NOTICES for SUNDAY 17 December



3rd Sunday of Advent

Songs for this Sunday: HON 358 (O come, O come, Emmanuel), HON 196 (Hark, a herald voice is calling), SP 13 (Longing for light), HON 467 (Tell out, my soul).

Lectionary readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end, Psalm 126, 1 Thess 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28.

Collect for this Sunday: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sunday 17 December – Third Sunday of Advent – TODAY!

3.00pm: CAFÉ CHURCH at St. Antony's - a relaxed worship service.

6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight at All Saints

Mince Pies after Carols by Candlelight

If you are bringing mince pies for the Carols by Candlelight service this evening, please bring them to the Hall kitchen before the service. Thank You. *Fanny Smith 020 8657 2967*

Christmas invitations – giving details of our Christmas services. Please take some to hand out to friends & neighbours.

'Place of Welcome' at St. Antony's, 11am-3pm - Wed 20 December Pop in! No charge. Refreshments provided. Places of Welcome create spaces where people feel safe to connect, belong and contribute. Place of Welcome will be closed on 27 December & 3 January 2024. We will resume on 10 January 2024.

Thursday 21 December – Midweek Communion

12.30pm: A half hour Communion Service. Take time out of your week to stop, be still and remember Christ.

Sunday 24 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve

8.00am: Said Eucharist - Speaker: Revd Kevin Garrett.

9.30am: Parish Eucharist with modern songs. Speaker: Revd Carol Bates.

3.00pm: The Crib Service for children of all ages, and their parents/carers.

11.30pm: Midnight Mass "The people walking in darkness have seen a great

light". Speaker: Revd Carol Bates.

Monday 25 December – Christmas Day

9.30am: Parish Eucharist - Speaker: Revd Carol Bates.

Parish Christmas Day Lunch 2023

Thank you very much to everyone who has signed up so promptly to donate items to the Parish Christmas Day lunch. Please bring non-perishables to the Parish Office as soon as possible and perishables to the church hall from 12pm on Christmas Eve. *Corrie Hibberd - Mob:* 07891693315.

Rector's Office Rosanne will be working from home on Monday and Tuesday this week (18th & 19th) and will be in the office as usual on Thursday (21st).

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.

