

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

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

Autumn 2025

Parish News

Photo: Sheffield Park

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Bishop David and I thought it would be helpful to offer a short midweek series during Advent

We are planning three sessions for each of the first three Thursday evenings in December, which may replace Home Groups subject to the view of your Home Group leader.

There will be a short talk followed by an opportunity to pray together.

We are at a crucial stage in the life of our Church, especially as the recruitment of a new incumbent is underway and interviews will be taking place on 8th December. These gatherings will enable us to devote specific time to be praying about the future of our Church. The talks themselves will focus on some specific prayers. So on 4th December Bishop David will speak on the Lord's Prayer. I will speak on the Magnificat on 11th December. And Bishop David will speak on the 18th.

We would encourage all who can to attend. The need for prayer is at its greatest which is why we felt the overarching theme should be about prayer.

The sessions will be held at 7pm in St Catherine's Aisle and will end no later than 8.30.

Jeremy



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Calendar for the remainder of

SEPTEMBER '25 All Saints' Church...

<u>Saturday 27th Sept</u>	9.00 am	PARISH PRAYER <i>for everybody across the parish, All Saints and St. Antony's.</i>
<u>Sunday 28th Sept</u> Trinity 15	8.00 am	SAID EUCHARIST <i>Bishop David Atkinson</i>
	9.30 am	FAMILY WORSHIP (no Communion) <i>Vaughan Pomeroy</i> Creationtide / ECO
<u>Sunday 5th October</u> Trinity 16	9.30 am	PARISH EUCHARIST with healing prayer, choir & JIGSAW (Sunday School) <i>Revd Jeremy Groombridge</i>

St. Antony's Church...

CAFÉ CHURCH - Every Sunday at 3.00 pm *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 Sunday 28th September 3.00pm led by Revd Steve Cooper.**

T4U - 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 2.00pm
An informal social time of tea, cake & chat.

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A PRAYER FOR THE PARISH DURING THE INTERREGNUM/VACANCY

God our Father, we thank you for your faithfulness and for your unchangeable love.

We thank you that, in Jesus Christ, you have called us to be his body in this place to shine like a beacon on the hill, growing in Christ, working together with the community and sharing God's love for one another.

During this time of uncertainty and change, we ask that we may be filled, guided and encouraged by your Holy Spirit. Grant us vision, energy, faithfulness, a real sense of togetherness and a love for one another.

We ask you to guide with your heavenly wisdom those appointed to discern the way ahead and lead them to the right person to be our new incumbent. May we receive with joy and unity the priest you have prepared for your people here, ready to serve you and build us up in faith, and lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN

The leaves are turning, the days are shortening and Harvest Festivals will soon be upon us - yes, Autumn has arrived. Already, I see squirrels rushing around gathering their food for the months ahead. After such a beautiful (sometimes scorching) Summer, we are reminded that this season of mists signifies a time of change and even of “letting go”.



Sometimes it's hard to “let go” isn't it! We've become accustomed to warm, sunny days; our children have enjoyed day after day of relaxation and now have to adjust to the discipline of study and the rigour of school life. Of course, you can look upon this season as ever deepening darkness, when cold winds begin to blow and dampness seems all pervasive. Or you could look at the wonderful array of colours that Autumn presents to us and the unique beauty that surrounds us, and express our gratitude to God for all the good things he has given to us.

Some 20 years ago I planted a new apple tree in our garden. Apart from a couple of years when it produced just 3 or 4 apples, it produced nothing over that period. Then suddenly this year it produced a bumper crop of some of the most beautiful quality cooking apples I've ever seen.

Why did it fruit so successfully this year? Maybe it's because I told it last year that I'd cut it down if it didn't produce a worthwhile crop this year - which reminded me how Jesus himself told a story of a barren fig tree whose owner, having kept it for just 3 years, pleaded for it to be cultivated for just another year to allow it to bear fruit - and only then would it be cut down. As we celebrate God's goodness in the harvest this year, it is a good time to look upon our own lives and reflect on just how fruitful we could be.

The cycles and balances of the natural world are really all designed to bring about renewal and

fresh growth. Just as the trees shed their leaves in preparation for the winter, maybe there are some outdated habits and practices that we, too, need to shed in order that we might bear more fruit in future. That's why I like to see Autumn as a time for “letting go”, as we ready ourselves for the coming winter.

We will, of course have an opportunity to express our gratitude to God as we celebrate harvest at our 9.30 service on 12 October. Please do join us if you can. And of course it won't be long before we have our All Souls Memorial Service on 2nd November in the afternoon - an opportunity to remember loved ones who have died, and light a candle for them. After that, on Sunday 9 November we will have our traditional Remembrance Service - at 10am, not 9.30.



Wishing you every blessing,

Jeremy



FOOD LIST - SEPTEMBER 2025



At Purley Food Hub we provide emergency food, toiletries and household essentials to local people going through times of crisis.

Please consider donating from our Top 10 priority items:

- Tinned Fish
- Packet Soup containing several sachets
- Tinned Meat Meals
- Tinned Baked Beans
- Packets of Savoury Biscuits
- 500g Packets of Pasta
- Small Bottles of Fruit Squash
- Packets of Custard requiring only hot water
- Unisex Shampoo
- Small Bottles of Washing Up Liquid

We thank everyone for your continued generous support.
Over the past 12 years you have enabled us to provide food
for over 44,000 people - equivalent to 400,000 meals.



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Can you help?

A second editor is still needed to assist with producing the Church Newsletter, which currently is published four times a year.

The role would be to source appropriate articles from the congregation (preferably in a digital format) and to do an initial edit, checking spelling etc. and then pass the articles on to Jackie to be laid out in Publisher.

If this is something that you would feel able to do, please speak to Jackie in church or email her at :

Parishnews@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Men's Group - 'Do Culture'!

All too often we write about Men's Group events that invariably seem to start, or finish at a pub!

In an attempt to redress our reputation, I thought I should tell you about our recent outing to the Opera on Friday 18th July.

'Men's Group at the Opera, whatever next?' I hear you cry!

Admittedly it was a relatively small group of us, but nonetheless nine brave souls gambled with the weather to attend an outdoor performance of *La Bohème* at Borde Hill Gardens and enjoyed a splendid evening being entertained by Opera Brava (who were formed some 37 years ago now) out on the main lawn in front of the house.



Opera Brava publicity photo—*La Bohème* at Borde Hill

We all arrived in plenty of time which meant we easily met up together and established our position at the front of the queue to get in and managed to secure a very comfortable piece of lawn very close to the stage.

We had all taken picnics to enjoy before the performance got underway and these were set out on an impressive array of checked tablecloths, and consumed eagerly.

The orchestra set themselves up in a covered tent to one side of the stage and included two violins, a viola, cello, flute & piccolo, clarinet and bassoon. The main performance took place on a raised stage under cover, with the usual array of cleverly designed stage sets. The performance included a group of 11 children from a local school, Holy Trinity Primary in Cuckfield, who provided an energetic and enthusiastic addition to the performance.

All who attended enjoyed the evening greatly, and my thanks go to the *'intrepid nine'* without whom a Men's Group outing would be like an ice cream cone, without the ice cream or chocolate flake!

Tony Robinson

Please note that Men's Group events are open to all. Ed

July's Whole Church BBQ

A good number of our congregation plus some friends (and even a few passers-by) gathered on the Gruffy with some of our Messy Church families on a lovely July afternoon. This year most of us were seeking shade to shelter from the heat: what a pleasant contrast it was to the over-cast and windy weather of last year's event!

The BBQ's were manned by the 3Ts—Trevor, Tony R and Tony W—and we enjoyed burgers and sausages in buns plus salads, nibbles etc. over some good conversation. Games were available for the youngsters as well as Sarah's face painting.

It was certainly an enjoyable way to spend such a delightful Sunday afternoon.

Thanks go to every one involved in organising the event, in helping in any way, and to all those who came along. *ED*



Photos from Kathryn Hewitt

welcare

strengthening families since 1894

Dear Friends,

As the long, hot days of summer give way to rain showers and back-to-school routines, I wanted to take a moment to share some highlights from a busy summer at Welcare.

I'm delighted to welcome Shaun Macdonald as our new Chair of Trustees. You can read more about him [here](#). I'm very much looking forward to working with him as we continue to grow and strengthen our work. I'd also like to extend sincere thanks to Chris Taylor and all our trustees for their commitment, providing vital governance, direction and support to both me and our dedicated staff team.

We've also been fortunate to have the support of our wider Welcare community. A brilliant team of 20 volunteers from St Margaret's Church, Chipstead brought their *Faith Outside the Pews* project to life by revitalising the outdoor play area at our Redhill Family Centre. You can see the transformation [here](#). Meanwhile, a full team of 10 runners took on the [London 10K](#) to raise funds for Welcare – their JustGiving page remains open until the end of the month if you'd still like to donate.

Our summer events were a real highlight. In August, we arranged [community picnics](#) at Redhill Memorial Park for over 100 local children, supported by our fantastic partners Raven Housing, SES Water, and Surrey Police. In Bromley, Christina organised a [Rock Choir](#) concert, with Morrisons generously double-matching the funds raised and our Greenwich Friends arranged a lovely, mid-summer Afternoon Tea at Shooters Hill.

We have been honoured to be one of three charities supported by Cllr Dr David Jefferys, the former [Mayor of Bromley](#). Thanks to the generosity of those who attended a variety of events throughout the year, we've received an incredible £7,733 to support our work with children and families in the borough.

All our fundraising efforts enable us to continue supporting families like Leo and Toby's. You can read their full story [here](#) but, thanks to Welcare's involvement, their mother was able to secure appropriate education for both boys, improve safety in the home, and begin rebuilding her confidence and hope for the future. This is just one example from more than 800 families we worked with during the last twelve months.

Looking ahead, we're excited to be taking part in the [2025 JPIC Conference](#) on 8th November led and organised by our trustee, Natalie Walters.

We warmly invite you to join us at the [Annual Service of Thanksgiving](#), taking place at Bromley Parish Church at 11:30am on Friday 14th November. More events and activities are being planned for the autumn and Christmas season, so please do keep an eye on our [events page](#) for the latest updates.

Thank you, as always, and I look forward to seeing you again over the autumn,



Anna Khan,
Welcare CEO



Paint Purley Purple

Good afternoon All Saints Church, Sanderstead, and St Antony's, Hamsey Green.

If you travelled through Purley during the last two weeks in June you will have seen the trees starting to be covered in purple knitting in readiness for the Paint Purley Purple campaign in July. South East Cancer Help Centre does this each year to raise awareness of the local support offered to anyone affected by cancer but we need your help!



Photo from inpurleylondon Instagram Page

In London, research shows that emotional and psychological needs often go unmet for cancer patients. More than half, around 58%, say their emotional needs aren't looked after as much as their physical ones. They also found that:

- 1 in 10 people diagnosed with cancer will experience anxiety or depression severe enough to need specialist psychological or psychiatric care within a year.
- This rises to 50% for those facing a recurrence. Among patients with advanced cancer, 10–15% will be affected.

- Even a decade after treatment, 54% of survivors still live with serious psychological difficulties.
- Among carers, 67% experience anxiety and 42% depression yet over three-quarters receive no support.

This is why SECHC is here, to offer counselling and one-to-one complementary therapies for anyone affected by cancer. Our experienced team takes the time to understand each person's situation and offers consistent support that clinical teams are often unable to provide.

We currently support people from across Croydon, Bromley, Merton, Sutton, and Surrey. Our membership is open to anyone diagnosed with cancer, or affected by someone else's diagnosis, within the past three years. All new members are offered up to 12 free one-to-one sessions of counselling, complementary therapy, or both, as well as access to support groups, exercise classes and social activities in their first year.

With NHS services under pressure, our Centre helps to fill the gap, providing time to talk, tools to manage anxiety, and a place to feel less alone. Get in contact with us to see how you can support your local cancer charity.

Best wishes

Johnny Dowling
Senior Fundraiser
South East Cancer Help Centre

Registered Charity Number 1011509

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020 8668 0974
www.sechc.org.uk



Fifty children attended our watery themed Holiday Club this year on 26th and 27th August. Our groups were Clown Fish, Sharks, Starfish, Seahorse and Angel Fish.

We also welcomed over 30 helpers, with some who had never helped before, including some young helpers.



After introductions and ice breakers the session started with Ark building. Give the children a pile of boxes, sheets and sticky tape and their imagination runs wild *[I also heard that some of the helpers were even more enthusiastic! Ed]*.



Ark building

Jeremy engaged the children with 4 talks about the meaning of water in the Bible, with stories including, The Parting of the Red Sea, The Woman at the Well, Noah, and the Baptism of Jesus, with the message that:

*Water is powerful
Water is precious
Water protects
Water purifies*

setting sail



The Arks were large enough for the children to sit in to eat their lunch!



Other crafts and activities included water experiments, Sushi making, bug biscuits, mosaic pots, tie-dye T shirts, finding a jigsaw in a block of ice (left), mask making and filling jars with different colours of sand.

Holiday Club



yummy sushi

The singing was amazing and the children joined in with enthusiasm.



We finished both sessions with games and prayers which the children had written.

masks made



On the second day the parents and carers came to hear their children sing.

Everyone agreed it was a very successful holiday club, with a super group of children and a special Christian message that they were able to take home.

Grateful thanks go to all those who helped in any way especially to Sarah Palfrey, Sue Thomas and Katheryn Hewitt who organised the Holiday Club this year.

Judith Robinson



UPCOMING DATES

12th October
9th November
14th December





A phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



*Calls are charged at the same rate as a standard UK landline number

Faith in Later Life has set up this dedicated phone line for people in the community who might not be able to enjoy regular contact with others. If you know of anyone who would appreciate accessing this free service of hymns, reflections and prayers, do please pass on the phone number.

HOW TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE WITH HEARING PROBLEMS

- ⇒ Talk to them face to face.
- ⇒ Stand in good lighting.
- ⇒ Get their attention before you speak.
- ⇒ Speak clearly and pronounce your words properly.
- ⇒ Stand closer to the person you are talking to.
- ⇒ If they did not understand you, try to say it in a different way.
- ⇒ Use plain language and do not waffle.
- ⇒ Do not shout.
- ⇒ Check that the hearing impaired person followed what you said.

Submitted by Rosemary Kempself

Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care Fundraising Event



**TEASE YOUR
BRAIN & HELP YOUR
LOCAL CHARITY**

**DOORS OPEN AT 7PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7.30PM**

**Bring your own drinks & nibbles.
Don't forget your drinking glasses
too!!!**

**TEAMS OF 6 PEOPLE
£12 per person (non refundable)**

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

**You don't need to be in a team,
individuals can be placed to make a
team of 6.**

**Book in advance by calling 020 8657 8289
or email:**

sandersteadneighbourhoodcare@gmail.com

Time for Tea



JOIN US FOR AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 9th October 2025
3pm - 4.30 pm

Fundraising event for
Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care
All Saints Church Hall
Onslow gardens
CR2 9AB

Book your place by calling 020 8657 8289
or email:
sandersteadneighbourhood care@gmail.com

Standard ticket £8

Luxury ticket £12

(luxury ticket includes a glass of prosecco/wine
on arrival plus a free refill)

Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care

BOOK Sale

help to raise funds for your
local charity

All Saints Church Hall
Onslow Gardens
CR2 9AB

Saturday 25th October 2025
10am - 12 noon



REFRESHMENTS ON SALE !!!!!!!

ALL SAINTS COFFEEPOT in the small hall
Tea/Coffee, Cakes and Company, 10am—12am

Friday, 3rd October

Friday, 17th October

Friday, 31st October

Friday, 14th November

Friday, 28th November

Friday, 12th December

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Saturday 13th December 2025

With Live Band – Croydon Symphonic Band

Come and enjoy an afternoon of fabulous live festive music to set you up for the month ahead, featuring medleys of Christmas tunes and carols played by Croydon's very own concert band; the Croydon Symphonic Band!

This year at All Saints Church halls in Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead CR2 9AB.

The band will start playing promptly at 17:30 and light refreshments will be served at the end.

Tickets can be purchased beforehand
using the QR code (which will soon be available),
or on the door.

Adults and children are welcome.

TICKETS will be on sale soon!

All proceeds going towards All Saints 800th Anniversary Celebrations.

Founded in 1973, the Croydon Symphonic Band is a Croydon based group of musicians making music in Croydon and elsewhere in England and Europe



Since 1994 the Band has been invited to perform nine times at the National Concert Band Festival, which is by invitation only.

The Band achieved its 7th Gold Award at the National Festival held at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester in April 2023.



Getting to know... Dr Luise Parsons

I've been asked by the PCC to introduce myself to All Saints, Sanderstead.

Born in 1952, I was baptised and brought up in a church-going family in Blackheath, then chose to be confirmed at a God-fearing school, Wycombe Abbey. At university and medical school, I lost my spiritual way but had a conversion experience when my daughter Bethany was born in 1991.

After that, I worshipped at the liberal catholic Christchurch on the Isle of Dogs where I helped with Sunday school and crèche. We had a Toy Library and baby-sitting circle and a large, inclusive, youthful and child-friendly congregation. The vicar who baptised my daughter Bethany, Nick Holtam, successfully led opposition to the rise of the far right in East London, in the spirit of the Oxford Movement. Bethany went on to be confirmed by Martin Seeley who also became a Bishop.

I was elected to the PCC and trained as a Pastoral Care Assistant. Commissioned by the Bishop of Stepney, I served 2 terms working in the parish to support the ministry team. I enjoyed doing baptism preparation and visiting house-bound people. Even then we had a food bank with a committee which I chaired. I also had a professional interest in End-of-Life Care, leading the improvement of NHS services at home in Tower Hamlets as a GP.

In 2010, God called me to Africa where I worked for the University of Botswana School of Medicine, training postgraduates in Family Medicine and teaching medical students in a rural district general hospital. That training programme continues, led by my former students. The Bishop of the Anglican Church of Central Africa commissioned me as a Lay Minister to lead services and to explore the possibility of opening an Anglican Church in Maun, the small town in the Northwest of Botswana where I lived and worked.

In 2016, my work in Botswana was done and my family needed me back home. I retired to South Croydon where I inherited a lovely house and garden. I have been worshipping at All Saints Sanderstead for a couple of years and am now on the Deanery Synod. I remain an active participant in the Croydon-Zimbabwean Diocesan Link. I am a volunteer in the busy Chaplaincy team at Croydon University Hospital. In April I did my 4th pilgrimage, a very moving journey to follow the final footsteps of a German theologian executed by Hitler on 09.04.1945, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. More later!

God willing, I look forward to serving and worshipping at All Saints, as my parents did for many years.

In Christ

Luise

Guided walk round Greenwich: August 13th

As a small group of us gathered at Sanderstead station waiting for the 9.39, it was interesting to note how many other friends we came across waiting for the same train. They were heading for Dorset, Shropshire, the Oval and Oxford Street amongst other places, but we were heading for East Croydon to meet the rest of our party. Twelve of us then travelled to Greenwich station via London Bridge then walked down to the Cutty Sark where we met our Blue Badge Guide, Andy Warde.

After a few minutes telling us about the Cutty Sark, which never actually “won” the race to get the new season’s tea to London, we walked along the Thames path in front of the old Royal Naval Hospital. Originally the site of Henry VIII’s Placentia Palace where he married two of his queens, after the palace fell into disrepair the site was rebuilt as a Naval Hospital before becoming the Naval College and latterly, part of the University of Greenwich. Moving on, we posed for a group photo outside the Trafalgar Tavern beside a statue of Lord Nelson.



Heading inland, we visited the Queen’s House where Andy explained that James I and his wife Anne were very fond of hunting in the woods and fields behind the building, when in a terrible accident, Anne inadvertently shot the King’s favourite dog, “Jewel”. The King was apoplectic with rage and was exceedingly rude to Anne, perhaps understandably so! When later he regretted his behaviour, he gifted the whole palace along with a very precious jewel to Anne who commissioned the building of the “Queen’s House”. The building was also noteworthy for having a road running through it, the two branches being connected in the centre by a single arch linking the rooms on either side.



We then headed up a rather steep hill to the Greenwich observatory and the meridian, where Andy pointed out the Shepherd Patentee twenty four hour clock and told us the story of Ruth Belville, “the Greenwich time lady”. For over 50 years, her business was “selling the time” to the various jewellers and others who would pay for this service. She used to set her watch right by the clock at Greenwich each morning, then visit all her customers who would pay for the privilege of checking the time on her watch.

After the long hill, we called it a day and headed to the café for lunch with thanks to Andy for another very interesting guided walk and to David for organising the event for us and making sure that we all got there!

Dick Hibberd

Thank you, All Saints Sanderstead

We are just 2 months away from children at **Makonge Primary School in Kiyindi, Uganda** entering their brand new **classrooms**. We're almost ready to furnish the classrooms, with a local carpenter set to craft all the desks, tables, and chairs needed for students and staff.

Thanks to your support, we've built a new block of seven classrooms for **350** children. Replacing the old, cramped, and condemned ones, these new spaces are bright, spacious, and well-ventilated- creating a vastly improved learning environment. **Thank you** to everyone at All Saints who together gave **£1,130!**

You can continue to support our Education work in Uganda by **sponsoring a child** through International Needs. This provides school fees, meals, and essentials, giving a child the chance to learn, grow, and thrive. Visit ineeds.org.uk/child-sponsorship for more information.



Before and After- classrooms in Kiyindi!

Around the World...

In **Romania**, we support young Ukrainian refugees, many of whom suffer with the trauma of war. A specialist therapist at our Kindergarten helps improve their communication and confidence, helping to heal some of their experiences. Our team are also just about to start a rehabilitation programme for women suffering the consequences of the conflict. This will provide counselling and respite for women who've suffered loss or those who've been working as chaplains in the conflict zones.

In rural **Uganda**, disability is often stigmatized, leaving children hidden and without care or education. Though 15% have a disability, only 9% attend school. We're changing this by training local leaders to promote inclusion, helping children access schools, churches, and brighter futures. We're excited to be partnering with Paralympian Amy Conroy for this new 3-year cycle- keep an eye out for our fundraising with her for The Big Give Challenge in December!



Ukrainian refugees in Romania

Medical clinic in Uganda

Men's Group Outing to Painshill Park, Cobham

The Leadership Team of the Men's Group kindly organised an outing on 4th September to visit the beautiful landscape gardens at Painshill. David and Sue Chillman had even made a preliminary visit to ensure we didn't miss out on anything on the Day! We were treated to refreshments on arrival, a guide book per person and the services of experienced guides when we divided into two groups.

Painshill Park is a masterpiece of garden design. Created in the 18th Century by Charles Hamilton, it invites you to walk around a work of art and discover dramatic follies, calming waters and stunning views.

Born in Dublin in 1704, Hamilton, the ninth son and fourteenth child of the Sixth Earl of Abercorn, embarked on two Grand Tours across Europe,



inspired by landscape art, his vision was to create "living paintings" in a new style of garden. Hamilton was a plantsman, a brilliantly gifted and imaginative designer, with the eye of an artist. He dedicated his genius to the layout and

The Gothic Tower—Sung Hee Keene composition of a landscape park which was unique in Europe and still remains so. Painshill Park has influenced gardens in Europe, Russia and America. There are 160 acres of romantic landscape, with hills, valleys, woodland, meadows, and a 14 acre Serpentine lake! There are garden buildings and bridges in Classical, Gothic, exotic and rustic architectural styles. Rich planting was pointed out to us, an evergreen amphitheatre, many colourful shrubs and fine mature trees.

In 1939, Painshill was requisitioned by the military. During the War, due to neglect, the park became a wilderness and some of the buildings eventually collapsed.

After the War, the then Owner decided to sell off the Park in separate lots.

The Painshill Park Trust, founded in 1981, is a small charity dedicated to restoring the garden to its former magnificence and preserving it for generations to come.

It has been an extraordinary achievement for this magnificent landscape, considering it had been almost totally abandoned and neglected by the 1980s, to have been so carefully and sympathetically restored over four decades, true to the vision of its creator, the Honourable Charles Hamilton.



One of our groups inside the 'magical Crystal Grotto'

The support for the restoration of Painshill by Charles, the then Prince of Wales, has been an invaluable part of the Trust's history. Prince Charles became the Royal Patron of the Trust in 1987. He had recognised the importance of Painshill and on becoming King, decided to continue his Patronage in that capacity.

For many in the Group, this was a first visit to Painshill. The weather was kind to us and we had a splendid day out. The trip also provided a great opportunity for those attending to get to know better, other faces in our congregation.

Arnold Butler

When we returned to the café after the walk, a group of South Koreans were sat in a corner. They looked across at Sung Hee with disbelief—one of them was one of her late husband's PhD students visiting from South Korea and in that very café at that same time—what a happenstance! ED



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	3.30 pm	MESSY CHURCH Crafts, games, songs, refreshments for children/parents/carers.  Harvest – Ruth & Naomi (kindness & love)
<u>Thursday 16th October</u>	12.30 pm	Midweek Communion <i>Revd Stephen Cooper</i>
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