

# NOTICES for Sun 29 December & 5 January

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas / Epiphany

You can watch this service online (live or catch up) by going to 'Talks & Sermons' on the church website <https://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/talks>

## Sunday 29 December - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

**9.30am Family Worship** with worship band

Led by Katheryn Hewitt

**Lectionary readings:** 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-end.

**Collect:** 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.

## Sunday 5 January – Epiphany / 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

**9.30am Parish Eucharist** with healing prayer, choir & JIGSAW (Sunday School)

Preacher: Revd Steve Cooper

**3.30pm – 5.00pm: Messy Church** in the church



**Lectionary readings:** Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:13-end; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18.

**Collect:** Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Every week at St. Antony's...

**Sundays at 3.00pm: CAFÉ CHURCH** - a relaxed worship service with

Afternoon Tea, refreshments, singing, Bible readings, a short talk, prayers, and time to get to know Jesus better. **Holy Communion on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month.**

## **Looking after one another**

At this time of year, there are a lot of bugs and viruses going around, seasonal flu, covid and norovirus to name but a few. If you are feeling unwell with any symptoms, we kindly ask that you refrain from attending church events or services until you're feeling better. Please do rest and look after yourself, joining in on the livestream where it is available. If you're unwell and need support, be sure to ask. Let us help one another.

Thanking you,  
Mike and Sue, Churchwardens

## **Floodlighting Sponsorship**

Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> January, the floodlighting is being sponsored by Mrs Christine Boynton to mark the birthday on 6<sup>th</sup> January of the late Michael Boynton.

## **Men's Group Christmas Curry – Thursday 16 January 2025**

This will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January evening at the Taste of Bengal as usual. Please save the date - full details to follow in the New Year. As ever, all will be welcome.

## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025**

Rev Graham Claydon-Knights of Sanderstead Methodist church extends a warm welcome to all to join in the annual service for the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity. This will take place at 12.00 noon, on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 at Sanderstead Methodist Church. 2025 is the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in 325 at which the Nicene Creed was drafted.

The service will be followed by refreshments and attendees are invited to bring their own lunch as we share fellowship afterwards.

*Further information from Elaine Leck, Fanny & Marc Smith*

## **Friday 7 February - CRAFT GROUP, 2pm - 4pm in the Small Hall**

The Craft Group will not meet in January due the Pantomime. Our next date is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. *Sue Chillman 020 8657 7397.*

## **2024 Mission Giving**

As in previous years, we have made donations of £1,000 to each of our 8 mission partners... Croydon Refugee Day Centre, Purley Food Hub, Welcare, Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care, The Children's Society, Crisis, Embrace the Middle East and International Needs UK.

*PCC Members*

**Bring your own cup** If you can bring your own cup for refreshments after church, it would help us be more eco-friendly. 😊

## Donations

We would greatly appreciate your help to continue our work for God in the community in the Parish of Sanderstead. If you can, please consider making a donation. This is our QR code for the Parish of Sanderstead. To donate using this code, open up the camera on a mobile phone - point the camera at the QR code – follow the instructions. 😊 The offertory plate will go round during one of the hymns. There is also the opportunity to donate by card.



**Wishing you a peaceful, healthy New Year**

## Safeguarding / 'A Safe Church':

If you ever have any concerns, contact one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers:  
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