

NOTICES for SUNDAY 7 January 2024

Songs for this Sunday: HON 41 As with gladness; HON 113 Earth has many a noble city; HON 394 O worship the Lord; HON 277 Jesus shall reign.

Lectionary readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.

Collect for this Sunday: O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sunday 7 January – Epiphany

Coffee & refreshments after the service will be in St. Catherine's Aisle (not the Church Hall, due to the pantomime).

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be re-open on Wednesday 10 January.

Wednesday 10 January – Place of Welcome resuming this week. '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 14 January – Epiphany 2

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

Men's Group Belated Christmas Curry – Tues 16 January

This year's Christmas Curry will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 16 January at the Taste of Bengal, 1 Station Parade, Sanderstead Road, CR2 0PH. They have looked after us very well for several years now - likely cost is c£30 per head. and as ever, ladies are very welcome. Please let us know asap if you would like to join us as we need to give the restaurant an indication of numbers.

Dick Hibberd (020 8657 4562) / David Chillman 020 8657 7397).

COFFEE POT, Friday 19 January, 10am-12pm:

Coffee, tea, cakes, mince pies, friendship in the Church Halls. This will be our first Coffee Pot of the New Year. For more details call the Parish Office.

Croydon Episcopal Area Lay Conference - Saturday 2 March

For all Church-goers...

The conference will be a day of uplifting worship and inspiring talks and workshops, all about how Christians can respond to the challenges of our own day. The theme for the conference is Magnificat! From Praise to Passionate Action.

The deadline to register is **Sunday 11 February**. To book your place, please visit https://CroydonLayConference2024.eventbrite.co.uk The cost, including refreshments and lunch, is £10 per person (you will be charged an additional Eventbrite admin fee of £1.55, so total £11.55), payable when you book. For support with booking, please contact learning@southwark.anglican.org or romana.nelson@southwark.anglican.org or call the Croydon Area office on 020 8256 9630.

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.

⁸ Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
⁹ Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.
¹⁰ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
¹¹ Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.

1 Chronicles 16:8-11