

NOTICES for SUNDAY 18th February 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

Songs for this Sunday: HON 56 (Be thou my 5v); SP 126 (Word of God 5v); HON 293 (Lead us 3v); HON 473 (The church's one 4v).

Lectionary readings for this Sunday: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Peter 3:18-end; Mark 1:9-15.

Collect for this Sunday: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

Myrtle Bourns formerly of this parish but latterly living in a care home in Basingstoke, died early Wednesday (14th Feb) morning. Myrtle and her late husband Michael were part of All Saints' Church for many years, and she played a significant role with the handbells group as well as participating regularly in leading intercessions and readings. Details of the funeral are to be confirmed. The funeral will take place at Basingstoke Crematorium on Thursday 7th March at 12.30pm followed by a Thanksgiving service here at All Saints on Friday 8th March at 1.30pm, both led by Revd Jeremy Groombridge. There will be refreshments in the Church Hall after the Thanksgiving service.

Olive Carroll Many will remember Olive Carroll, a long-standing member of Sunday Lunch and Young at Heart. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 9 April at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium the next day.

Watch & Pray Lent booklets – wisdom & hope for Lent and life. There are still a few at the back of church. Please help yourself. Donations welcome.

'WARM SPACE' every WEDNESDAY at St. Antony's, 11am-3pm Places of Welcome create spaces where people feel safe to connect, belong and contribute. Pop in! No charge. Refreshments provided.

Saturday 24 February - PARISH PRAYERS, 9am

We will 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.

Men's Group Six Nations Rugby - Saturday 24 February, 4.30pm

Men's Group will be meeting in St Catherine's Aisle from 4.30pm (kick-off 4.45pm) to watch the **Scotland v England** match, which has proved popular in previous years.

The format will be as before, watching the TV together, with tea, coffee, soft drinks, beer, wine and a few nibbles being provided.

(The next game for your diary will be **France v England** on **Saturday 16 March**, kick-off at 8pm - a reminder will be issued in a few weeks' time).

As ever, all are welcome but for catering purposes please let Dick Hibberd (07775 824 743) or David Chillman (07870 978 844) know if you would like to come on 24 February . Hope to see you there.

Sunday 25 February – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00: Said Eucharist led by Revd Kevin Garrett

9.30am: Parish Eucharist with modern songs & healing prayer

Speaker: Revd Jeremy Groombridge

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 1 March, 10.30a.m.

at Sanderstead United Reformed Church Sanderstead Hill, CR2 0HB. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Palestine and the title is: 'I beg you, bear with one another in love' (Ephesians 4:1-2). The service will be followed by refreshments, and all are welcome. It will be live-streamed on the Sanderstead URC website, www.surc.org.uk, and follow the link to streamed services.

ELECTORAL ROLL & DIRECTORY REVISION SPRING 2024

As required by the Church Representation Rules, the Electoral Roll is required to be revised for 2024; an official Notice to that effect will be placed on the noticeboards of the Churches and Church Halls as from 2 March 2024.

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll or Parish Directory and wish to be included, please complete the application form/s. Inclusion in the Parish Directory is only available to those on the Electoral Roll, and is optional.

The application forms should be returned to the Parish Office no later than 30 March 2024.

Please contact the Electoral Roll Officer if:

- 1. you would like a copy of the application form/s, or
- 2. you wish your name to be removed from the current Electoral Roll or Parish Directory, or
- 3. you wish to make any amendments to your contact details currently held e.g. change of name, address, telephone, email, or

4. you know of any parishioner or member of the congregation who has passed away or moved out of the parish since April 2023 (and is not now a regular worshipper), or 5. you have any queries.

If anyone on the Electoral Roll wishes to amend their Parish Communication contact details and/or preferences, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer.

Electoral Roll Officer David Chillman 020 8657 7397 (david.chillman@btinternet.com).

The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2024

"Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" Amos 5:24



In 2024, The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call is raising funds for projects that focus on peace with justice and resilience and well-being.

Week 1: Well-being and resilience in Zimbabwe

For too long now Zimbabwe has been faced with escalating inflation, unemployment, scarcity of food and high costs. The project will provide information on mental health disorders, strategies for stress management as well as creating safe spaces for conversations about mental well-being.

Please consider prayerfully and carefully what you can give to support the work of resilience and well-being in the Diocese of Zimbabwe and please pray for the country, its church and its people during Lent – asking God to bless and keep them in these difficult times. Find out more at www.southwark.anglican.org/lentcall

- **Donations in church:** Use the small dedicated pink envelopes marked 'Bishops Lent Call" found on the back of pews.
- Info on the Lobby boards: There is more information on the Lent Call in the Church and Church Hall lobbies, updated weekly.

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.

"Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you." Isaiah 60:1