

SANDERSTEAD PARISH

All Saints & St Anthony's

PARISH NEWS

Sunday 31st May 2026: *Trinity Sunday*



WHAT'S ON AT ALL SAINTS?....

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>



9.30am FIFTH SUNDAY with Communion

Preacher: Doug McHardie

Theme: **WHAT IS CHURCH? – Evangelical**

2 Timothy 3:10-17; Matthew 22:23-40

We will be experimenting with sitting in the north aisle and St Catherine's aisle, not the pews, for this service.

SONGS ON SUNDAY

The songs on Sunday are:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

Psalm 23 (Townend)

I stand amazed

In Christ Alone

To God be the glory



If any of these are unfamiliar to you, you might want to listen to them on YouTube, Google them or find them on a music provider before Sunday to help all to join in with gusto!

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?.....

2.00pm – 4.00pm OPEN CHURCH – TODAY!

Come and visit – a warm welcome awaits, as well as a cuppa!

**OPEN CHURCH: Summer Sunday afternoons,
2.00pm – 4.00pm**

All Saints' Church will be open for visitors on Sunday afternoons in May, June and July, except on the first Sunday of these months.



Bring your own cup If you can bring your own cup for refreshments after church, it would help us be more eco-friendly. 😊

**MORNING PRAYER – Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays,
9am – 10am** in church every week. Join together for Morning Prayer / Bible Study.



TODDLER GROUPS Tues & Fri, 9.30am–11.30am, term time only

Toys, dressing up, snacks, singing.

Tuesday 2nd and Friday 5th June.

TUESDAY SHORT WALK – Tuesday 2 June, 3.00pm

We shall be walking again on Tuesday 2nd June. Meet at 3.00pm in the Car Park for a leisurely stroll around the Recreation Ground, followed by tea and cake in St Catherine's Aisle. All are welcome and if you prefer to skip the walk, join us for tea at around 3.45pm.



Young at Heart CLUB Friday 5 June - 10am - 1.30pm **YOUNG AT HEART CLUB**

Come and join us - SNC Social Club for over 65s, programme & lunch. £3 or £8 if you stay for lunch. Call 020 8657 8289.

This week - *“Diamond Centre for disabled riders tell us about the work they do”.*

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Sunday 7 June – Trinity 1

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST with choir & healing prayer**

Preacher: *Bishop David Atkinson*

Theme: **WHAT IS CHURCH? – Catholic & apostolic**

3.30pm – 5.00pm: Messy Church TODAY in the church for children and their parents / carers.

Theme: *Messy Sports*



LOOKING FORWARD – what's coming up?.....

Sunday 28 June, 5.30pm - Bishop Christopher's Farewell Choral Evensong service, at Croydon Minster.

All are welcome to this event to celebrate with Bishop Christopher as he nears retirement. Please let Rosanne know by **15th June to register.**

Friday 31 July from 12-4pm - Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary: HOPE Day at Lambeth Palace

As part of their 150th year celebrations, Mothers' Union have been accepted by Lambeth Palace to host one of their charity 'HOPE Open Days' on Friday 31st July from 12-4pm. Lambeth Palace Heritage Open Palace Experience (HOPE) Days offer a rare opportunity to explore the historic home of the Archbishops of Canterbury, a place of faith, hospitality, and service for over 800 years. Funds from ticket sales go to key charities and we with the London MU Diocese are one of them for 2026.

For tickets, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lambeth-palace-hope-open-day-tickets-1987683690425?aff=oddtcreator> (or let Rosanne know).

The tickets are £12 for adults. Carers and children under 12 are free but still need to book a free ticket. The entry times are in 15 mins slots, and you have an hour inside to explore the Palace to prevent overcrowding.

Best wishes,

Kathleen Bailey, Personal Assistant to the Archdeacons of Croydon & Reigate

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ONE PARISH – TWO CENTRES....

ST. ANTHONY'S



Women's Social Group (WSG), alternate Thursdays at 7.30pm

Thursday 4 June – Keep Fit

Thursday 18 June – Talk on the Fire Service

T4U – 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 2.00pm

Monday 8 & 22 June

HOLY COMMUNION – 4th Sunday of the month, 3.00pm

Sunday 28 June

Green Team Tip of the Week

to help you be even better stewards of God's lovely creation
(and probably save you money too!).

Tip 18 - Time for a summary of our Top Ten Tips

Avoid using the tumble dryer

£50

Switch off standby

£45

Take a four-minute shower

£45

Top up your hot water insulation

£40

Fewer, colder laundry cycles

£27

Don't overfill the kettle, use a tap aerator

£30

Less dishwasher use

£11

Swap one bath a week for a shower

£10

Turn off the lights

£8

Install draught proofing

£85

**energy
saving**

Just leaving things on standby is a really big contributor to wasted energy, especially TVs, computers, even your air-fryer, if it hasn't got a clock, just turn it on at the wall when you need it.

Finally, remember, even the combined might of All Saints and St Anthony's can't save the planet alone, so SPREAD THE WORD!

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NOW BUT NOT YET....

NOW: Quarterly Parish News will now be issued weekly , replacing the weekly “Notices”. Future contributions welcome and to be submitted to editors at admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

NOT YET:

Wait and listen – weekly prayer meeting beginning **mid-June**.

Be part of the conversation – monthly congregation meeting, beginning **late June**.



ALPHA COURSE

If you want to know a bit more about what Alpha is about see promotion video here

https://youtu.be/fViYK_Xb3Wg?si=1sBVx85xhtw1aHda

This might help you decide if it is for you or maybe for someone else you know who has questions and **you might want to invite along!**

Get praying for 5 people you know who do not yet know Christ and maybe he will prompt you to invite one or all of them to Alpha!

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First the lasts and now the firsts.....

Let me introduce myself. I am Doug McHardie. A Scot by birth (you can probably tell by the name!) but no longer by accent. I have lived in England since 1985 having travelled down from Bonnie Dundee and the Lothians to begin a working life in Finance and then 20 years as a Finance and Business trainer and educator.

I've often been asked, "What led you into the church?" My answer is simple – God! God calls us into things that he has prepared for us. And that is why I am writing to you now, answering God's call to serve as Rector of All Saints and St Anthony's. And it is my pleasure and privilege to do so.

I am very grateful for the kind words of Jeremy Groombridge who wrote the editorial in the Spring newsletter. I have known him for a number of years and through our friendship a plan developed for members of All Saints to join with members of my former church, Christ Church Purley, in a training course. It may have taken us 18 months to arrange it but I like to think that our prevarication was God's perfect timing!

The joy of 20 people meeting up, getting to know one another, sharing and learning together was a delight to be part of. A new community built as we grew in Christ together and went out to share God's love in our respective places. Jesus once said "34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35) And the disciples, Jesus' special close friends, went out in love to start what became a global phenomenon – the Church.

The last few months have, for me, been filled with "lasts" as I have set things down. So my joy in stepping into Sanderstead is tinged with some sadness of leaving things (and people) behind. But as we said many times over the last few weeks, "at least you are not very far away!"

The coming weeks will be filled with firsts instead. First services, first time meeting so many in the church and community, first staff meeting, first PCC meeting, first Christmas, first Easter. It's a truth in ministry that in the first year you can say "I don't know, I wasn't here then..!". But after a year the firsts come to an end, as does that excuse!

I look forward to all the firsts that are to come. All are opportunities for me to do what God has called me to do, proclaim the name of Jesus our Saviour as the most important person

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anyone could ever meet, for the first time and every time. And his promise of his Holy Spirit to be with us “until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20) means there will never be a last. That’s his promise. And if you don’t know him, let’s have a coffee, I’d love to introduce him to you.

Your new friend, Doug. (March 26th)

This is an example of the sort of articles for the weekly Parish News. If you have something to share, please send it to the Editorial Team at admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Can you name this flower?.....



A pair of sugar tongs

Has anybody lost a pair of sugar tongs featuring a papal coin? Please contact the Parish Office.

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Use easyfundraising to donate to Project 800

Shop at Tesco or F&F clothing this month and we could receive community funding up to £1000.. Sign up here:

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



GIVING – regular members are encouraged to support our work for God financially. This can be through the plate collection on a Sunday, via the QR code which will take you to the giving page on the website or in church by card.

Contributions welcome for the glory of God!

Safeguarding / 'A Safe Church'

If you ever have any concerns, contact one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers: Julie Marsh julie.safeguarding@sanderstead-parish.org.uk or Katheryn Hewitt katheryn.safeguarding@sanderstead-parish.org.uk



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