

Sanderstead Team Newsletter

February 2018

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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Martin writes ... A busy church!

If you are feeling that there is a lot going on in the Sanderstead Team of Churches, then I agree with you! Here is some of it:

We have students from St Augustine's Theological College carrying out a brief mission audit and survey in the Hamsey Green area of the parish. We look forward to their presentation at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in All Saints' on Sunday 22nd April.

We are waiting for the Church Commissioners to complete the necessary formalities, hopefully soon, so that St Mary's will leave the Sanderstead Team and become a united benefice together with St James Riddlesdown.

And it will very soon be Lent! Ash Wednesday is on 14th February, with communion services at 10am and 8pm.

During Lent, as part of Churches Together in Sanderstead, we shall be holding five 'School of the Spirit' meetings at the United Reformed Church. These will be based on Bishop Tom Wright's helpful book, 'Surprised by Hope' [Beginning on Thursday 22 February, 8pm]

Hope for the World

The Hope of the Resurrection

The Hope of Heaven / Jesus's Second Coming

The Hope of Salvation

The Hope of the Church.

All welcome; no charge.

All Saints' Annual Meeting will be held after the 10am service on Sunday 18 March. Maria Linford will be standing down as Church Warden, having served for three years. We need to elect someone to serve alongside Lynne Davison. Please pray for God's guiding. Is your name on our *Electoral Roll*? It's a good time to complete a form, so you can play a full part in the Annual Meeting and the life of our church. [Forms available at the back of church].

And 23—25 March, we have our Church Weekend Away at Ashburnham! Hope you can come. See page 10 for more details.

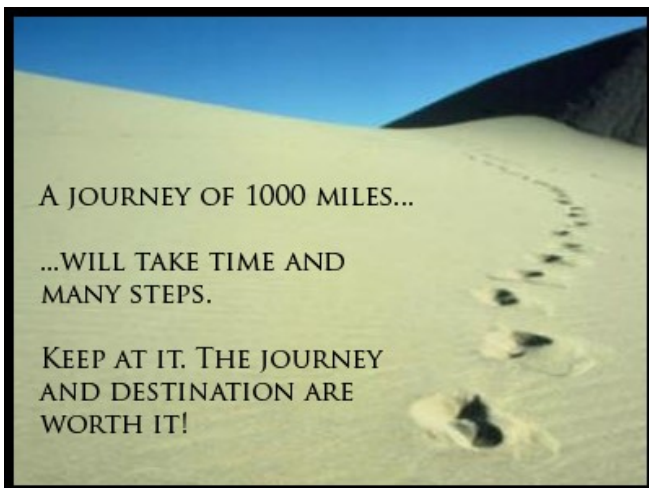
Even with all this, I have not mentioned even a half of it! There is of course all that is done by so many in so many ways: In music, planning & leading of services, children & families work, homegroups, pastoral visiting, maintenance, website & communications, administration – and more.

So, yes, a lot is going on. We are a busy church; but I hope we are not too busy. It is good to be a busy church. After all, St Paul encouraged the Corinthian church to be, "Always abounding in the work of the Lord, because you know that your work in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). However, such busy-ness must not take our focus away from the Lord. I say, 'must not', because the first command is to worship God and pay attention to Him.



This is one reason why, from time to time in church, we leave the Church's set lectionary of bible readings, and instead have a 'sermon series'. So, on Sunday 4 Feb, we begin a 7-part series on chapters 1-3 of the Epistle to the Hebrews. Whilst we don't know who actually wrote Hebrews ("God alone knows", wrote Origen centuries ago), it is clear that it was sent to Jewish Christians around 65AD who were feeling intense pressure to give up following Jesus. It was hard to keep their faith; they were getting persecution from others around; so they were wondering: *Is it worth it? Is Jesus enough? How can we persevere?* Such questions do also go round the minds of some today. *We have been 'on the road' with Jesus quite a long time; is it worth it? Can I slacken off a bit? How can I keep up the joy and discipline required to be a Christian?* Please do pray that together we may find, in everything we do, through the bible, the sacrament and the fellowship, all we need to be faithful, joyful Christians in this year 2018.

Martin



Greetings!

Greetings from Jonathan and Sue Baker!

We have recently moved to Beverley, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, a little after 20 years since Jonathan's time as Curate of All Saints' Sanderstead (from 1992-1996). After 13 years at Peterborough Cathedral, chiefly as Canon Missioner but more recently as Acting Dean, Jonathan has been appointed as Vicar of Beverley Minster and Priest-in-charge of Routh. Sue has moved with him, and will be looking for another teaching job in the area. Our eldest son, Harry, is working as a freelance film-maker in London; Lucy is staying in Peterborough to continue working with Pupil Premium students in a local school. Neil (at Drama School in Oxford) and Sam (studying English at York) will be based in Beverley for their holidays. Our new address is Minster Vicarage, Highgate, Beverley, HU17 0DN (telephone 01482 881434).

**We send our very best wishes to Sanderstead friends
and a warm welcome to anyone who finds themselves in East Yorkshire!**



Best wishes for 2018 and Greetings to all from John and Barbara Apostolides!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading your Sanderstead Team January newsletter and learning about all the ministry and outreach activities reported, and the announced events planned for the coming year. It was also good to read the familiar names and see the photos of many of the folk that Barbara and I came to know and love during our happy years of fellowship there with you all.

For 2018, to all of you,
our best wishes and continued prayers,
for the ministry of the church,
and for healing, wholeness, health, contentment, peace, safety, joy,
and the assurance that the Lord has each one of you in His keeping and in His hands.

Love and blessings,
John and Barbara Apostolides

All Saints'

Family Fun

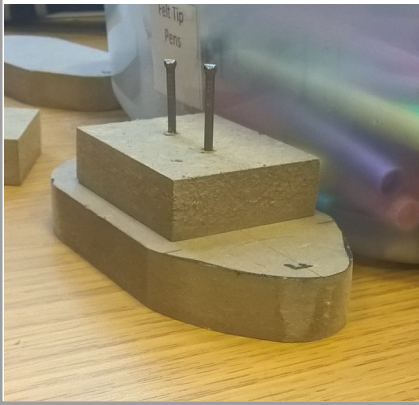
Family Fun is our regular children's service gathering for all the family with children under the age of 12 years.

In January, we learned about Noah and the great flood. We welcomed 16 children with their families to a busy session. The children made arks with hammers and nails, mobiles with an ark, animals and rainbows to hang in their bedroom, animal glove puppets, waves in a bottle, and some fun vegetable animals. The leaders acted out the story of Noah's ark with the children as the animals. We had to squash into the ark after we had caught all the animals.

Everyone enjoyed an absorbing fun-filled afternoon together with songs and prayers. We finished the session with a lovely tea.

Our next event is on Sunday February 11th 3.00—4.00pm in the large hall at All Saints'. Join us!

For more information email us at: children@sanderstead-parish.org.uk and keep an eye on our website.



Children's Activities at All Saints'

January to July 2018

We have planned children's activities at All Saints' for the next 6 months, we want everyone to know what our young people will be learning about, at both Jigsaw and Family Fun.

If you are interested in getting involved with any of these activities, either on a regular basis or at one off activities such as the Gruffy fair please contact:

Judith Robinson 07940594464, Sue Thomas 07870318366 or Emma Greenfield 07786587679

MONTH	DATE	ACTIVITY/THEME
January	14	Family Fun: Noah
	21	Jigsaw: 'Holy Heroes' Samuel
February	4	Jigsaw: 'Holy Heroes' David
	11	Family Fun: The parables of Jesus
March	18	Jigsaw: 'Holy Heroes' Samson
	4	Jigsaw: 'Holy Heroes' Elijah Family Fun: The parables of Jesus
	11	Mothering Sunday
	18	Jigsaw: TBC
April	30	Good Friday Family Service 9.30am in church
	1	Easter Sunday Jigsaw Easter Egg Hunt
	15	Jigsaw: 'Holy Heroes' Jeremiah (1) Family Fun: Pentecost
May	22	Jigsaw: 'Holy Heroes' Jeremiah (2)
	6	Jigsaw: 'Holy Heroes' Moses (1)
	13	Family Fun: Moses in the Bullrushes
June	20	Jigsaw: 'Holy Heroes' Moses (2)-
	3	Jigsaw: 'Adventures with God'-Philip
	9	Gruffy Fair All Saints' Stall for children
	10	Family Fun: Jesus chooses His disciples
July	17	Father's Day Jigsaw: 'Adventures with God' - Peter
	1	Jigsaw: 'Adventures with God' - Cornelius
	8	Family Picnic or BBQ on the Gruffy for families and church members and friends.
	15	Jigsaw: 'Adventures with God' – End of year Party



Fresh Encounters

I AM

Come and explore, through Scripture, poetry,
music and meditation,
the encounter of humanity with God,
whose name is I AM.

6pm on Sunday 25th February

All Saints'

St. Mary's

CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other
Thursday 15th February, 2.30pm – 4.00pm
In the Jubilee Room @ St. Mary's
All are welcome



We meet once a month on the **third Thursday, 2.30pm—4pm**. 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.

Next few CAMEO dates:
15th March, 19th April, 17th May, 21st June

Day Seminar on LIFE EVENTS

Wednesday 28 February 2018 at St Mary's Church, Reigate from 10.00am – 4.00pm

Dear Members of the Clergy, Readers and SPAs and anyone else interested,

I am writing to invite you now to register your attendance at the Day Seminar on **Life Events** which is being planned for Clergy, Readers and SPAs in the Croydon Episcopal Area as well as for anyone else interested in your parish.

This event is being organised through Eventbrite, and you will need to register your attendance and ensure that you order a ticket for each person who will attend. The **closing date for bookings is 10 February 2018**.

The event is suitable for anyone involved in and interested in ministry at times of key life events, i.e. baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please do share this information with anyone involved in ministry or supporting people during or after these key times in life and let them know about the Day Seminar. The Archdeacon would encourage parishes to bring a group to hear how we can reach our communities better through our involvement in these key times in people's lives and also hear about the national research and resources which are available for support.

Date: Wednesday 28 February 2018
Venue: St Mary's Church, Chart Lane, Reigate RH2 7RN
Time: From 10.00am until 4.00pm
Subject: Life Events
Speaker: Revd Dr Canon Sandra Millar

Best wishes
Susan, Croydon Episcopal Area Office



To register, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/life-events-seminar-28-february-2018-registration-42117562764>



THE HEART OF CONTEMPLATION

Quiet Day on Saturday 3rd March, 2018, 10 - 4pm

St Mary's Church

Led by Julienne McLean

'I thought of the soul as resembling a castle, formed of a single diamond or of very clear crystal, and containing many rooms, just as in heaven there are many mansions. Let us imagine that there are many rooms in this castle, of which some are above, some below, others at the side; in the centre, in the very midst of them all is the principal chamber in which God and the soul hold their most secret intercourse. St Teresa of Avila, Interior Castle, First Mansion

In these words, St Teresa of Avila, the 16th century Spanish Christian saint and Carmelite reformer, begins her extraordinary treatise on the journey of our soul towards 'union with Christ'. During this quiet day, we will explore Teresa's writings from her spiritual masterpiece *The Interior Castle*, especially the themes of the seven mansions of the soul, contemplative prayer and spiritual transformation in God's Love.

Julienne is a psychologist, Jungian analyst and spiritual director in North London. She has had a lifelong involvement in the Christian contemplative tradition, and for many years has been teaching, writing and running retreats on Jungian psychology, prayer and Carmelite spirituality. She is the author of 'Towards Mystical Union' (2003, 2013, 2017, St Paul's), a modern commentary on St Teresa of Avila's classic text on prayer, 'The Interior Castle' and facilitates a contemplative spirituality retreat programme, at www.contemplativespirituality.org

This event is organised by **Ways into Prayer**, an ecumenical group working within Southwark Diocese. For information and to register your interest please contact Susan Oakes - susanoakes@hotmail.co.uk, Tel: 07941 937979 or Jane Hoskins on j.hoskins233@btinternet.com. Suggested donation for the day is £10-15

St. Antony's Mission

We are still keeping up a very steady amount of membership which is great as we are 56 years old this year. We have one member that has been attending since it started, well done Jean Ford.

Our meetings for February are as follows:

Thurs 8th Feb: Inter sports eve, Darts Bowls Table Tennis. Table quiz!

Thurs 22nd Feb: Cheese Tasting, Jackie Walker from Waitrose, Demo and tasting, yum yum!

Our meetings start 7.45pm for 8pm. All welcome. Admission £1.50 + tea, coffee and biscuits

On every **1st and 3rd Monday** we run our **T4U** cuppa biscuits and chat. All welcome!

Our outreach and mission for our church is ongoing. Our friends from St. Augustine's are going out into the district to see what the needs are for the people of Hamsey green. Or perhaps, do they even know we exist? We shall carry on as we are happy together and united with St. Edmonds.

Barbara Webster Dudley, Warden

***Around and About Sanderstead,
and
beyond ...***



Sanderstead URC February events:

7th Feb 8.00pm: SURC Main Hall: Sanderstead Literary Society: The Story of the Crystal Palace High Level Railway - Illustrated talk by Bernard Winchester

18th Feb 3.00pm: SURC: Sunday Afternoon Concert: Piano Recital by Tau Wey

21st Feb 8.00pm: SURC Main Hall: Sanderstead Literary Society: The History & Work of Great Ormond Street Hospital - Illustrated talk by Judy Anderson

24th Feb 11am-1pm: SURC Main Hall: Women's Guild Jumble Sale

YOUNG AT HEART Social Club

All Saints' Church Hall

10am—12pm on alternative Fridays

£3 entry. Members can stay for lunch for an extra £2

Our programme includes talks, slide shows, music.

The Young at Heart dates are:

Friday 16th February

Friday 2nd March

Friday 16th March

020 8657 8289

PURLEY CLASSICS FEBRUARY RECITAL

Andrew Scott – Classical Guitar and Tommaso Starace – Saxophone

Andrew is co-founder of Purley Classics and lives in Purley. He will play some pieces on his recently released EP "Andrew Scott Plays Laurindo Almeida". Tommaso is a graduate of the Birmingham Conservatoire and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. With his Italian quartet he performs all over Europe in jazz clubs and festivals. He will play movements from Bach's 1st Cello Suite. The recital will finish with some popular Bossa numbers in the style of Stan Getz and Joao Gilberto.

Wednesday 14th February 2018, 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.

New Year and New Opportunity? Would you come and join our team?

INTERNATIONAL NEEDS UK—We are a worldwide Christian development agency working to help families suffering through poverty and crises to create a sustainable future. Through all that we do, we seek to serve God and bring people the good news of Jesus. We have 3 job opportunities in our UK office, one is full time and two are part-time. We are looking for passionate individuals called to service and looking for a new opportunity.



1. **Finance Manager** – Could you be responsible for the financial management, reporting and year end preparation of International Needs UK? Do you have prior experience of accountancy or bookkeeping? **(21 hours per week & flexible)**

2. **Office and Finance Administrator** – This role helps manage the vital back office functions of a growing charitable organisation. You would be helping with the database, processing payments, recording transactions as well as maintaining the office supplies. Are you a 'details' person; are you comfortable with Microsoft Excel? **(14 hours per week & flexible)**

3. **Programme Officer** – Are you interested in International Development? Can you help shape our partners development projects, travel to them, build relationships and report back well to all stakeholders? Can you help raise funds, promote fundraising by mobilising others? Are you passionate about making a difference? **(UK office, international travel, full time role)**

Closing date 19th February

Please contact Sarah at International needs 01883 331332 or email her at sarah@ineeds.org.uk for a full job description and application form. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Croydon Male Voice Choir Concert

The Croydon Male Voice Choir are holding a concert in aid of the **South East Cancer Help Centre** at the beautiful St Mark's Church, Purley.

Date: Saturday 10th February

Location: St Mark's Church, Woodcote, Church Road, Purley, Surrey CR8 3QQ

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: £10

Tickets can be purchased from the SECHC reception or from eventbrite with additional admin fee

<https://croydon-male-voice-choir-concert.eventbrite.co.uk>

South East Cancer Help Centre (SECHC) is a small charity, based in Purley who aim to give any person affected by cancer an opportunity to explore ways which may help them to cope with their situation. We provide individual and group support, complementary therapies and information within a friendly, caring environment. These services have local NHS recognition, although we do not receive any funding from the NHS or local government. We rely on our (time-consuming) applications to a host of charitable trusts, donations from our supporters and the range of fundraising events we organise.

Some more dates for your diary....

Party Games evening

With finger food* light supper & soft drinks included

For ages
5 to 95!

Team
Games

QUIZZES

PUZZLES

SUPPER

Table Challenges

**SATURDAY
10th MARCH**

5.30pm to 8.30pm

**ALL SAINT'S HALL
ONSLow GARDENS,
SANDERSTEAD CR2 9AB**

*Don't be disappointed!
Buy your tickets early
for this popular event*

TICKETS

NB advance booking only

Adults (14+) £4

Under 14's (5-13) **£2

**Must be accompanied by an adult

Further information and tickets are available from the Parish Office 10am—12pm weekdays - 020 8657 0665 and from Tony & Jackie Worthington on 020 8651 0962

*NB any special dietary requirements must be notified to Fanny Smith on 020 8657 2967 on or before 5th March

Church Weekend Away at Ashburnham Place 23rd – 25 March 2018



Plans are well advanced for our Weekend Away and we are looking forward to hearing our speakers—Rev Peter & Mrs Davina Irwin-Clark.

We are happy to collect your final balances as soon as you are able. To remind you, the cost is ...

£130 per person for an en-suite room

£100 for a standard room and

£50 for children aged 5-17

BACS payments to Sanderstead All Saints PCC, Sort code: 557030, A/C No: 34786996, Ref. CWA (Church Weekend Away) followed by your surname e.g. CWASMITH, or by cheque made payable to: 'Sanderstead All Saints PCC'. Thank you, **Michael Turner**

Mothers' Union

'Make a Mothers' Day' virtual gift catalogue is available online:

www.makeamothersday.org



For many of us, Mothering Sunday is a time to reflect on what our mums mean(t) to us.

As an alternative to flowers a 'Make a Mothers' Day' gift could help a mother learn life-changing literacy and numeracy skills, become a better parent or give women a powerful voice to change their communities for the better. By buying a gift from the catalogue you can help mothers around the world to flourish.

Mothers' Union AGM

Mon 12th Feb at 8.00pm in St. Catherine's Aisle @ All Saints'

The Reverend Kevin Scott will be taking the meeting. Please bring your boxes that you have been collecting for family life, child welfare, marriage and parenting— making a difference where it matters. Mulled wine, nibbles, tea and coffee available. All are welcome.

Diocesan Events and Training

Prayer spaces for children and young people

Tues 20th February 7-9pm @ Trinity House, SE1 IHW.

A practical session to inspire creative prayer spaces that engage children and young people. This could fit really well with any Thy Kingdom Come Initiatives.

Led by Prayer Spaces for Schools.

You can find further details and register for this free event on our Event-Brite page: <http://bit.ly/2uU7hGx>



Praying into Scripture:
a Practical Guide to Ignatian Prayer and Imagination with Rev. Susanne Carlsson

Thursday
22 February and
Thursday
01 March 2018
7:00pm - 9:00pm

During this short course, offered over two evenings at Malling Abbey, the Rev. Susanne Carlsson will introduce and help you practise one of the richest traditions of Christian prayer and meditation. The Ignatian approach is especially compelling because of the way we are invited to bring our imaginations into the life of prayer. Susanne is well-known as a spiritual teacher, director and retreat guide; and she lives in an emerging Ignatian Community. Susanne will help you discover new ways to listen to God's leading in your prayer, for the good of your Christian practice in the business of life.

Course fee: £30 (including refreshments)

To book your place on this course, please contact office@staugustinescollege.ac.uk or ring 01732 252 656



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and the exact representation of his being,
sustaining all things by his powerful word.
Hebrews 1:3

What else?

Please look at the website for regular Sunday services: www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

WHEN?	WHERE?	WHAT?
Fri 9th Feb, 10am—12pm	Coffee Pot , All welcome for coffee, cakes and company.	All Saints' Church Hall
Sun 11th Feb, 3-4pm	Family Fun	All Saints' Church Hall
Wed 14th Feb, 10am & 8pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	All Saints' Church
Thurs 22nd Feb, 8pm	'School of the Spirit' ... Hope for the world	United Reformed Church, Sanderstead
Fri 23rd Feb, 10am—12pm	Coffee Pot , All welcome for coffee, cakes and company.	All Saints' Church Hall



Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care are having a Book Sale

Saturday 10 Feb
11am - 1pm

All Saints' small hall

Rector's diary for February

Sat 3	Marriage Prep morning
Sun 4	Sermon series on Hebrews begins
Mon 5	Homegroup
Tues 6	Gresham Assembly & PCC
Wed 7	Standing Committee & Meeting of Churches Together & Deanery Synod
Sun 11	Family Fun event
Mon 12	Funeral of Emma's aunt
Wed 14	Ash Wednesday services 10am & 8pm
Mon 19	Church Buildings Council meeting
Tues 20	Bishop's Study Day
Wed 21	Service at Langley Oaks
Thurs 22	School of the Spirit Week One
Sat 24	Church prayer
Mon 26	Funeral service at Croydon Crematorium



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