NOTICES for SUNDAY 24 & 31 December

Christmas Eve

Songs for this Sunday: Angels from the realms of glory; Away in a Manger; Come thou fount of every blessing; Praise to the Lord the Almighty.

Lectionary readings for this Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Psalm 89:1-8; Romans 16:25-end; Luke 1:26-38.

Collect for this Sunday: Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Christmas Day

Songs for today: STF 196 (Come and join the celebration); HON 176 (God rest ye merry gentlemen; HON 357 (O come, all ye faithful); HON 109 (Ding Dong merrily on high).

Lectionary readings for today: Isaiah 62:6-end; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-7,8-20

Collect for today: Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen

Sunday 31st December - 1st Sunday of Christmas

Songs for this Sunday: Good Christian men rejoice, Open the eyes of my heart Lord, There is a Redeemer, Go tell it on the mountain.

Lectionary readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21 or 22-40.

Collect for this Sunday: God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Sunday 24 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve

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

11.30pm: Midnight Mass Speaker: Revd Carol Bates.

Parish Christmas Day Lunch 2023

Please bring non-perishables & perishables to the church hall from 12pm on Christmas Eve. *Corrie Hibberd - Mob: 07891693315.*

Monday 25 December – Christmas Day

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

St. Antony's Place of Welcome will be closed on 27 December & 3 January 2024, and will resume on 10 January 2024.

Saturday 30 December – PARISH PRAYERS, 9am

We meet at All Saints' Church. It is a prayer time for everybody across the parish, for All Saints and St. Antony's – do come if you can.

Sunday 31 December – 1st Sunday of Christmas

9.30am: Parish Eucharist with modern songs. Speaker: Revd Kevin Garrett. Coffee & refreshments after the service will be in St. Catherine's Aisle (not the Church Hall, due to the pantomime).

Sunday 7 January – *Epiphany*

9.30am: Traditional Parish Eucharist. Speaker: Bishop David Atkinson. Coffee & refreshments after the service will be in St. Catherine's Aisle.

Parish Office & Rector's Office

The Parish Office will be closed until Wednesday 10th January. The Rector's Office will be closed until Thursday 4th January.

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.