

# Sanderstead Team Newsletter

May 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.



## Jeremy writes ...

Towards the end of last month, the new parish of Sanderstead St Mary came into existence. As a result, we are now a Team of three churches - All Saints', St Antony's and St Edmund's. Some months ago, representatives from our three churches met with Chris Skilton, our Archdeacon, to discuss the implications of this change and he urged us to focus on our future mission rather than worry too much about structures and legalities. It seems to me that his wise advice is incredibly important as we move forward together as a new Team. It really gives us an opportunity to think afresh about God's mission to Sanderstead and the part we can play in that.

### What do we mean by "mission"?

**But what do we mean by "mission"?** It's a term that trips off the tongue quite easily - and sometimes people get a bit jumpy about the idea that it necessarily implies cold calling or knocking on doors. Personally, I rather like the definition by the former Archbishop Rowan Williams: **"Mission is seeing what God is doing, and joining in"**. One of the textbooks we all have to study thoroughly as part of our theological training is by David Bosch, entitled: "Transforming Mission". He uses a slightly more complex definition: **"Participating in the movement of God's love toward people since God is a fountain of sending love..."**

At our recent APCM we heard a report by the team of students from St Augustine's College who have been working at the Hamsey Green end of our Parish and conducting a "Community Audit". One of the things we quickly learn about effective planning for outreach and mission work is the need to understand the context and make up of our Parish. They have helpfully left us with a questionnaire tool which can be replicated for the rest of our Parish, to enable us to have a clearer picture of what the local community would like to see us doing, and how we might more effectively serve the community. Once we have the kind of information we can revisit our existing Mission Action Plan. Already, we are taking some important strategic steps to focus our plans for the future. For example, the decision to prioritise our work with children and families, and for our re-ordering plans to support this priority, is a big step forward. At the time of writing, we are shortlisting potential candidates for the post of Children and Families Pastor - again, a big step forward, and one which I personally find very exciting,

I was delighted to hear last month that I will be staying at Sanderstead on completion of my curacy. Sandra and I are really pleased about this, and we were thrilled with your hearty applause when it was announced! The past three years have been everything we could have wished for, and we look forward to serving you in the future - thank you so much for your prayers and support. [cont.]

The coming months will see the implementation of many of the plans we have been developing over the past period. It's all about serving God's kingdom in this community - hence the emphasis on mission and planning...and praying! Martin, Susan and I were struck recently while reading Isaiah 62 during our morning prayers - and, like the prophet, **we will call upon the Lord day and night, and "give him no rest" until he has fulfilled his promises among us.**

I am greatly encouraged as I see God at work among us! He *is* answering our prayers and we can trust that he will continue to do so. Last month, we lost one of our great prayer warriors, Joy Gadsby, at the grand old age of 90! What more fitting memorial could we build for her than to gather folk together, as she did so faithfully, to pray and seek to understand the Scriptures! This Summer will give us opportunities to do that, and to undertake mission in lots of ways - in Thy Kingdom Come, at the Gruffy Fayre, in the Bible Week, in Summer in Sanderstead and in the Children's Holiday Club to mention but a few! **Why not take a look at what God is doing in Sanderstead...and join in!**



*Rev. Jeremy*



## **ALL SAINTS REORDERING – INSTALLATION OF SCREENS AND REMOVAL OF NORTH AISLE PEWS**

We are finally making real progress on the faculty applications for installing screens and removing the remaining north aisle pews at All Saints.

The period of consultation with heritage bodies ended in mid March. There was general support for our proposals except for installing two screens on the walls of the chancel and these have now been withdrawn from the faculty application on the basis that there are other possible solutions for the choir and others in the chancel to view what is being shown on the remaining screens. The other adverse comment was from the Victorian Society who objected to the proposal for St Catherine's chairs to replace the pews in the north aisle (even though they are already in use elsewhere in the church).

The Southwark Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) reviewed our proposals at their 10 April meeting and have recently written to say that they are recommending that these are approved. Some conditions have been imposed but these are not onerous and mostly involve our church architect being satisfied that the works do not impact adversely on the church fabric, something we would want him to ensure anyway. Positively the DAC considered that the St Catherine's chairs were suitable for use in the North Aisle.

Before the applications go to the Southwark Chancellor for final approval they have to be publicly advertised inside and outside All Saints and on the Southwark website for a period of 28 days with a full set of documents available for inspection in the parish office. This public notice period will start shortly and in parallel there will be a small display about the 2 projects so that members of the congregation have more detailed information about what is being proposed.

Provided there are no unexpected hiccups we should be on target for project completion in time for Christmas 2018.

*Richard Bird*

# **THY KINGDOM COME**

**10 to 20 May 2018**

**Ascension to Pentecost**

**All Saints Church Sanderstead**

**9.30 am to 8 pm**

**Activities for children and adults**

**Come when you can, leave when you must!**



**Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement -  
an international and ecumenical call to prayer.**

**Come and find lots of interesting things to do  
to help you to think about Thy Kingdom Come.**

**Thy Kingdom Come is another way of saying  
to God**

**“Let’s all do things your way.”**

**What is God’s way? Like Jesus, it is **ALIVE!****

**As you explore you will find all sorts of ideas about what it means  
to be ALIVE. You can do as much or as little as you want to.**

**You can do things in any order.**

**Come and enjoy it.**

***“In praying ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ we all commit to playing our part in  
the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities.”***

**Archbishop Justin Welby**



# St. Antony's & St. Edmund's

*At the St Antony's Good Friday Activities adults and children alike enjoyed an afternoon of story-telling, games, and craft along with an Easter Egg Hunt and tea. Great fun was had as we looked afresh at the Easter message.*

**Susan Atkinson-Jones**

**Vicar of St Antony's & St Edmund's**



# Pet Service

St Edmund's Church,  
Mitchley Avenue, Riddlesdown CR2 9HL

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 3.00 pm



Bring your pets,  
(or photos of them if you prefer)  
large and small,  
feathered and furry,  
to celebrate your special friends.



## Refreshments

Contact: Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones  
[susan@sanderstead-parish.org.uk](mailto:susan@sanderstead-parish.org.uk) Tel: 020 8657 5505



# All Saints'

## YOUNG AT HEART Social Club

All Saints' Church Hall

10am—12.30pm on alternative Fridays

£3 entry

Members can stay for lunch for an extra £2

For information or transport call

**020 8657 8289**

Our programme includes talks, slide shows, music.

**The Young at Heart dates are:**

**Friday**

**11 & 25 May,**

**8 & 22 June, 6 & 20 July**

Thank you for all your support

## Fresh Encounters



Come and explore,  
through Scripture,  
poetry, music and meditation,  
the encounter of humanity with God

**Sunday 20 May**

**6pm**

**All Saints'**

**"I AM the Good Shepherd"**

## Bring and Buy Plant sale at All Saints

To be held on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May** after the 10.00am service at All Saints'. Please think about plants and add a few extra seeds when sowing to add to the range of plants brought.

As usual the proceeds will be sent to St. Christopher's Hospice. You have contributed between £100 and £150 each year for over a decade. Please contact Linda or Piers Hubbard with offers or deliver them to the Church on the day.

**Piers and Linda**



© Can Stock Photo - csp22116048

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 pm**

## CONCERT OF HANDBELL MUSIC



**Given by the Sanderstead Handbells**

**SAS Ringers and Sanderstead 2 o'clock bells**

**at All Saints Church Halls**

**Onslow Gardens Sanderstead CR2 9AB**

No tickets needed. There will be a retiring collection  
in aid of the work of the church.

**Refreshments will be provided**



**ALL SAINTS**  
Sanderstead Parish



Come and join us for

# FAMILY FUN HOUR

Sunday afternoons, 3-4pm

13<sup>th</sup> May  
10<sup>th</sup> June  
8<sup>th</sup> July (on the Gruffy)

**All Saints' Church Hall**  
**Onslow Gardens, CR2 9AB**

**craft**   **play activities**  
**Bible story**   **singing**  
**refreshments**

**For parents, carers and children**

For more details contact Martin 8657 1366  
[rector@sanderstead-parish.org](mailto:rector@sanderstead-parish.org)



**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
**10am-12.30pm**  
**for children aged 5-11**  
**All Saints' Church Sanderstead**



**Invent secret language, crack codes, craft, explore God's amazing rescue plan, stories, fun and much more...**

# MISSION RESCUE

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

To book your place, go to [www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk](http://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk) to download the booking form.

**BRING A FRIEND**

*There are postcards available from the Parish Office to give to friends and family.*

For more information, email Emma, Judith & Sue at [children@sanderstead-parish.org.uk](mailto:children@sanderstead-parish.org.uk)



## All Saints' outing to Bletchley Park

All Saints' Men's Group organised an outing to Bletchley Park on a Sunday in April. Ladies were invited as well, and a group of us drove to Buckinghamshire to explore the place where code breakers worked in great secrecy during the war. It was here that the German Enigma code was cracked, and where further colossal code breaking machines were built which presaged the beginning of modern computing.



Exhibitions were housed in wartime huts as well as in the larger buildings and explored the development of communications in wartime, from the carrier pigeons in WW1 and 2, to the advent of radio communications.

There was so much to see and read that it was impossible to cover everything in one visit, but we were able to imagine the lives of the code breakers as they occasionally lightened their work with dramatic performances and in-house magazines. The lives of these people were recently dramatized in the film "The imitation game", but there was much more to the story of Bletchley Park, than Enigma

and Alan Turing. The visit gave us a chance to understand more about the methods used to crack the enemy's communications which ultimately led to a shortening of WW2 and victory for the allies.

No longer a secret location the grounds of this country mansion teemed with visitors who were enjoying a day out in the sun, with the added feature of a classic car show to view, and it made an excellent opportunity for a day out with friends.

*Corrie Hibberd*

## Sanderstead has many talents!

Here is our accordionist friend Stan Shakespeare entertaining at our recent weekend away in Ashburnham.

And more congratulations to him for winning first prize in the local art competition - keep up the good work, Stan!

*Jeremy*





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

### **Sanderstead URC MAY / JUNE events**

#### **SURC Main Hall**

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>, Fri 11<sup>th</sup>, Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May:  
7.45pm**

**Parlour Players: 'The Admirable Crichton' by  
J. M. Barrie'**

**BOX OFFICE: 020 8657 2632**

Or online [www.parlourplayers.co.uk](http://www.parlourplayers.co.uk) and click  
on the Ticketsource link

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 10am-12pm**

**Plant and Produce Sale** – selling plants, pro-  
duce, books and bric-a-brac.



### **St Martins in the Field Pilgrimage**

**London - Canterbury**

**25th - 28th May**

I am walking 73 miles from Trafalgar Square to  
Canterbury in aid of raising money for the  
homeless in London a charity attached to the  
Connection at St Martins.

If you would like to sponsor me, drop me an  
email [renagray@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:renagray@hotmail.co.uk).

*Rena*

### **PURLEY CLASSICS MAY RECITAL**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
1.15pm to 2.00pm**

**The Lounge, URC Brighton Road Purley**

**CAROLINA BLASKOVIC – VIOLIN AND CRAIG WHITE -  
PIANO**

**J S Bach - Sonata for violin solo No. 2 in A minor,  
BWV 1003**

**Prokofiev - Violin Sonata No.2, Op. 94**

**Kreisler - Old Vienesse Dances**

**Szymanowski - Three Paganini Caprices, Op. 40**

Carolina was born in Zagreb, Croatia, studied at the University  
of Zagreb and now at the Royal College of Music. She has per-  
formed in masterclasses with internationally renowned musi-  
cians. Carolina has won numerous prizes and made her concer-  
to début aged eight in Zagreb. Future engagements include  
competitions and solo performances across the UK and Croatia.

Open to all with a retiring collection to cover costs. Light re-  
freshments served before the start.

For more details [purleyclassics.wix.com/purleyclassics](http://purleyclassics.wix.com/purleyclassics)

**Rochester Spirituality Network invites you  
to:**

### **The World is our 'Cloister'**

**A day to craft a 'Rule of Life' that will  
help your 'cloister' walk**

**Facilitated by Marion Syms**

**Sat 16th June**

**10-3 pm,**

**St Benedict's Centre, West  
Malling, Kent.**

**Bring your own lunch, tea and coffee will  
be provided,  
a donation towards the day will be welcome.**

**To book please contact Rev Susanne Carls-  
son 07795 167 603 [susannecarls-  
sons@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susannecarls-sons@hotmail.co.uk)**

## Diocesan Training

Quiet Day for leaders of Children and Young People

**Sat 16 June,  
10am-4pm @ West Malling.**

This guided day offers the chance to step back from ministry and recharge, through prayer, silence and companionship in the wonderful setting of St. Benedict's Centre, West Malling.

Lunch included.

Cost £10

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

*Aike Kennett-Brown  
Mission Support Officer*

New event, free and open to all

**A New Bishop for London:  
Sarah Mullally in Conversation  
Monday 4 June, 6.30-8.00pm  
Admission free, all welcome**

Following her historic installation as the 133rd Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally will be in conversation with David Ison, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, about her faith, her life, what matters to her most, and how she feels about being the first female Bishop of London. The event is free and open to everyone, and there will be plenty of time for questions from the audience.



*St John's Church, Canon's Hill  
Old Coulsdon, CR5 1HA*

## CAMEO

**Come And Meet Each Other**

**Thursday 17th May, 2.30pm – 4.00pm**

**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:**

**21<sup>st</sup> June, 19th July, 16th August 2018**

*Croydon South Deanery Churches*

## Living Faith Seminars

Informal evenings with expert input, lively debate and discussion. Our next event is on children and young people with **additional needs** led by Cristina Gangemi (Director of Kairos Forum and Consultant in Disability) & Tim Goode (Diocesan Disability Advisor).

*Wednesday 23 May, 7pm-9pm,*

***Change of Venue: Emmanuel Church, Normanton Road,  
South Croydon, CR2 7AF.***

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



**An Evening of  
Praise and Prayer  
for Mission**

*Preacher: The Archdeacon of Croydon*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
6.30 pm**

*Praying for the mission  
of the church in the South of the  
Borough of Croydon*



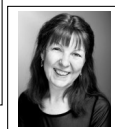


## The Townswomen's Guild

**Wednesday 9 May  
2—4.30pm**

We are pleased to announce that the Townswomen's Guild is opening an Afternoon Group at All Saint's. Our meetings will take place in the Small Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2 - 4.30pm. Our first meeting is on the 9th May and our speaker, Elizabeth Lanyon, will give an amusing talk entitled 'Edward the Caresser'.

Refreshments are available. Do come along and join us, we will be delighted to see you.



**Maria Gayle-Rogers  
Carol-Anne Grainger  
John Collis**

**2SP**

(Two Sopranos & a Piano)

## Mother's Union Skittles Evening

**Wednesday 16 May  
7.15pm  
at the Scout Hut, Farm Fields**

Come along and have some fun  
Open to all, refreshments. £2.00 entrance.

*Jean Harris*

## A MIXED BAG!

**Vocal Duets & Solos**

*Purcell, Monteverdi, Mendelssohn,  
Bernstein, Porter... & more!!*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
4:00 p.m.**

Croydon University Hospital Chapel  
London Road, CR7 7YE

Admission Free, retiring collection for charity.  
Phone 020 8401 3105 or email: [h.fife@nhs.net](mailto:h.fife@nhs.net)  
to reserve seats.

## CONCERT

**ALL SAINTS  
CHURCH ROAD KENLEY**

**Saturday June 9th  
7pm**

\*\*\*

Gerald Bodner .....Clarinet  
And friends  
All Mozart  
Clarinet Quintet  
Clarinet Trio

\*\*\*

Refreshments after the concert

\*\*\*

**In aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust &  
All Saints Church**



**Croydon  
Commitment**  
Linking Business with the Community

**Seeking Veterans in Croydon to help  
celebrate Armed Forces Week 2018,  
Monday 25 June.**

Do you know an Armed Forces Veteran currently  
living in Croydon?

If you know anyone who would like to be a guest  
please contact Melinda Ashford on 020 8774  
3680. [www.croydoncommitment.org.uk](http://www.croydoncommitment.org.uk)



Please look at the website for regular Sunday services:

[www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk](http://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk)

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?
Tues 8th May, 8pm	<b>Archdeacon's Visitation</b> Our church-wardens will be signed into office. Do come.	St John the Divine, Selsdon
From Thurs 10th May to Sun 20th May, 9.30am—8pm All day for 11 days.	<b>THY KINGDOM COME</b> Ascension to Pentecost—lots of activities for children and adults.	All Saints' Church
Thurs 10th May, 8pm	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> Holy Communion	All Saints' Church
Sun 13th May, 3–4pm	<b>Family Fun Hour</b> All welcome for stories, crafts, singing and more.	All Saints' Church Hall
Sun 13th May, 6.30pm	<b>Thy Kingdom Come! Deanery Service</b> An opportunity to pray and be encouraged for mission.	St. John's, Old Coulsdon
Fri 18th May, 10am—12pm	<b>Coffee Pot</b> All welcome for coffee, cakes and company.	All Saints' Church Hall
Sun 20th May, 10am	<b>Pentecost</b> You are invited to wear red. <b>Licensing of Jeremy Groombridge</b> by the Bishop of Croydon. All welcome.	All Saints' Church
Sun 20th May, 6pm	<b>Fresh Encounters</b> Come and explore... the encounter of humanity with God.	All Saints' Church
Fri 1st June , 10am—12pm	<b>Coffee Pot,</b> All welcome for coffee, cakes and company.	All Saints' Church Hall
Sat 9th June, 2pm	<b>GRUFFY FAIR,</b> Come and support what is going on in our community.	The Gruffy
Sun 10th June, 3pm	<b>PET SERVICE</b> Bring your pets (or photos of them).	St. Edmund's

## Baptism

Anyone with a desire to have their children baptised, speak to one of the clergy then come & join one of our classes. All Saints' have a Baptismal Preparation Class on Sat 19th May & 2nd June at 9-10am. Speak to a member of the clergy.

*Jeremy*

This newsletter is produced by Rosanne, Rector's Admin Assistant.  
Send your news and diary dates to [admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk](mailto:admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk)