

Sanderstead Team Newsletter

January 2019

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. admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Jeremy writes ...

Jane Williams tells the story of a ferryman who for nearly 30 years had been operating the service from the Isle of Mull to the landing jetty on the Island of Iona, where the imposing abbey established by St. Columba in the sixth century is situated. One traveller once



asked him what he thought about this spiritual landmark: “I don’t know”, he answered, “I’ve never been”. He had never walked the 150 yards beyond the jetty to explore the wonders of the great Abbey!

It occurs to me that we can be regular attenders at church for years, participate in all kinds of different activities, even sing with the choir and lead the intercessions...but, despite it all, we can miss out on the joy of knowing God and allowing him to touch our hearts and transform our lives. It’s a bit like paying for a wonderful holiday in a sunny, relaxing resort...and spending the fortnight in the confines of the hotel room! As the Psalmist says “*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*” (Psalm 34:8)

On our journey into a new year, we will doubtless be tempted to make ambitious resolutions - many of which we will probably have forgotten by the end of January! When our boys were little we used to sit down on New Years Eve and work out what our aims were for the coming year. We’d write them down, and review them periodically. Some of them were about school achievements, some were ambitions (like driving a tank, or travelling to Japan).

One year I was set the objective of running a marathon - and I'm pleased to say I achieved it! I imagine most of us have resolved to "go on a diet" or "eat more healthily" - I certainly have, but I'm afraid those kinds of resolutions have never been roaringly successful!

I'd like to suggest taking the practice of setting resolutions a little more seriously this year - in two respects.

Firstly, on that vexed question of dieting - why not think about how we might set about improving our spiritual well-being this year? By that, I mean committing ourselves to regular Bible reading and prayer - there are plenty of Bible reading resources available, and I will gladly provide material if that would be helpful. And we could resolve to participate in the church prayer meeting. It would only take an hour once a month (on the last Saturday). I find it encouraging that there are around 20 regulars who come pretty well every month - but wouldn't it be good to double those numbers!

Secondly, we could resolve to face up to some difficult changes in the coming year. I hesitate to mention Brexit - but whatever happens, March 29th seems likely to bring about major change whether we like it or not. There are other changes that we will also have to come to terms with as we move forward. In our parish, we really do have to plan ahead for the medium-to-long term future - which may mean changes in our parish structures and changes in the timing and format of our services. Many of us have experience in facing up to changes in the past - indeed, we may have had to lead people through change in our secular employment. No-one is pretending that change is easy, but trusting in God's grace is essential as we go through times of necessary transition.

Finally, in the context of Brexit, our Bishops have recently asked us to pray for *"more generosity and grace amongst those with differing views, so that there might be stability and peace in place of angry words and bad temper."* That's a message we should all take to heart during the coming months - I don't think it only applies to the Brexit debate!

Revd Jeremy



Prayer update: Chris and Alison Hawksbee in Paraguay

Associate Mission Partners with the Church Mission Society (CMS) and the South American Mission Society (SAMS) UK & Northern Ireland.

Dear Friends,

1st December 2018

Please see the following messages and prayer points from Chris and Alison:

Alison: "Please pray for the new Director of St, Andrew's College. His name is Carlos De La Sobera, and he starts this Monday, the 3rd of December. Pray for a smooth hand over period and that there won't be any unsettled feelings within the staff members.

Also, for our travel plans to the UK on the 10th December. We shall be in the UK until the 14th January."

Chris: "Thanks for your continued prayers for the Church work in the Chaco. Continue to pray for the Pastors, deacons and pastoral assistants as they carry on the Lord's work in their villages. That they will be continually seeking the Lord in order to feed the congregations (sheep).

We have a visit to the three settlements this week, starting on Thursday and finishing on Saturday midday. The theme is stewardship and giving.

Preparing a plan/budget with the Diocesan administrator for the future to present to Church Mission Society (CMS). The CMS regional Director was here last week, and they are interested in investing more into mission in the Chaco. Things are beginning to move after a long while of laying the foundations on a shoe string. Please pray that we can do this prayerfully and carefully. One area is on youth work, but we still have to strengthen the church leaders first so that the youth don't bulldoze over them, and that there is that respect and submission to authority within the churches.

Thoughts for next year: to see if we can fit in pastoral retreats in Rio Verde on a bi-monthly basis. Within these, to start incorporating some form of musical training for those involved in worship leadership. And in this respect the incorporating of new people to help with this work and their orientation to the overall vision."

Thanks and greetings,

Chris and Alison

Please advise distribution amendments to:

Mrs. Mandy Kent, 62, Priory, Bovey Tracey, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 9HP
Phone: 01626 832758, or email: stevemandyk@hotmail.com

St. Edmund's

Live Streaming of services at St Edmund's

For the last few years the Church of England has been encouraging church communities to consider live streaming services through the relatively modern technology of twitter.

The aim is to open up church for those unable to attend, whatever the reason: ill health or holidays as well as to reach those who might be curious but wary of publicly joining in services.

In November, following consultation with the Communications Department at Trinity House St Edmund's DCC fully endorsed opening up our services this way and so since early December most of the 10am and Christmas services have been live streamed. This has enabled some of our local congregation to "tune in" when away and some of those unable to leave their homes to return to St Edmund's too.

Of course, as twitter is a global media our online congregation reflects this and I am aware of people in Canada and the USA joining us. In fact we are getting in excess of 355 hits.

St Edmund's is the first church in the Diocese of Southwark that Trinity House are aware of to regularly live stream. We hope that others join us soon as we seek to "spread the word" in this new way.

We will be continuing to live stream most 10am Sunday services. The services are broadcast here: twitter.com/revsusan5

Links may also be found on St Edmund's page of the parish website... https://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/st_edmund

Revd Susan

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

Croydon Town Centre Bus Changes including the 403 & 412 Bus routes

TFL is running a consultation regarding changes to eleven bus routes including 403 and 412. The document can be found at:

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/croydon-town-centre/>

These proposals are subject to a public consultation and they are keen to hear your thoughts on how these changes could impact on you. The closing date for comments is **Sunday 13 January 2019**.

TOOLS TO WISLEY

Garden Tools Collection

On behalf of the All Saints Green Team thank you for your support for the recent annual unwanted garden tools collection.

A record 180 tools of all shapes, ages and sizes were donated this year mainly by members of All Saints and the Sanderstead Horticultural Society. This was almost 50% up on last year's haul which had itself been a record.



The tools were taken in two very well loaded car boots to RHS Wisley at the end of October where they were gratefully received by RHS staff. The tools have now gone off to prison workshops at HMP Wandsworth where they are being renovated for eventual use in community projects and schools.

Richard Bird



In support of



The Children's Society

You may be aware that Sanderstead Committee have supported The Children's Society for over 56 years, raising money to support their work with vulnerable young people.

There are 25,867 children in the constituency of Croydon South. 1,961 children are known to children's services in Croydon because of abuse and neglect. According to police recorded data for sexual offences against children Met Police area, 4,359 sexual offences were committed against children in 2015/16. The Children's Society have sent us this article to highlight their approach to tackling these issues, which is only possible due to support from parishes like ours. The Children's Society know that when young people access their services for support with one aspect of their life, they are often having difficulties in other areas too.

Their experience has enabled them to identify three key areas in which young people encounter challenges: where they face risks to their safety and well-being; where the resources they need to flourish and thrive may be compromised; and with the resilience they draw on to respond to adverse experiences in life.

Through these direct services they learn more about the complexity of the issues that affect children and young people. This learning influences their campaigning and policy work nationally and locally. The campaigns tackle the deeply engrained issues children face, influence Government policy and change prevailing attitudes to the most vulnerable in our society. Last year they achieved over three million positive changes for children. Much of their work in 2016/7 focused on influencing the Policing and Crime Bill as it went through parliament. Between April and June 2016, 37% of MPs supported the campaign. In Autumn 2016 the Government agreed to set up a working group to look at how to better protect 16 and 17 year olds from abuse. The Children's Society are playing a key part in the working group to make sure that police get the tools they need to disrupt child sexual exploitation, which is a positive indicator of the campaign being on track for contributing to policy change in the longer term.

In terms of their direct work, they have the story of Kyran who was groomed by an older man online. The man was lying to Kyran about his age and when Kyran found out he told his mother. They got in contact with us, where Kyran's project worker listened to him and taught him how to stay safe. Kyran told the police about what had happened to him and, with support from his project worker, testified against his abuser in a successful prosecution. Kyran is now actively involved with our work helping other young people at risk of sexual exploitation.

We do hope this gives a clearer picture of where your donations are going. All Saints Church held a Christingle to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Christingle. It was a lovely service raising vital funds to help children who are facing Christmas alone and are unable to cope.

Please join us for **Coffee and Bring-and-buy morning** at our annual box opening on **Sat 9th February** in the large Hall at All Saints from 10am and at our exhibition and sale of works by local artists on **Sat 16th March** at Sanderstead URC Church.

The Sanderstead Fund Raising Committee

ADVENTure in Sanderstead

Extending God's Welcome to All!

Well done everyone who took part in Sanderstead's 2018 ADEVENTure, especially Mike and Anne Fixter who led it all (There's room for everyone in the ADVENTure Ark). See the photographs of some of the displays. The quality of display was always excellent, and we have had so many compliments.

Above all, however, each evening of ADVENTure provided an opportunity for making friendships around the community, and thereby Extending God's Welcome to All.

We gave the *invitation*;
We offered *hospitality* (and food and drink);
We encouraged *conversations*;
We shared *the real meaning of Christmas*.

There's room for everyone in the ADVENTure Ark ...

And there's room for everyone in God's home. Welcome everybody!



Day 3 - Horse



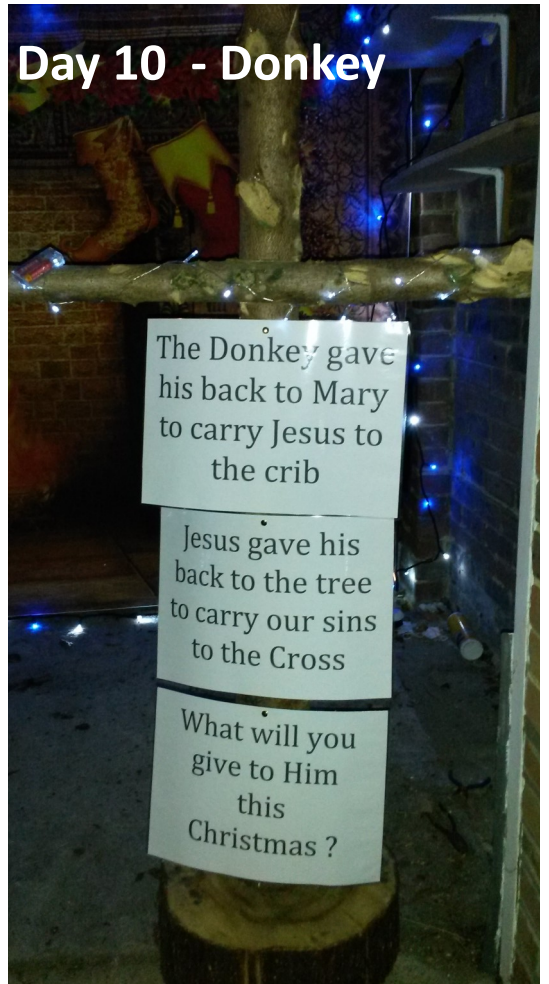
Day 6 - Polar Bear



Day 7 - Giant Panda



Day 10 - Donkey



The Donkey gave
his back to Mary
to carry Jesus to
the crib

Jesus gave his
back to the tree
to carry our sins
to the Cross

What will you
give to Him
this
Christmas ?

Day 14 - Camel



Day 15 - Sheep



Day 8 -
Penguin



Day 17 - Fish

The Sanderstead ADVENTure finished on
Day 24 at the Crib





CROYDON REFUGEE DAY CENTRE

Greetings from the Croydon Refugee Day Centre!

Our resources are now very low and we are desperately short of the following: -

- All non-perishable food – but particularly tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit and dried pasta.
- New underwear and socks for both men and women
- Young adult clothes and trainers; and hats, gloves and scarves that young people are likely to wear
- Size 0 – 3 baby clothes. [Most babies we see are new born].
- Size 1 and 2 nappies.
- Prams/buggies suitable for new born babies.
- Wheeled suitcases and backpacks.
- Toiletries – particularly shower gel and shampoo, toothpaste and tooth-brushes.
- Oyster cards.
- Financial support

Please bring any donations to the All Saints Parish Office Mon-Fri 10am-12pm.

Or make contact directly, as follows:

Peter Hall, Part-time Co-Ordinator, Croydon Refugee Day Centre

[Registered Charity Number No 1064465].

West Croydon Baptist Church, Corner of Whitehorse Road & St James Rd,
Croydon CR0 2JH, Church Tel No: 0208 689 4527. Mobile: 077969 75886

Family Wedding

Saturday 8th December was a wonderful day for Emma and Martin, as their older son Samuel was married to Joanna Lunt in St Ives Methodist Church. The reception was held at The Bridge New Frontiers Church.

Sam is Assistant Manager of 'Steamer' kitchen shop in Cambridge, while Jo is completing a PhD in history.

The photo shows Martin, Hannah, Sam, Jo, David and Emma.

Martin Greenfield



Mission Support Annual Donations

The DCC was delighted to make annual Mission Support donations at Christmas to:

The Hawksbee's £2,000.00, £1,000.00 each to Sugandh, USPG, Tanzanian Development Trust and CMS. £500.00 each was donated to Reedham Children's Trust and Croydon Churches Floating Shelter which amounted to £7,000.00. We also made donations of £1,000.00 each to Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care and Croydon Refugee Centre from the Herbert Legacy Fund.

We await the outcome of the Christmas Services collections, but can tell you that £675.00 was raised at the Carol Service which has gone to Croydon Churches Floating Shelter.

Thank you all for your generosity to these charities. They are all extremely grateful, especially at this extremely busy time of year when demand for their help is at its height.

Michael Turner

TODDLER GROUPS

We meet in the All Saints Church Hall
on Tuesday and Friday mornings 9.30am

First one next year...
Tuesday 15th January 2019



Bring your toddlers — all welcome!

The Coffee Pot

**Friday 18th January and
Friday 1st February**

10am-12pm, All Saints' Small Hall

Coffee, Tea, Homemade Cakes



All Welcome!

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



PURLEY CLASSICS JANUARY RECITAL

JONATAN BOUGT – Classical Guitar

IRENA RADIĆ – Piano

**Arrangements of Shostakovich's 24 Preludes Op.34 and
Ravel's Ma Mère l'Oye.**

Swedish guitarist and theorbo player Jonatan is currently studying for a Master of Historical Performance at the Royal College of Music, London, as a Musician's Company Scholar. He holds a First Class Bachelor of Music (Honours) from the RCM where he won the Guitar Prize in 2017. Jonatan has recently been selected for the Britten Pears Young Artist Programme 2018. He has performed in various noted venues in London and Europe.

Wednesday 9th January 2019, 1.15pm to 2.00pm

The Lounge, Purley United Reformed Church, Brighton Road Purley
Open to all with a retiring collection to cover costs. Light refreshments
served before the start.

For more details: purleyclassics.wix.com/purleyclassics

SANDERSTEAD TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Wed 16th January, 2pm-4.30pm

Mr John Ellery on 'Bill Stickers will be Prosecuted'.

In the All Saints' Small Hall

Refreshments available. Visitors welcome. £2.00

Any enquiries please contact our Secretary,

Mrs Doreen Nicholls, on 0208 657 2072.

CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other

Jubilee Room @ St. Mary's

Thursday 17 January, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

All are welcome



We meet once a month on the **third Thursday**

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.

Upcoming CAMEO dates: 21st Feb, 21st March 2019

REFRESHING CHURCH

CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA LAY CONFERENCE

Date for the diary:

14 SEPTEMBER 2019, 9.30AM – 4.00PM

ST BEDE'S SCHOOL, CARLTON ROAD, REDHILL

This Lay Conference, the second in the Croydon Episcopal Area, is being held for all PCC Members, Readers, SPAs and others involved in the spiritual life of their church (intercessors and lesson readers also). Although the full programme is yet to be decided, Paula Gooder will be our Keynote Speaker during the morning session and Bishop Christopher will also be speaking. The aim of the conference is to continue to encourage and enable lay leaders in refreshing the local church and, of course, in refreshing their own spiritual life.

There is a host of workshops being organised throughout the day and lunch will be provided in the middle of the day.

FAMILY FUN HOUR

Sun 20th January

fun

3pm—4pm

Stories

In All Saints Church Hall

Games



Craft

Mothers Union

Film night

“Victoria and Abdul”

Monday 14th January

at 7.30pm

Call the Parish Office for more details.

Tel: 020 8657 0665, option 5

Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care

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

Tel: 020 8657 8289 Email: sanderstead.neighbourhood.care@gmail.com

Registered Charity number 1039939

Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who supported our popular quiz night, we made a profit of £633. Barclays bank have kindly agreed to match fund this so doubling our profit to £1,266.

Book sale

The last book sale in October made a total profit of £219.58.

**We will be holding another one at All Saints
on Sat 23 Feb, 10.30am – 12.30pm.**

Need to get out more?

Sunday lunch on the first Sunday of the month
and a coffee morning—Young at Heart...

We collect.....

- For the homeless - **toiletries**, *must be unopened due to health & safety*
- **Tins of ham/spam/corned beef**
- **Used stamps** – *which help SNC funds. Please remember to bring us the ones from your Christmas cards.*
- **Wool...** people who knit for babies in hospital etc.

Please drop any donations into the office.

All donations are welcome.

Cheques payable to "Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care"

Cash can be given to the volunteer driver, handed into the office at the above address or placed in the post box at All Saints Hall marked for our attention.

Thank you for your continuing support.

YOUNG AT HEART Social Club

Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care, All Saints' Church Hall

Registered Charity Number: 1039939

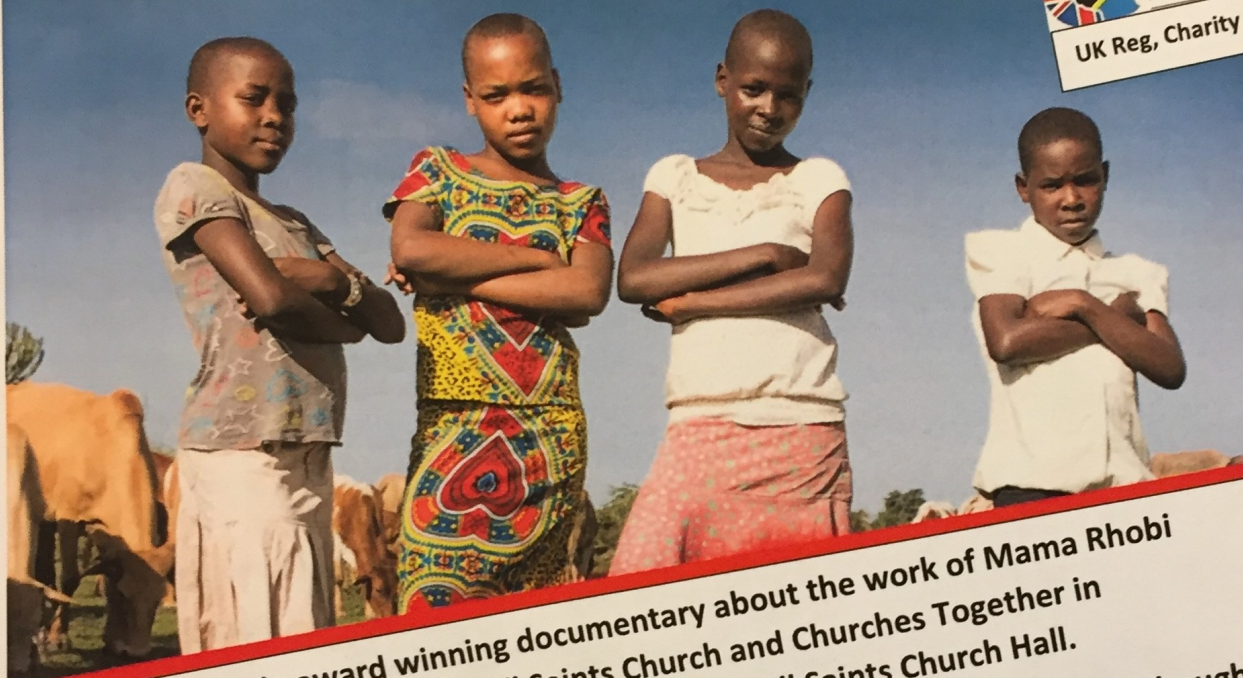
Starts again on **Fri 25th January 2019** after the panto.

10am—12.30pm, **£3 or £5 with lunch**

For information or transport call: **020 8657 8289**

IN THE NAME OF YOUR DAUGHTER

A STORY OF COURAGE AND HOPE



This quadruple award winning documentary about the work of Mama Rhobi Samwelly will be shown for All Saints Church and Churches Together in Sanderstead on Sunday February 3rd at 2pm in All Saints Church Hall. Admission free, but there will be a stall where artefacts and cards can be bought to aid girls escaping FGM. Tea and Biscuits available after screening.

DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER GISELLE PORTENIER EDITOR CA
COMPOSER ANDREA WETTSTEIN CO-PRODUCER DEBO
ASSISTANT CAMERA BOAZ MASHAURI LOCATION MANAGER

"The documentary dispels the myth that FGC is accepted – and even desired – by the girls on whom it is inflicted, and by giving these girls a voice, In the Name of Your Daughter will make a monumental contribution to the struggle for women's human rights."

Karen Musalo, Professor, Director of the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, University of California

"In the name of your daughter' was incredibly moving. I would call it life-changing. It's a film that puts everything into perspective, we are all so privileged to live a life like ours, compared to the girls fighting against FGM. The girls from Tanzania have an amazing story that the whole world should be aware of."

REGITZE STEENBERG, 14

"What I love about this documentary is that it puts the children first. The girls are at the centre of the film, not the parents, not the community. It's about what the girls think, and that is the film's power."

Hibo Wardere, Author, Human Rights Activist and FGM Survivor

I said to the man who stood
at the gate of the year, give
me a light that I may tread
safely into the unknown



1905
MINNIE LOUISE HASKINS

1ST JANUARY 2012

and he replied
go into the darkness and put your
hand into the hand of God, and that shall
be to you better than light and that shall
than a known way... and that shall
and safer



Please look at the website for regular Sunday services:

www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
January Midweek Communion All welcome for a short communion service. Take time out midweek, and be blessed!	Thurs 10 January, 12.30pm	All Saints' Church, St. Catherine's Aisle
Coffee Pot All welcome for coffee, tea, cakes and company.	Fri 18 January, 10am—12pm	All Saints' Church Hall
FAMILY FUN All welcome for stories, crafts, singing and more.	Sun 20 January, 3-4pm	All Saints' Church Hall
Coffee Pot All welcome for coffee, tea, cakes and company.	Fri 1 February, 10am—12pm	All Saints' Church Hall
“In The Name Of Your Daughter” Film being shown for Churches Together In Sanderstead (CTIS)	Sun 3 Feb, 2pm	All Saints' Church Hall

Baptism

Anyone with a desire to have their children baptised, speak to one of the clergy, then come & join one of All Saints' Baptismal Preparation Classes. Next one - **Sat 19 January, 9-10am.**

Jeremy

A very Happy New Year to you All!



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