

NOTICES for Sunday 1st February 2026

Presentation of Christ at the temple (Candlemas)

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>

Sunday 1 February – Presentation of Christ at the temple, Candlemas

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST with choir & healing prayer

Speaker: Revd Jeremy Groombridge - **James No.3 Wisdom from above**

3.30pm – 5.00pm: Messy Church in the church for children and their parents / carers. Theme: *Bible roads*.



Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen

Lectionary readings: Malachi 3:1-5; Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40
Additional reading: James 3:13-18

Articles for the PARISH NEWS please! (by TODAY, 1st February)

Any articles/updates/poems/photos for the next Sanderstead Parish News – please send to Jackie Worthington, parishnews@sanderstead-parish.org.uk **by Sunday 1 February.**

Series on the book of James

- **No.1 Faith & Works:** A faith without actions is dead (James 2:14-26). Jan 18th – *Danny Morris*
- **No.2 Trials & temptations:** View hardships as opportunities for spiritual growth, leading to maturity. (James 1:1-18). Jan 25th - *David Chillman*
- **No.3 Wisdom from Above:** True wisdom is pure, peaceable, merciful, and produces good fruit, contrasting with earthly, selfish ambition. (James 3:13-18). Feb 1st. Candlemas – *Revd Jeremy*
- **No.4 Taming the Tongue:** A warning against slander, boasting, and divisive speech. (James 3:1-12). Feb 8th – *Bishop David*
- **No.5 Humility & Favouritism:** Condemns showing partiality to the rich over the poor. (James 2:1-13). Feb 22nd - *Revd Jeremy*
- **No.6 Prayer:** James 5:7-end. March 1st – *Bishop David Atkinson*

Rector's Office

This week, week commencing 2nd Feb, Rosanne will be working Monday 10-12pm, and Wednesday and Thursday 10am – 3pm (*not Tuesday*).

Wednesday 4 February – Synod Open Meeting – Digital Presence for all churches - Croydon South Deanery, 7.30pm for 8.00pm

On Wednesday 4th February there is an Open Meeting of the Croydon South Deanery Synod at All Saints Church, Sanderstead. (Tea & Coffee from 7:30pm). We do hope as many as possible will be able to attend, to celebrate Sue Thomas's term as Area Dean and to support Doug as he is commissioned as her successor by Bishop Rosemarie. Archdeacon Greg will also be attending. The main item is the critical subject of digital communications for all our churches by George Clarke (Digital Comms). All welcome.

Linda Etheridge

Friday 6 February – CRAFT GROUP, 2pm - 4pm

First one back this year. We meet in the Small Hall. If you have any questions, call Sue Chillman 020 8657 7397.

Sunday 8 February – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.30am FAMILY WORSHIP (with Communion)

Speaker: Bishop David Atkinson - **James No.4 Taming the Tongue**

Saturday 14 February – Grandparents' Day, 10.30am – 2.30pm

Are you a grandparent and would you be interested to join with others at Grandparents Day? There will be a choice of Workshops and keynote Speakers. It is being held at St Francis Church Hall, 84 Balcombe Road, Horley, RH6 9AY. Free Event. Drinks provided but bring a packed lunch. To book contact learning@southwark.anglican.org

Rosemary Kempell

Saturday 14 February - Men's Group Six Nations Rugby, from 4pm

The Men's Group will be meeting again in St Catherine's Aisle from 4pm (kick-off 4.40pm) to watch the Scotland v England match. Can wobbly England retain the Calcutta Cup after their single point win over the Scots last year? 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!

(The next Thirsty Thursday will be on 26 February 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).

Church Website

The current version of our website is now almost 10 years old and needs replacing. We really do need a small group of people to help Corrie to research other church websites; to look at available software and then either to build or to commission a replacement website. Technical skills would be helpful but are definitely not essential. All that you need is a willingness to help in bringing the Church website up to date even if only with part of the process. If you can't help yourself, perhaps you have a friend / neighbour / grandchild who might be interested? All offers considered! Please contact Corrie (webmaster@sanderstead-parish.org.uk) even if it is just for an exploratory chat!

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We're using #easyfundraising to help raise money for Sanderstead All Saints Church. It's a fantastic way for you to help us fundraise for free. Sign up today and turn your online shopping at your favourite retailers like eBay, Tesco, H&M, Argos, and 1,000s more into much-needed free funding for us.



Sign up here: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/sanderstead-all-saints-church
Or download the easyfundraising app on your smart phone.

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.



Safeguarding / 'A Safe Church': If you ever have any concerns, contact one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers:

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