



NOTICES for SUNDAY 3rd December

Songs for this Sunday: HON 193 (Hail to the Lord's anointed); HON 198 (Hark the glad sound); HON 98 (Come thou long expected Jesus); HON 172 God is working his purpose out.

Lectionary readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-8,18-20; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-end.

Collect for this Sunday: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sunday 3 December – *First Sunday of Advent – TODAY! The first Advent candle will be lit.*

3.00pm Advent Carol Service at All Saints Church. Come and celebrate the beginning of Advent.

Christmas invitations – please take some!

At the back of church are some Christmas invitations giving details of our Christmas services. Please take a few to hand out to friends and neighbours.



PAT TESTING is happening on Wednesday 6th December

If you have any electrical items that are used by the church, please bring to the Parish Office by Tuesday 1.30pm at the latest, ready to be tested on Wednesday morning.

'Place of Welcome' every WEDNESDAY at St. Antony's, 11am-3pm

Pop in! No charge. Refreshments provided. *Places of Welcome create spaces where people feel safe to connect, belong and contribute.*

Sunday 10 December – *Second Sunday of Advent*

9.30am CHRISTINGLE Parade service with communion

3.00pm St. Antony's Carols by Candlelight

The pipe organ is back in action at St. Antony's Church, and will be played during this service. Come and enjoy! The speaker: Revd Cecil Heatley (former Team Vicar).

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Gresham Primary School Invitation - Monday 11 December, 2.15pm

Gresham School is inviting all from All Saints' & St. Antony's to their concert on Monday 11 December at 2.15pm. Coffee, tea and cakes will be offered. If you would like to go along to encourage the youngsters at Gresham, please let Revd Jeremy know.

Tel: 8668 7795 or jeremy@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Decorating the church – volunteers needed on Friday 15 December

The flower team will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday 15 December. If you would like to help, please contact Lynne Davison 020 84071565 or email

lynbriton@blueyonder.co.uk

Mince Pies after Carols by Candlelight on December 17th, 6.30pm

Could you make some mince pies for after the Carols by Candlelight service? If so, please could you sign up on the list at the back of the church and bring them to the hall kitchen before the service. Thank You. Mulled Wine will be supplied! *Fanny Smith 020 8657 2967*

Parish Christmas Day Lunch 2023

Guests We still have a few spaces for guests to the Parish Christmas Day lunch. If you or someone you know will be on your own on Christmas Day, please contact the Parish Office for an invitation.

Donations As in previous years, we should be very grateful for donations for our guests who are joining us for the Parish Christmas Day lunch. There is a list of requirements at the back of church, for perishable and non-perishable items. Please sign up for anything you can provide. We should also be grateful for any monetary donations. Donations by BACS should be made payable to:

Sanderstead All Saints PCC Sort code: 55-70-30 Account no: 34786996 ref Christmas lunch, or by cheque / cash in an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Lunch". Donations can also be made in the office by Card.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Corrie and Dick Hibberd corinna.hibberd@gmail.com or dick.hibberd@gmail.com,
020 8657 4562.

WANTED for the Crib Service - Sunglasses & Volunteers

Firstly, does anyone have any non-prescription sunglasses which they would be happy to donate? They are needed for the Crib Service. Please bring them to the Parish Office or give them to Lynne by 17 December.

Secondly, volunteers are needed for the Crib Service - to help guide the children, hand things out etc. Please let Lynne know if you can help.

Lynne Davison lynbriton@blueyonder.co.uk Tel: 84071565.

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THE RED CHAIR

There is an empty **RED CHAIR** in the north aisle of our church. This has been placed by the Mothers' Union to serve as a visual symbol of the lives lost to gender-based violence. It highlights the project being run for the UN's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence. Please do take time to read the information.

Safeguarding / 'A Safe Church':

If you ever have any concerns, contact one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers:

Julie Marsh 8651 2109/ julie.safeguarding@sanderstead-parish.org.uk or Katheryn Hewitt 8651 6308/ katheryn.safeguarding@sanderstead-parish.org.uk.