

# Sanderstead Team Newsletter

November 2017

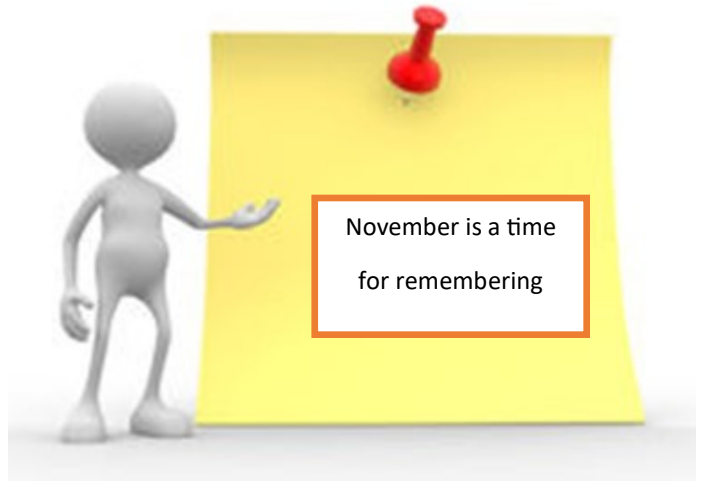
Welcome to the Sanderstead Team Newsletter! This is your newsletter, so do send us your news and anything you would like us all to know. The newsletter will continue to be published for the first Sunday of every month, and items need to be with Rosanne the Monday of that week.

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*Jeremy writes ...*

## REMEMBER, REMEMBER...?

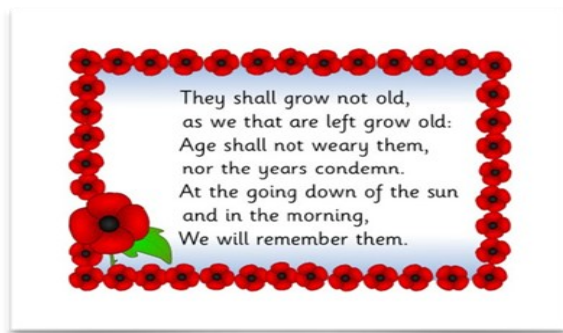
On 5 November we will light bonfires and launch fireworks to commemorate the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 - the plan to blow up the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament. At about midnight on 5 November, Guy Fawkes was arrested whilst standing guard over 36 barrels of gunpowder. His intent, and that of his English Catholic co-conspirators, had been to assassinate James 1, the first of the Stuart Kings of England, and other important people in attendance including most of the Protestant aristocracy, judges, and the Bishops of the Church of England. The debate will always rage about whether Guy Fawkes was a freedom fighter or a terrorist - or maybe just a fool. Wherever we stand in that debate, one thing is clear - the bangers, rockets, crackling bonfires and smoke filled air on 5 November will ensure that we don't forget these momentous events in our country's history.



At the end of October we remembered the momentous events that took place at the start of the Reformation 500 years ago when Martin Luther, in his 95 Theses, declared unequivocally that we are saved entirely, confidently and unfailingly by grace alone, through faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ, and not by our own works. We reflected that it was through these events that the Scriptures became accessible to ordinary men and women, and that the gospel could now be freely proclaimed, without the need for unquestioning obedience to authorities and hierarchies within the Church. It is surely right to remember and commemorate historic events such as this.

Only a week or so after that we will, in sombre mood, reflect and remember those who have fallen during wars and crises, those who still suffer the hardships of war and those members of our Armed Forces whose job it is to protect us all in times of danger.

This year, we have commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele, also known as the Third Battle of Ypres, which took place in the First World War between July and November 1917 with each side suffering around a quarter of a million casualties. In July, our Royal Family and the Prime Minister marked the centenary of the battle in a service at the Menin Gate. At our Remembrance Sunday service on 12 November, we will remember and honour all those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. At the end of the service at All Saints, we will gather at the War Memorial in the Churchyard where a wreath will be laid and we will have opportunity to pay our respects to all who have fallen in battle. During our service, one of our number will recite those immortal words:



After which we will pause for a time of silence.

Later that day, we will gather at St Edmund's Church, Riddlesdown, for our yearly Memorial Service, where we will remember those of our families and friends who have died, whom we love but see no more. Again, during that service we will pause, light candles and place them by the altar as an act of remembrance.

The ability to remember is a very special gift that God has given us. In a flash we can be a child again, skipping rocks across a pond, or walking in a meadow. Through memory we can fall in love, get married, & enjoy our children all over again. All this is possible through the blessing of memory. Many of our remembrances are happy, as we recall joyful times and amazing experiences. But others are sad, and we weep as we think of them.

Of course, every week we enact a special service of Remembrance, as we gather around the Lord's Table to share Communion. The word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving" and through that simple act of sharing a meal together we are bringing to mind the words of Jesus Himself: "This do, in remembrance of me". That is why we say:

*"Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord."*

It's important to mark special days and times to help us remember specific events, but also to help us look forward to the future. Sunday by Sunday as we participate in the Eucharist we remember the once-for-all sacrifice of Our Lord in the past, but we also rejoice His salvation in the present and we look forward to the future when He shall come again. As we remember past events this November, let's also be thankful for what we have in the present and look ahead in faith to the future.

*Jeremy*

# Staycation at All Saints

From Sanderstead to Turkey, Italy and Greece, all in the space of 3 days, without having to travel beyond the Parish! Fifty local residents took part in Sanderstead Staycation 2017, following in the footsteps of St. Paul and enjoying activities as varied as Turkish belly dancing, craftwork, puzzles, word searches, pouring over some very old newspapers, Greek Zorba and a 3-country wine tasting. Here are just a few pictures of the Staycation:



## ALL SAINTS STAYCATION 2017





# Harvest at St. Anthony's



The food around the altar is going to Purley Food Bank and the cash donations to the Red Cross.

**Three Harvest competition winners:**

**They were given Waitrose/John Lewis gift vouchers.**



**Harvest  
Poster  
by  
Helen Howe**



**Harvest  
Painting  
by  
Ellie Wythe**

## Harvest -

**A time for celebration and giving thanks  
for all that has been created for us.**

There's a very particular smell of autumn with mist rising from lightly frosted fields as low sunshine warms the countryside. Then we know it's time to gather and give thanks again for the rich harvest of crops. We are blessed each year that the fruits of the season have matured and ripened and we can enjoy again the taste of hedgerow plants – blackberries, sloes, hips and such-like. Farmers will have been busy cutting their cereals, bringing in vegetables of all sorts; allotment holders and gardeners will be picking their produce - beans, onions, gourds, all kinds of colourful and wonderful plants. These are a joy to see, touch and smell as well as to taste.

Just before the dusk of cooler evenings draws in and stars sparkle more brightly, we may think this is the down time of the year when everything dies back, leaving only furrowed ground ready for replanting. But look – we can see again the beautiful structure of trees as they drop their brightly coloured leaves. Notice too as we crunch these leaves underfoot there are buds already forming on bare branches and even the soil may show the beginnings of growth ready to burst into life, to bring harvest produce and glory again next year.

Let us stop, think again and wonder at this evidence of life, death and resurrection and give thanks that the miracle of creation never ceases.

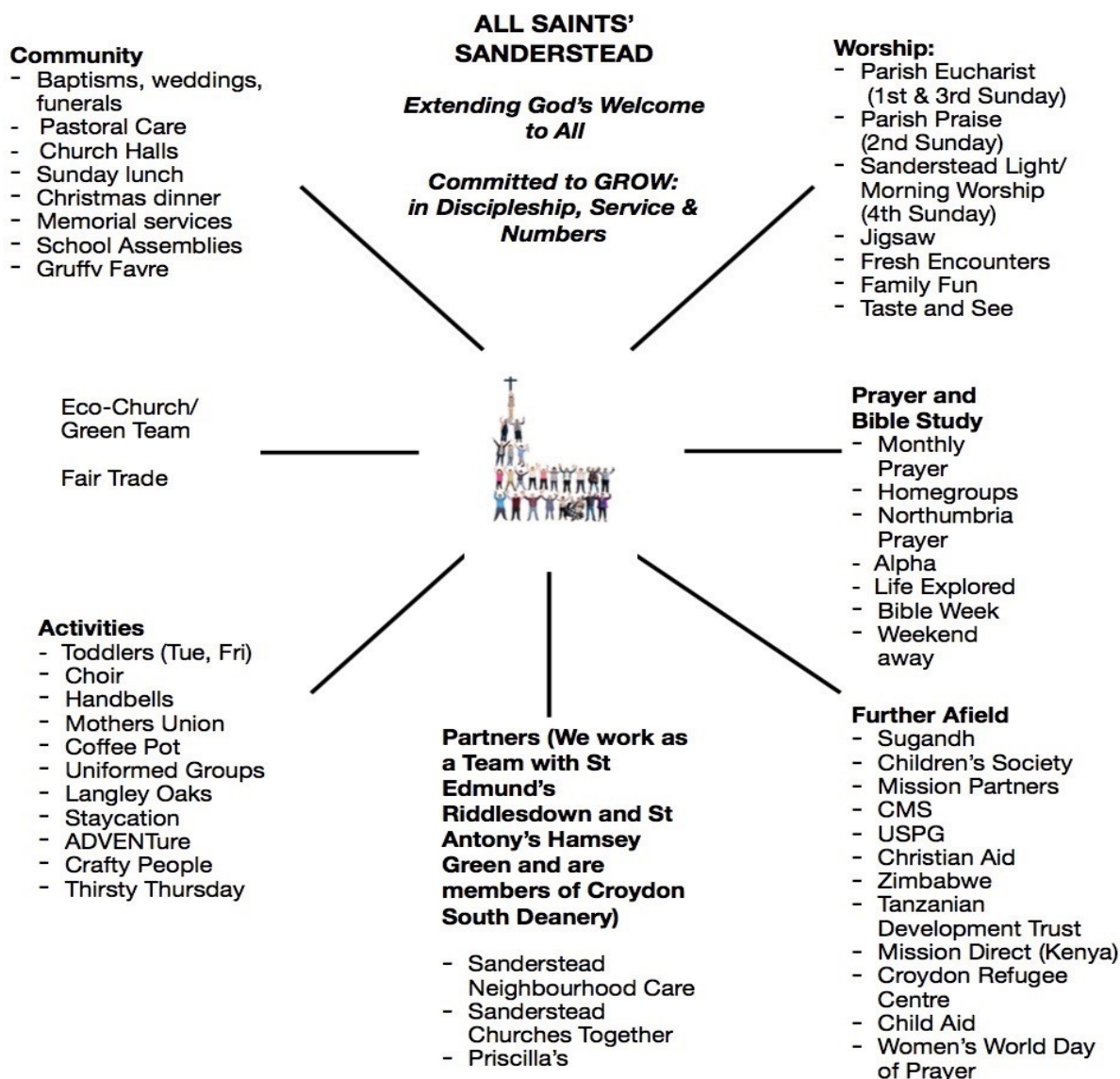
**Harvest Poem by Liz Lomax**

# St Augustine's Mission Project Team: An Update

You will have seen from previous Newsletters that we are working with a team of five students from St Augustine's College of Theology to help us develop our future plans for mission. We had an initial meeting with the team on 5th October, and gave them lots of information about our current activities. They will be joining us for some of our services over the next few weeks to get to know us and get a "feel" for our churches. They are working to a tight timescale, and hope to complete the first fact-finding stage of their work by the end of November.

I have reproduced below the summaries which we shared with the group when we met them. These are by no means "fixed". If we've missed any activities or groups off the charts, please let us know so that we can bring them up-to-date.

*Jeremy*



### Community

Offer Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals  
The Church Halls are used daily – Pre-School, Toddler Groups, and hired out for local activities e.g. Dance, birthday parties  
T4U, Lunch Club (until recently)  
St. Edmunds Caring Group  
Neighbourhood Care

Partners (NB: We work as a Team with All Saints Church and are members of Croydon South Deanery)

### Worship

Is shared across both churches and include Parish praise, Holy Communion, festivals such as Harvest, Christmas, Easter  
An annual Christingle Service (supporting the Children's Society)  
Deepening Spirituality- Weekly Prayer Groups



## St. Antony's Church & St. Edmunds 'Reaching Out'



### Activities

Toddler Group (St. Edmunds,) Pre-School (daily) at St Antony's, Women's Social Group. Links with the local Beaver Group and the local school.  
Regular term-time visits to the school to take assemblies  
Good Friday Children's Event (Art, Craft Song and tea )



### Supporting

The Children's Society, 'Nightwatch' (supporting the Homeless) Purley Food Bank, Christian Aid, the Bishop's Lent Appeal and local opportunities linked to the community e.g. Liver Research  
Pastoral Outreach



Our confused society badly needs a community of contrast, a counterculture of ordinary pilgrims who insist living a different way. Unlike popular culture, we will lavish attention on the least "deserving" in direct opposition to our celebrity culture's emphasis on success, wealth, and beauty.

— Philip Yancey —

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# CAMEO

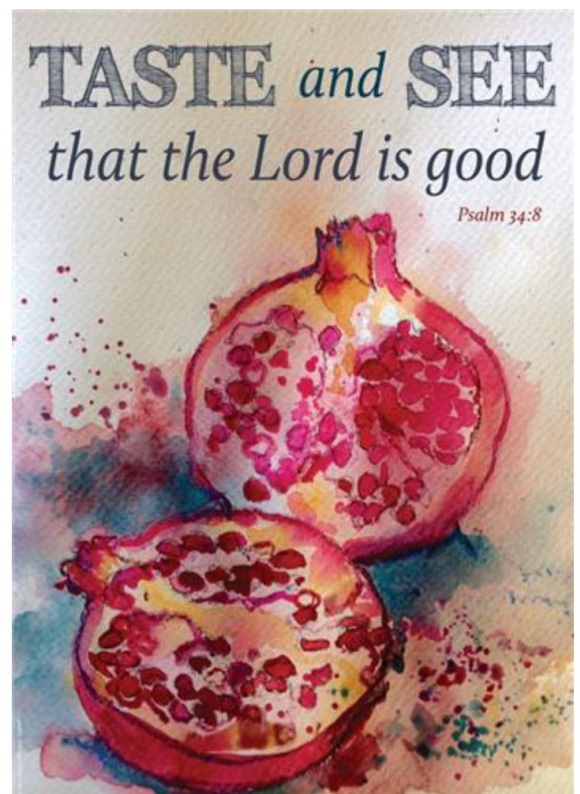
## Come And Meet Each Other at St. Mary's

Jubilee Room, St. Mary's Church, Purley Oaks Road,  
South Croydon CR2 0NR

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month**  
**2.30pm – 4.00pm**

On the third Thursday every month we provide a place where people who are lonely can come and enjoy friendship and fun. We offer tea and cakes and a huge welcome. Whether you want to sit and chat or get involved in a game such as Scrabble, Bingo, skittles or cards, Cameo is a place to come and meet new friends. We are looking forward to our Christmas carols and pulling crackers, eating mince pies and cakes. Maybe, if you're feeling energetic, have a little dance or join in a party game.

**Next few CAMEO dates: 16<sup>th</sup> November, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 18<sup>th</sup> January....**



## Pilgrimage from Trafalgar Square to Canterbury Cathedral in May 2017, raising money for the homeless

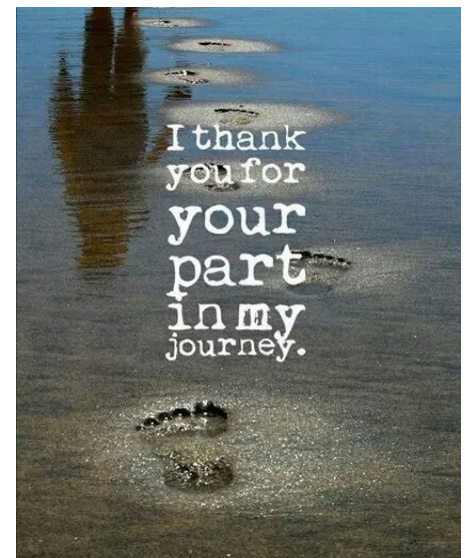
There were a 100 pilgrims as we left the hustle and bustle of London behind. We trudged down the Old Kent Road in 86 degrees!! We could be considered as "a community on the move" all bonded together by walking miles & enjoying the camaraderie, sharing stories, offering support to each other along the way.

We walked into the lovely Kent countryside of meadows filled with bluebells, woods, and those steep challenging hills!! We passed fields of sheep and cows grazing in the sun- taking no notice of all the weary pilgrims as we passed by. We stopped off at fourteen churches en route and were thankful for the food, cups of tea, prayers, stories, and words of encouragement, "You are nearly there".

No sooner had we had our first glimpse of Canterbury Cathedral than we were met by the Dean and the welcoming party. This was closely followed by a service in the crypt. When I closed my eyes I was transported back in time to countless other pilgrims who had made this very journey through the centuries. I hoped they would be impressed by the fruits of my sponsorship which amounted to £904.00.

My heartfelt thanks to all who sponsored my pilgrimage, thank you.

Rena, from All Saints'





## Prayer Update from Chris & Alison Hawksbee in Paraguay



The campaign run by the Mennonites went well in La Patria (from 7-10 September). A whole group of support came to ferry people to and from the local villages in La Patria to the village of San Fernandez where the services were held. Three from the Anglican team joined in on two of the evenings to reinforce with the Mennonite brethren that we can work alongside each other to strengthen the local churches and not cause division. This has been very positive. Please pray that this continues and that the other groups who are Christians can draw alongside us to work together positively.

In September, I was able to distribute another 15 hives in 4 villages. These were bought from the sale of honey. There is now a new flow of honey coming in so we hope to buy more hives from the sale of this. Pastor Agripino has been visiting the people, mainly church members to make certain they comply with their commitment of paying back their credit for the hives. Some have been quite slack and hoping to get away with not paying. We are insisting that the local churches start practising good stewardship so they can generate an income from beekeeping and make it grow by reinvesting some of their profits. Some are doing well but there are sluggards as well.

The Diocese has just opened a new guesthouse in Remansito, close by Asuncion where the Indian folk can come to stay while they have business to do, or have health check-ups, etc. The three deacons from El Es-tribo were made presbyters. This event was very positive and encouraging to these local congregations.

Thank you for your prayers.  
Chris & Alison

*A full transcript of their letter is available at the back of the church or online by contacting Rosanne Morris, Rector's Admin assistant at [admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk](mailto:admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk)*

## New screens for All Saints

We are at last making headway on one aspect of the reordering project. Archdeacon Chris Skilton has approved our deploying two large mobile monitor screens at the Remembrance Sunday service on 12 November. This is so that Jeremy can show a short locally made video containing reminiscences about Sanderstead during the Second World War. This will also be an opportunity to try out the mobile monitors before the DCC meeting on 21 November takes decisions on the final shape of the overall screens proposals to put to Southwark diocese for their approval. There will be a further update in next month's newsletter.

**Richard Bird**

## *Around and About Sanderstead ...*



*and beyond ...*

### **PURLEY CLASSICS NOVEMBER RECITAL**

**Wednesday 8th November 2017, 1.15pm to 2.00pm**  
**The Lounge, Purley United Reformed Church, Brighton Road Purley**

**Open to all with a retiring collection to cover costs, Light refreshments served before the start.**  
**Gareth Knox – Piano.**

We welcome back Gareth who last played for us two years ago. This time he will play a Bach Partita and a Beethoven Sonata. Gareth was born in Enniskillen, N. Ireland and won first prizes at local music festivals. He reached the piano final of the RTE Young Musician of the Millennium Festival and the performance was broadcast on RTE Lyric FM. In 2003 Gareth graduated from the Royal College of Music with a BMus (Hons) and Post Graduate Diploma in Advanced Performance. He has since had a successful performance career.

### **Carol Singing at Waitrose Sanderstead**

**Wednesday 13th Dec, between 6pm and 8pm**  
**We have again been invited to sing carols at Waitrose accompanied by bell ringers.**  
**Come along and join us.**

### **Sanderstead Parish Christmas Day Lunch**

If you know anyone who would like an invitation to our Sanderstead Parish Christmas Day Lunch in All Saints' Hall, or you yourself would like an invitation, ring Sue & David Chillman on 8657 7397, or leave a name & address in the Parish Office. Lifts will be arranged if required. All are welcome.

## Sanderstead URC events below:

### Sanderstead Literary Society:

Nov 15th: 8pm: SURC Main Hall: Forty Years without a Proper Job – Talk by Chris Hare about being a Production/Theatre manager

Nov 29th: 8pm: SURC Main Hall: In the Kingdom of Sweets - Illustrated talk by Nigel Bates about the Nutcracker ballet

### Parlour Players:

Nov 9th, 10th, 11th: 7.45pm: SURC Main Hall: 'Dangerous Corner' by J B Priestley - BOX OFFICE: 020 8657 2632 Or online [www.parlourplayers.co.uk](http://www.parlourplayers.co.uk) and click on the Ticketsource link.

**Church Fayre:** Nov 25th: 11.00am to 2pm: SURC Main Hall

**Concert:** Nov 26th: 3.00pm: Sanderstead United Reformed Church: The Croydon Symphonic Band

**A gospel christmas concert**

**Saturday 9th December**

Doors 6:45 pm  
Starts 7:30pm  
Refreshments from 7:00pm  
Raffle on the night

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## Mothers' Union

**Monday November 13th - 8.00pm in Flat 2A**

### Christmas Crafts

Come along, you do not have to be a member. Chat with us over tea or coffee and make some decorations for Christmas.

## Fresh Encounters

**The next service will be at 6pm on Sunday 19th November.**

It will be the third in a series exploring 'The Grace', it will be entitled

**'The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit'**

There will be no Fresh Encounters services in December or January. Dates for Fresh Encounters until Summer 2018 are as follows: 25 February; 18 March; 22 April; 20 May; 17 June; 15 July.

## Martin and Emma: Update

Martin & Emma are now in Versailles, where Martin is leading services at St Mark's, an English-speaking church. Please continue to pray for them, and ask God, in the words of St Paul, to give them a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that they might know Him better. (Ephesians 1:17)



## What's On In November?

Please look at the website for regular Sunday services: [www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk](http://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk)

WHEN?	WHERE?	WHAT?
Fri 3rd 10am-12pm	All Saints' Halls	Coffee Pot, All welcome for coffee, cakes and company.
Fri 17th, 10am-12pm	All Saints' Halls	Coffee Pot, All welcome for coffee, cakes and company.
Sun 19th, 3pm	All Saints' Halls	Family Fun Hour
Sun 19th, 6pm	All Saints' Church	Fresh Encounters

### SEARCHING FOR MUSICAL TALENT!

Can you play a musical instrument? You don't need to be a professional, but maybe you've achieved some grades in piano-playing, or you enjoy playing the violin, flute, oboe, didgeridoo or accordion - or any other instrument! We are thinking of providing a few opportunities, perhaps during Sunday coffee for example, when our folk could use their talents in a completely informal way. This is most definitely not a concert, and you really don't need to be concert-ready. But if you'd like to join in (or if you have children or grandchildren, friends or neighbours who would like to share their talent with us) John Jones or I would love to hear from you! Who knows, we might even be able to form a quartet from talent we never knew existed! Don't hide your talent - share it with us! Jeremy

### Curate's Diary

Life Explored Classes: 2nd and 16th November  
St Augustine's College: 10th and 24th November  
Bishop Jonathan: 7th November  
Purley & Kenley Churches Together & Reedham Children's Trust Board: 8th November  
Curates Day, followed by Bishops Supper: 9th November  
Remembrance Day Services, followed by bowling and burgers with the Uniformed Groups, followed by Memorial Service at St Antony's: 12th November  
Graveyard Inspection & Sanderstead Light planning: 14th November  
Sanderstead Churches Together: 15th November  
Reader mentoring: 16th November  
Beaumont School: 17th & 23rd November  
Samuel Caskey baptism: 19th November  
Langley Oaks, followed by DCC: 21st November  
South Croydon Deanery: 22nd November  
Wedding Rehearsal: 23rd November  
Springfield Church Wallington: 24th November  
Wedding (Matthew Prince/Emma Sadler): 25th November  
Ridgeway School: 27th November  
Beaumont School: 29th November

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