NOTICES for SUNDAY 8th October

Songs for this Sunday: HON 137 (For the beauty of the earth); Cabbages and greens; HON 534 - (We plough the fields); HON 186 (Great is thy faithfulness).

Lectionary readings for this Sunday: Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-end.

Readings for Harvest Sunday: Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 17:11-19.

Harvest Collect: God of grace, ever creating and restoring, you breathe life into all things and embrace us with an everlasting love; help us to grow in wonder and awe, to embody a spirit of gratitude, and to dream generous dreams; that, in gathering what we have, we may graciously offer ourselves to accomplish what you will, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sunday 8 October (today): HARVEST Sunday

We are thanking God for his generosity to us – please consider God's generosity to you and how you might respond, in particular to the Parish Pledge 2024. You should all have received your envelopes.

Responses to Paul Foster ppf26.pf@gmail.com or to the Parish Office by 26th November.

Messy Church / Activity time (today)

3.30pm – 5.00pm: Messy Church in the Large Hall / **Activity time** in the Small Hall for older children, aged Year 5 and above (table tennis etc). The theme is the Parable of the Sewer.



We are collecting the following items for:

PURLEY FOOD HUB:

- 500g Packets of Cereal
- Tinned Meat Meals (we have plenty of Hot Dogs thank you!)
- Packet & Tinned Potatoes
- Tins of Tuna
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Small Bottles of Squash
- Hot Chocolate Drink requiring only water
- Tinned & Packet Custard
- Unisex Deodorant
- Shampoo

And CROYDON REFUGEE CENTRE

- pasta
- tuna /tinned fish
- tinned fruit
- chick peas
- lentils
- shampoo
- washing up liquid

Please continue to bring items to church next Sunday 15 October or bring to the Parish Office during the week.

MOTHERS' UNION – Monday 9 October, 8pm: Our next meeting will be in St. Catherine's Aisle. The Topic will be SAINTS. *Ann Turner 020 8657 5224*

Deanery Synod – Tuesday 10 October, 7.30pm for 8pm start

Mervyn Thomas CMG is the speaker at this OPEN MEETING – he speaks out for those with no voice, those who are persecuted. He set up Christian Solidarity Worldwide and chairs the UK Freedom of Religion or Belief Forum. The event will be at St. Mary's, Purley Oaks, CR2 0NY. Refreshments will be provided. Come along if you can.

'Place of Welcome' is launching at St. Antony's on Wed 11 October, 11am-3pm Places of Welcome create spaces where people feel safe to connect, belong and contribute. St. Antony's Church will host a Place of Welcome on Wednesdays, 11am – 3pm.

Sunday 15 October

9.30am: Traditional PARISH EUCHARIST at All Saints

3.00pm: Café Church at St. Antony's - a relaxed worship service.

"The Bereavement Journey" in Croydon, starting Mon 16 October

Seven sessions of films and discussion for anyone, whether grieving a recent death, or wanting to explore a previous bereavement that may be unresolved. Each attendee will receive a Guest Manual, with the course facilitated by experienced volunteers.

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Dates: Monday October 16 – Monday 27 November; Time: 7pm for a 7.15pm start – Finish 9.30pm; Venue: Emmanuel Centre, Rockhampton Road, CR2 7AQ (Room F4); Cost: FREE. For online booking and further information the link is www.emmanuelcroydon.org.uk/courses or contact office@emmanuelcroydon.org.uk

Table-top Sale at St. Antony's: Saturday 4 November, 1-3pm

£10 per table hire – individuals & charities. £20 per table hire – businesses. If you want to grab a bargain or sell unwanted items, come along. Free entry, refreshments available. Call Carol, the Table-top Co-ordinator, on 07772 394855 to hire a table.

Christmas Day Lunch 2023 Would you like an invitation to our Christmas lunch? Do you know someone who would like an invitation? Please leave their name, address and email (if available) in the Parish Office. All Saints' Halls, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead CR2 9AB. 020 8657 0665, parish.office@sanderstead-parish.org.uk. Any questions please contact Corrie or Dick Hibberd: corinna.hibberd@gmail.com or dick.hibberd@gmail.com, 020 8657 4562.

Together Southwark / Housing Justice – hosting project

Together Southwark is currently collaborating with Housing Justice which runs a hosting project where people with a spare bedroom can temporarily welcome in a homeless asylum seeker or refugee in need. The role of the host is on a voluntary basis but the guest receives a £150 destitution fund per month to cover food and transport costs. Find out more by visiting https://housingjustice.org.uk/hosting-project