

### Please Pray...

**Give thanks for:** All our contacts with children and families through Toddlers, Jigsaw, Family Fun, baptisms, assemblies, Cubs, Brownies.

**Pray for:** Annalie Taylor as she builds relationships with schools, parents, carers and children.

**For those in need:** All those coping with declining health, and the bereaved.

**For justice in the world:** Refugees; action on climate change; for our politicians & Brexit.

**For our Mission links:** Including Pastor Patrick and the House of Hope's work in Kenya for girls fleeing forced early marriage, and Chris & Alison Hawksbee building up the church in Paraguay. Please also pray for the Sugandh team who work in New Delhi with families and children living in the slums; pray for project leader Mrs Thangtei David.

**For ADVENTure:** Each evening up to Christmas, usually 6-7pm.

**For All our Christmas services and events with bigger attendances.**

**For our community:** Sundown Avenue & Purley Oaks Road

### Next Week:

**Sunday 16th December**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**8.30am: Holy Communion**

**10.00am: Parish Eucharist**

Zephaniah 3:14-end  
[Philippians 4:4-7]  
Luke 3:7-18

**6.30pm: Carol Service,** followed by mulled wine and mince pies

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Our sympathies and prayers are with Barbara Hodges, following the death of her husband John.** John's funeral will take place at Croydon Crematorium on Wednesday 19th December at 1.30pm.

**Trial of new services in 2019** Some of you have been asking questions as to how the trial will work. Thank you for asking. At the new 10.30 Family-friendly service, most weeks there will be an adult sermon. We are grateful to those volunteers who offer lifts to church. Lifts will continue during the new service times. Keep asking! Please note one slight change: the trial will now begin on *Sunday 5 May. Martin*

**Christmas Flyers for Distribution:** At the back of church are leaflets regarding Christmas Services in Sanderstead. **Please collect a pack and deliver them** to the road indicated on the attached slip. *Lynne*

**Children's Society Christmas cards** are on sale after the 10.00 services for the next few weeks. *Jean Kelly*

**Mince Pies for after the Carol Service on Sun 16 December** Could you make some mince pies for this event? – mulled wine will be supplied to accompany. If so **please sign the list at the back of church** and bring your pies to the hall kitchen before the Carol Service. Thank you very much *Fanny Smith*

**Gresham School Carols & Mince pies—Tues 18 December 2pm.** All are invited to support our local school. **Please sign the list** (at the back of church) if you'd like to attend.

**Christmas Eve Crib services, Mon 24 Dec** Annalie needs a few more volunteers to help with either the 3pm or 5pm Crib services. **Please sign the list at the back of church ASAP.**

**Sanderstead Parish Christmas Day Lunch, Tues 25 Dec, Church Hall** There are a few more spaces. If you know anyone who would appreciate an invitation or you yourself would like one, **please leave a name and address in the Parish Office as soon as possible.** Lifts will be arranged if required. *Lynne*

**Christmas Day Lunch Donations Wanted:** Plans for Christmas Day Lunch are well under way and now we want your help. At the back of church is a list of items we would appreciate the congregation donating. **Please bring your non-perishable donation to the Parish Office over the next two weeks** and perishable items to the church halls on Christmas Eve around lunchtime. Many thanks *Lynne & Gill*

### \*\*\*\*\*DATES for the diary\*\*\*\*\*

**Mothers Union** would like to invite you to our Christmas social on **Mon 10 December** in St. Catherine's Aisle at 7.30pm. There will be singing, poetry reading, circle dancing and lots more with nibbles and non-alcoholic punch. We are having a Secret Santa, please bring with you a small wrapped gift not exceeding £5, marked "F" or "M". We look forward to seeing you. *Jean Harris*

**Carol Singing in Waitrose coffee shop 6.00-7.00pm, Wed 12 December** as part of ADVENTure, arrive at 5.45pm. *John Jones*

**The Parish Office will be closed on Thurs 13th Dec** and will re-open on Fri 14th Dec. *Paul*

**International Needs Trinity School Big Band Christmas Sat 15th December, 7pm** at Trinity School Croydon £10 (adult) and £6 (children). Tickets available online at [www.ineeds.org.uk/fundraising-events](http://www.ineeds.org.uk/fundraising-events). *Rosanne*

**Mince Pies for after the Carol Service on Sun 16 December** Don't forget to come along, and bring your mince pies to the Hall kitchen before the Carol Service. *Fanny Smith*

**Carol Singing around the wards at Croydon University Hospital., Wed 19 December.** Meet in the St Barnabas Worship Centre at Croydon University Hospital from 6.30 p.m. *For further information, email: elaine.leck@hotmail.com*

**Parish Weekend at home, 22-24 March 2019** Put these dates in your diary. More information to follow.

**Children during the 10am service:** A children's area for pre-school is available with toys and books on the far left in St. Catherine's Aisle.

**Pastoral Care:** If you'd like a chat with Canon Martin, call 8657 1366 or email rector@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

**Prayer Chain:** To put a confidential message on the chain call Penny 8657 1176 or Arnold 8657 4695.

**Safeguarding / 'A Safe Church':** If you ever have any concern, you should speak with one of the clergy or with Margaret Quiney, our Safeguarding Officer 8657 4087.

**Health & Safety:** Please ensure that you know the location of your nearest fire exit.

**Sermons at All Saints are often recorded,** so if you missed a Sunday or want to hear a message again, you can find sermons to listen to on our website- [www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/talks](http://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/talks)

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## Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

Luke 1.68–79

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 **He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.**

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

4 **To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
and to remember his holy covenant.**

5 This was the oath God swore to our father  
Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 **Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.**

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the  
Most High, ♦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 **To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 **To shine on those who dwell in darkness and  
the shadow of death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever.  
Amen**



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**TODAY**  
**Sunday 9th December**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**8.30am: Holy Communion**  
Preacher: Revd Jeremy Groombridge

**10.00am: Christingle Parish Praise**  
Preacher: David Farris from The Children's  
Society

Malachi 3:1-4 (Bible page: 961)  
Philippians 1:3-11 (Bible page: 1178)  
Luke 3:1-6 (Bible page: 1029)

### Collect for 2nd Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again  
as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord  
and our God.

**Amen**