



NOTICES for Sunday 16th March

2nd 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>

09.30 Parish Eucharist with choir

Preacher: Bishop David Atkinson

Lectionary readings:

16th March - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-end.

At the 9.30am service – Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Luke 13:31-end.

Collect: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 4th Sunday of the month Sunday 23rd March – led by Revd Steve Cooper.**

Thursday 20 March, 12.30pm – Midweek Holy Communion

in St. Catherine's Aisle, led by Revd Steve Cooper.

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.

Friday 21 March - COFFEE POT 10am -12pm

Come and meet new friends and enjoy chatter with fresh homemade cakes and tea or coffee in the All Saints' Church Halls. For more details call the Parish Office.

Saturday 22 March - LENT 2) What is Prayer and how to pray? 12pm

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

Also, on the following Saturdays...

Saturday 29 March 3) What is Fasting and how to fast?

Saturday 12 April 4) What is Almsgiving and how to share?

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

Do encourage neighbours, friends & family to come and visit our wonderful ancient church. 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.

22 March - Church Open Afternoon, 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.*

Sunday 23 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

08:00 **Said Eucharist** *led by Bishop David Atkinson*

09.30 **Family Worship**

Preacher: Revd Kevin Garrett

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.

Thursday 27 March – Church Spring Cleaning Day, from 9am

The annual Spring Cleaning Day for All Saints will be Thursday 27 March from 9am till approx 3 pm. Help for as long or as short as you can do would be welcome. A bread and cheese lunch will be provided for those who are around at 12.30pm or so. Please let Corrie Hibberd know if you are able to help and if you would like lunch.

corinna.hibberd@gmail.com, 07891693315.

Saturday 29 March – Church Gardening Day, from 9.30am

Any helpers would be much appreciated from 9.30 onwards. Thank you.

Ann and Michael Turner

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)

Sunday 6th April – EVENSONG, 6pm

18:00 Evensong – *date for your diary*

Led by Revd Jeremy Groombridge.

From Mon 14 April, Purley Baptist Church - Interpersonal Skills

From 14th April for 7 weeks, Purley Baptist Church are running an evening course, 7.15pm - 9.15pm to help us better understand people and establish a strong connection (7 sessions of 2 hours). It covers how to boost the top 20 interpersonal skills needed to effectively relate with people. Topics include how to: listen really well, fully engage in

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

conversations, recognise & use body language, master assertiveness skills, as well as how to de-escalate conflict and handle Difficult People. Please contact the Purley Baptist Church Office (0208 668 0422), or look at their website, for dates & times and how to register your place. *Nick Waters*

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.



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 2: Taking time to watch and pray

As we watch and wait for the unfolding of the story of Jesus' last few weeks on earth, – it is a good time to think about our practice of prayer. Lent is a time to reflect on how we spend time with God and with others in our Christian community. It is also a good time to begin to think more about what God might be calling us to do. During Lent, if you have not already got a routine for daily prayer or found a space for space for prayer, take the time to find somewhere you can quietly reflect. Schedule a regular time in your day when you can pray for our chosen projects and the children and young people they support.

Bishop Christopher gives some ideas of how and who to pray for – take time to look at the information on the lobby boards.

Please use this week of Lent to consider what you might do to support children's mental health through prayer and giving, raising money to support projects that help children and young people recover from trauma and which encourage their mental wellbeing.

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.

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

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