



NOTICES for Sunday 9th March

1st Sunday of Lent

You can watch the 9.30am service online (live or catch up) by going to 'Talks & Sermons' on the church website <https://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/talks>

9.30am Family Worship with communion

Preacher: Revd Kevin Garrett

3.30pm – 5.00pm: Messy Church in the church – TODAY!

The theme is "Mary mother of Jesus".



Lectionary readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-11, Philippians 3:17 - 4:1; Luke 4:1-13.

Collect: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Floodlighting

The floodlighting of the church this week has been sponsored by Christine Boynton to mark the passing of Michael Boynton, much loved and deeply missed husband, father and grandfather.

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 4th Sunday of the month.**

Monday 10 March – MU Talk by Revd Jeremy Groombridge, 7.30pm

Revd Jeremy Groombridge will give an illustrated talk about his pilgrimage to Southern India 'In the Steps of St Thomas' on Monday 10th March 7.30pm in St Catherine's Aisle, Coffee and tea available. Hosted by the Mothers' Union. Everyone is welcome.

Sat 15 March - ECUMENICAL LENT REFLECTION GROUP, 12pm

The Ecumenical Lent Reflection Group, organised by Churches Together in Sanderstead will be meeting from **12.00-1.00 pm** on the following Saturdays at the Olde Forge Cafe, Holy Family Church, Limpsfield Road. All are welcome.

Saturday 15 March What is Prayer and how to pray?

Saturday 22 March What is Fasting and how to fast?

Saturday 29 March What is Almsgiving and how to share?

Saturday 12 April What is Penance and how to seek and give forgiveness.

Men's Group Six Nations Rugby Saturday 15 March, from 4.15pm

The Men's Group will be meeting again in St Catherine's Aisle from 4.15pm (kick-off 4.45pm) to watch the England v Wales match. Can wobbly England get a win over a Welsh team struggling for form? Come and join us and find out. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, beer, wine and nibbles will be available, and as ever ladies are very welcome, as they are at all Men's Group events. No need to let us know you if you are coming, just come as you are and enjoy a convivial afternoon with us.

Hope to see you there, cheering on your favourite team!

Saturday 15 March, Ukrainian Concert in Thornton Heath 5pm-7pm

Our local Ukrainians are putting on a Concert at the Salvation Army Centre, 66 High Street, Thornton Heath CR7 8LF - an evening of Ukrainian Culture - 3 years on since the full scale Russian invasion. Rise Up, Ukraine!

Sunday 16 March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Eucharist with choir

Preacher: Bishop David Atkinson

Thursday 20 March - Thirsty Thursday, 7pm

At The Sir Julian Huxley in Selsdon for a curry (or something else) and a chat - again, no need to book, just come along if you can make it. It would be good to see you.

Saturday 22 March - Church 'Open Afternoon', 2pm – 5pm

We will be holding a Church 'open afternoon' on Saturday 22nd March, from 2pm to 5pm. This coincides with the Sanderstead Horticultural Spring Show in the halls. Volunteers / greeters would be welcome to man the church for 30-minute stints. Please speak to Michael Turner if you would be available.

Church Open Day, 22 March - Project Linus UK – come & see!

It is the mission of Project Linus UK to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children, who are sick, disabled, disadvantaged or distressed, by donating gifts of new, homemade washable, quilts and blankets, lovingly made by UK volunteer knitters and quilters. All Saint's Crafty People have taken this project to heart and will be exhibiting our makes at Open Church on 22 March. Do come and see the teddies, small dolls, blankets, quilts etc that we make and donate. Patterns will be available should you wish to join our giving. *Susan Roberts, 07787 313911.*

Wed 26 March, from 7.00pm - Operation Noah Talk by Bishop David

All Saints routinely includes worship and teaching on environmental matters and, through the Green Team, is actively pursuing the attainment of the Eco Church Gold Award to take us forward from the Silver Award gained in 2019. Some groups are making use of the Tenants of the King resources prepared by Operation Noah. To support our efforts we are delighted that Rt Rev'd David Atkinson, who was formerly Bishop of Thetford and a Trustee of Operation Noah, will talk on climate change and the environment based on the Ash Wednesday Declaration prepared by Operation Noah and lead a discussion. The talk will take place in church on Wednesday 26th March 2025 starting at 19.30. Refreshments will be available from 19.00. All are very welcome.

Friday 28 March MEN'S GROUP – Visit to Croydon Astronomical Society Kenley Observatory, 7.30pm

We have a tour of CAS Kenley Observatory arranged for Friday 28th March at 7:30 pm at a cost of only £3 per person. Numbers will be limited due to the size of the Observatory, and I will take reservations on a first come first served basis. Please let me know asap if you would like to join this visit and if you can offer lifts or if you would like a lift.

Total visit likely to be in the order of 1.5 hours and will comprise a presentation on the sort of observations CAS Kenley have made and if the sky is clear that night a look through their telescope. Please note parking is in on the road in Hayes Lane near RAF Kenley Tribute with a short walk up Waterhouse Lane and a track to the observatory and clubhouse. Also note there are eight narrow steps leading up to the observatory viewing area and two steep steps in the clubhouse.

Please let Tony Robinson know if you would like to join us for this event.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

As required by the Church Representation Rules, a new Electoral Roll is required to be prepared afresh for 2025; an official Notice to that effect is now on the noticeboards of the Churches and Church Halls. If you wish to be included on the new Roll, please re-apply by filling in a new Electoral Roll form.

At the same time, it would be helpful if you could complete a new Parish Communication Form (optional) that will allow us to keep our ChurchSuite records up to date and also to know of your communication preferences.

Forms must be returned to the Parish Office **no later than 30 March 2025** and are available in Church, or from the Parish Office, or from the Electoral Roll Officer. Your timely co-operation in submitting the forms would be greatly appreciated. The new Electoral Roll will be published and take effect on 10 April 2025.

More information and reminders will be issued in due course on the Parish website, in the weekly Church Notices, on the Church noticeboards and by announcements at Church Services. Please contact the Electoral Roll Officer if you have any queries.

Electoral Roll Officer David Chillman 0787 097 8844 david.chillman@btinternet.com)

Saturday 12 April - This year's UNLOCK walk, 9am to 5pm

This year's UNLOCK walk includes passing by Battersea Power Station, Brixton, Windrush Square and the Oval cricket ground. Whilst experiencing the differences between the poor and the more affluent areas, the power of God's love also becomes apparent in the various churches visited on route. All are welcome to join the walkers for the whole, or part of the route. Further details can be found on "UNLOCK-URBAN.ORG.UK" and on the noticeboard in the Halls Lobby (outside the Rector's Office).

Ann and Michael Turner

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS (CTIS), Friday 18 April, 12pm

The Good Friday Walk of Witness, organised by Churches Together in Sanderstead, will be starting at Holy Family at 12.00pm walking to the Gruffy via Waitrose and along Sanderstead Parade.

Friday 18 July – MEN'S GROUP – Open Air Opera, La Boheme

Men's Group are planning a visit to see La Boheme at Borde Hill Gardens Outdoor Opera, all are welcome. 'Doors Open' 6:30pm & the performance begins 7:30pm. We plan to get there early in the hope of securing a 'good spot'. Bring your own chair and picnic. The event will go ahead regardless of the weather and Borde Hill will not give any refunds. Umbrellas will be permitted in the event of rain; come dressed for the weather.

Ticket prices are as follows: Single Adult: £40.00 Adult Couple: £70.00

Tickets are on sale now but note they are non-refundable. If you are interested, please purchase your own tickets but do let us know so that we can communicate again nearer the time and maybe organise car sharing. If, like me, you are outraged at single adults being charged more than 'one of a couple', I am happy to put single adults in touch with each other so that you can arrange to 'buddy up' for the event on an adult couple ticket. *Please let Tony Robinson, Dick Hibberd or David Chillman know if you intend to join us.*

Easter Garden by front porch – Volunteers needed

If you have any potted plants that can be used to create a beautiful Easter Garden towards the end of Holy Week, please start to get them ready. Also, if you could co-ordinate this, please let Sue Thomas know.

Occasional Pianist for Toddlers

Is anyone able to occasionally play the piano at our Toddler Group to cover when our regular pianists are away? It would involve playing children's songs for 10 mins from 11.15am – 11.30am on Tuesdays and/or Fridays. Music & chords could be given. Contact Sarah Palfrey on sarah@sanderstead-parish.org.uk or speak to Judith Robinson or Sue Thomas.

Donations for the Purley Food Hub – MARCH 2025

Please consider donating from this month's 10 priority items:

- Tinned Meat - corned beef, chicken, ham
- Tinned Meat Meals - but not hotdogs thank you!
- Jars of Coffee
- Drinking Chocolate requiring only hot water
- Savoury Spreads - fish & meat paste, peanut butter
- Desserts - sponge puddings, jellies, Angel Delight
- Tins of Rice Pudding
- Vegetarian Meals
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Small Bottles or Bars of Unisex Shampoo



Collection boxes at the back of Church and in the Halls Lobby. *Thank you* 😊



The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2025

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' Matthew 19:14

The journey through Lent is one of prayer and contemplation. It is also a time for us to pray for our own lives and for our loved ones and communities – particularly for people most in need. As we pray throughout this season, we remember children and young people all over the world whose lives are affected by war, civil unrest or natural disaster – causing them to feel traumatised. As we pray for the peace of the world and peace in their lives, let us take some time to think of and pray for those who are affected by such childhood trauma.

Week 1: Childhood trauma in all parts of the world

This year, Bishop Christopher would like parishes and schools in our diocese to pray and consider what we can do to support the work of those who are working with children whose lives are affected by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). These projects are here in Southwark and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem and the Middle East. During this time, we hope that you will feel encouraged to pray for children living with ACEs and think about what you might be able to do to help to improve their lives. Look out for the work of Welcare and the diocesan Mission and Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) teams, which focuses on social justice and combatting the violence affecting young people. Please use this week of Lent to consider what you might do to support children's mental health through prayer and giving.

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.

All Saints' & St Antony's in the Parish of Sanderstead

Growing in Christ, working together with the community and sharing God's love

Bring your own cup for refreshments after church! This will 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.

Donating to Project 800

In this world where online purchasing has become commonplace there is a way to capture donations for your nominated charity. By signing up with www.easyfundraising.org.uk you can nominate "Sanderstead All Saints Church" to receive a donation with every purchase from supporting companies. Donations received here will go to our Project 800 Appeal. The amount varies but some can be quite large, notably with holidays, flights and hotels.



These small donations cost you, the purchaser, nothing, not even any effort to collect! We encourage you to sign up on this website www.easyfundraising.org.uk or via the above QR code. As a community we could raise significant sums, together.

Vaughan Pomeroy

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

The Parish of Sanderstead – www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

-Mike Fixter, Churchwarden, mike.warden@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

-Sue Thomas, Churchwarden, churchwarden2@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

-Paul Shipley, Parish Administrator, parish.office@sanderstead-parish.org.uk / 8657 0665.

-Rosanne Morris, Rector's Admin Assistant, admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk / 8657 0665 option 5