8657 8289 by 12 noon the previous Wednesday. Lifts can be booked at the same time.

Sanderstead All Saints' Handbell Ringers



Meeting on Monday evenings 8 - 9.30pm All Saints' Small Hall Term time only

All equipment provided. £10 Subscription per term

For more information contact Martin Winter: 19mwinter@gmail.com

Sanderstead 2 o'clock Bells



Meeting Monday afternoon @2pm All Saints' Small Hall Term time only

£10 Subscription per term

For more information, please see our website: www.sandersteadbells.org.uk

<u>Men's Group</u>

The Men's Group is open to everybody and there are ladies as well as men at virtually every activity.



Primarily a social which offers:

- Wednesday weekly walk ending with refreshments.
- Monthly meal usually at the Sir Julian Huxley pub.
- Monthly outing e.g. whisky tasting, breakfast speaker or watching six nations rugby together.

For more information please contact: mensgroup@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

COMMUNITY LINKS

Key community groups who partner with us from time-to-time to encourage, care for and improve the Parish environment. For example:

- Christmas lights switch-on
- The defibrillator launch at All Saints' Church Halls
- Financial contribution to the Grade 2 Listed War Memorial refurbishment

Several of our church members are involved with these and other community groups.

Churches Together in Sanderstead (CTIS)

All Saints' (AS), Sanderstead Methodist (SMC), Sanderstead United Reformed Church (SURC) and Holy Family Roman Catholic Church (HF) are the four churches that currently comprise Churches Together in Sanderstead (CTIS).

Clergy and lay representatives meet three times a year for fellowship and to plan a programme of events for the churches and our community. These include the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the World Day of Prayer, School of the Spirit in Lent and the Good Friday Walk of Witness.

Elaine Leck

	SNC provides support for people over 65 in Sanderstead, Hamsey Green and the Riddlesdown area.		
	Shopping - either by taking the person or shop on their behalf.		
Sanderstead			
Neighbourhood Transport to medical appts, hospitals etc - (for tho would be unable to get there otherwise).			
Care	Befriending - to the housebound or to sit with a person who cannot be left alone whilst the partner goes out.		
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	Contact: sanderstead.neighbourhood.care@gmail.com		
	Or 020 8657 8289		
Sanderstead Residents Asso	bciation https://sanderstead-residents.co.uk/		
A selection of projects and g Residents' Association since 2	groups that have received funding from the Sanderstead 012:		
 Sanderstead Community I Christmas Lights in Elmfie Purley Food Hub Croydon Voluntary Associa Fund BME forum Remembrance poppies Sanderstead Neighbourho Hamsey Green Pond 18th Purley Scouts, for floo work Sanderstead Brownies 100 	 Id Way Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care Selsdon Centre for the Retired Repair of Sanderstead War Memorial vandalised by metal thieves. Christmas Lights in the Village Sanderstead Churches Floating Shelter 8th Purley Scout Group "Girls enjoy Scouting". 16th Purley Scout Group contribution 		
Sanderstead & Selsdon Rota	ry Club		
https://www.rotarysanderste	adandselsdon.com/		

Staffing at All Saints' and St Antony's











Ben



Paul Shipley: Parish Administrator.

Paul resources, facilitates and coordinates parish business such as funerals, weddings, baptisms, Graveyard enquiries and the Hiring of our church halls.

The hours of work: 9.30 am - 1.30 pm from Monday to Friday.

Times to pop in for enquiries would be between 10am -12pm.

Rosanne Morris: Rector's Administrator.

A resource for the Rector, facilitating and coordinating the church's worship and mission such as church services and the production of posters and notices regarding church outreach and events as well as the communication involved in putting events together.

The hours of work are between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Sarah Palfrey: Children and Families Support Worker.

Responsible for managing and keeping the children's database up to date. She also sets up, organises and runs the twice weekly Toddler groups in the All Saints' Church Hall and orders materials as well as prepares crafts for the monthly Messy Church and other children's events throughout the year.

Sarah is contracted for 12 hours per week during school terms.

John Jones: Organist and Choirmaster.

The Job title describes what he does!

The Parochial Church Council also employ 3 Caretakers.

Tony Novell and Ben Coburn are responsible for caretaking duties at All Saints Church and its Hall.

Nick Webster is Caretaker for St Antony's Church building, which is also used as a Hall for hiring.

NOTICES

<u>Treasurer</u>

Michael Turner has done a sterling job of being the Church Treasurer since 2007.

He is needing to step down from this role by the next APCM in 2024.

During this year, we are looking for 3 or 4 people who would be willing to be trained up, by Michael, to oversee a particular area of the Treasurer's role and work as a Team to carry out the Treasurer's role.

Do you like numbers? Have you bookkeeping experience? Have you or would you like to gain experience as a Treasurer?

If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact the Rector by Sunday 19th April 2023: **rector@sanderstead-parish.org.uk**

<u>Website</u>

Corrie Hibberd is the Webmaster of the church website and has done an excellent job of maintaining it single handedly for quite a while now.

Moving forward we want to:

- Re-vamp the website, modernise it, making it more inviting and user friendly.
- Have a team of volunteers involved in maintaining and updating it.

If you are interested in serving the church's outreach and communication in this way please contact the Rector by Sunday 19th April 2023: <u>rector@sanderstead-parish.org.uk</u>

Parish Electoral Roll & Directory Update

Application forms to be included on the Parish Electoral Roll or Parish Directory Communications should be returned to the Parish Office by 1st April 2023.

If you know of any parishioner or congregation member who has passed away or moved since April 2022 or have any queries please contact Electoral Roll Officer David Chillman: david.chillman@btinternet.com

New Solar Panels for All Saints' Church Halls

The Church of England have set us a target to be Carbon Zero by 2030. Lately we have also experienced huge rises in energy costs with little or no prospect of these costs returning to their previous levels,

One step available to us that would greatly reduce our carbon footprint and reduce energy costs would be to install solar panels on our hall roof.

Quotes have suggested we can accommodate 30 panels and a storage battery thus ensuring any energy we harvest, which is surplus to our use, can be stored up for later use.

Total Cost: £18,750.00.

Installation would need to be very soon to harvest maximum energy from UV rays between March and October.

Anticipated investment would be recovered within 3 and a half years from the savings generated and result in 40% Reduction of CO₂.

We urge you to consider:

'Sponsoring a panel' at a donation of £500.00 per panel.

Or donating financially to show your support for this project.

For more information, and how to make your donation please email: Michael Turner – Allsaints.treasurer@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

St. George's Day Service 23rd April 2023



The Scouts will be holding their St George's Day service at All Saints Sanderstead on **Sunday 23rd April at 3pm.**

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from Sanderstead will be renewing their promises during this service.



The choir have kindly agreed to lead the singing.

All welcome.



Sunday 2 nd April	9.30am Palm Sunday Parish Eucharist
Mon-Weds	Audio Stations of the Cross available on website.
Thursday 6 th April	5pm Maundy Thursday Parish Eucharist
Friday 7 th April	9.30am Walk of Witness meeting on The Gruffy
	2pm Good Friday Service of Prayer & Reflection
Sunday 9 th April	5.15am Easter Day Dawn Service @Holy Family Church
	8.30am Easter Breakfast @All Saints Church Hall
	9.30am Easter Day All Age Worship & Holy Communion (Parade Service)

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SANDERSTEAD: HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Walk of Witness: On Good Friday, 3rd April, starting at 9.30am, we would love you to join a "walk of witness". The walk will begin on the Gruffy opposite All Saints' Church at the far side adjacent to the bus stop on Limpsfield Road. We will begin the walk with a prayer and Bible reading, then follow one of the group who will be carrying a cross - remember, we are doing this as an act of witness to what our Lord Jesus has done for us.



We will walk down the Limpsfield Road by the shops and pause at the junction of Cranleigh Gardens for another prayer and Bible reading. We will careful cross that road and walk on to Waitrose where we will pause again for a prayer and Bible reading. Then we will cross the road at the traffic lights and walk back as far as the entrance to Sanderstead Recreation Ground and onto the field where we will have our final prayer, Bible reading and sing "When I survey the wondrous cross".

Please do join us if you possibly can - we had around 60 folk last year!

We have informed the Police and local councilors of this activity.

Easter Sunday Dawn Service: "Christ is risen, Hallelujah!" You'll need to set your alarms early for this one, but that's a small price to pay to welcome our risen Lord. We have been invited by Fr Malachy and our friends at the Holy Family Church to celebrate the risen Lord at 5.15am on the grassed area behind the church. The service, which will be outdoors (weather permitting), will begin in semi-darkness with the lighting of a fire. And as the day dawns we will rejoice together and celebrate the love that has overpowered death itself. The victorious Sun of our Life has risen and brought us into glory. Sincere thanks to the Holy Family for hosting this event, which promises to be very special indeed.

APCM 30th April 2023 after the 9:30am Service and at 11:15am at All Saints' Church

This is an important meeting for the whole church.

An opportunity to:

- Elect people for the PCC (Parochial Church Council)
- Ask questions and comment about the finances of the church, the state of the building, or about any matter of concern to the parish.

There are a number of vacancies for the Deanery Synod and PCC. If you would like to put your name forward, please complete the relevant nomination forms and return to Reverend Carol or Paul Shipley (Parish Office).

APCM Annual Reports will be sent to all on the Parish Directory Communications. Forms available in church and from Parish Office

You must be on the Electoral Roll in order to vote. Forms available in church and from Parish Office.