

#### Susan writes ... "UNITY"

Well the weather is getting warmer, the trees are blossoming, and those who are keen on gardening are being kept busy. In the church too it's going to be a busy month, with changes to the pattern of Sunday services at All Saints, Ascension Day at the end of the month, ongoing DCC and PCC conversations around the recommendations from the Parish Review, and Christian Aid Week mid month. In previous years, we've had ecumenical services in Christian Aid Week, as well as sponsored walks etc. Christian Aid Week is a week when Christians unite in a demonstration of God's love by focusing on helping others who find themselves in situations far worse than we encounter here in South Croydon.

Now it has to be said that the Christians in Sanderstead already work quite well together but we mustn't be complacent. After all, God's power is essential for all of his people not just for a select few. In other words individualism in the church is not a welcome quality.

In the Acts of the Apostles (Chapter 4 v 32) we read that, 'all the believers were one in heart and mind.' Now, of course, as we know the Spirit apportions gifts to each Christian (part of the body) as he wills, but they are always for the common good. In Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (Chapter 4 v 16) we're told that from Christ, 'the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.' It is the quality, depth and unity of Christian fellowship that is important, for unless we all work towards the same goals we will never move forward.

Christian Aid Week gives us another opportunity to unite as Christians and focus beyond our own concerns.

But, of course, as well as acting in harmony with our brothers and sisters of other denominations we need to work as a parish in complete harmony. There are three church communities in this parish, yet we are one parish, one team. We should love, nurture and support one another – crossing the community boundaries. On Sundays we tend to have services in our "own" church yet we have plenty of opportunity to get together, whether in worship or for social occasions. The next occasion is on Ascension Day (30th May) at All Saints. It is an opportunity to come together, to worship and celebrate the Lordship and authority of Jesus in our lives.

Christian Unity shouldn't be something we strive for just a few weeks each year, it should be with us at all times. As I've said before, unity isn't uniformity. We are all different, we are all individuals with different gifts, but as Christians we should be united in following the path Christ laid before us. Then by opening our hearts to the Spirit of truth and love, and to one another, we may become a light of Christ's in the world today.

Yours in Christ,

Susan xxx



#### Commissioning as a SPA

It hardly seems two years ago since I set out on my training programme to become a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA). I am now almost at the completion of that training, and on **24 June at 7.30pm**, all being well, I will be commissioned along with seven colleagues in a special service at the Cathedral.

It has been an intensive couple of years - very hard work at times, but also very rewarding. The first year involved mainly theological training through the Bishop's Certificate. This year has been much more practical and "hands-on". I have enjoyed several visits and placements to places as varied as Trinity Hospice at Clapham Common, Welcare at Redhill, The Association for Pastoral Care in Mental Health at St Mildred's Addiscombe, and to another church in Lea to look at how they were developing care for older parishioners. I have also been on a longer term placement at Growbaby, a charity in South Croydon supporting families in need with children under 5. I am continuing with that placement at the moment.

It has also been a fascinating time for me personally. I can't say I've really enjoyed writing essays and preparing presentations, but I feel I have learned a tremendous amount and the small group of colleagues I have met with every week at Trinity House have been great to work with. We have also enjoyed several weekend residential events at Wychcroft, and quickly bonded as a group.

I would like to say a sincere "thank-you" to those who have expressed support for me while I have been undertaking these studies. Your prayers and supportive words have meant so much! As Pastoral Co-ordinator at All Saints, I am conscious that there are many many needs and it is just physically and practically impossible for me to personally attend to them all! I will continue to do what I can to make sure that needs and concerns are followed through - if not by me personally, then by one of the many folk in our church community who exercise caring ministries in so many different ways. We are fortunate to be a church where so many care for one another - especially through the Home Group structures. I am grateful to all those who undertake things which I physically cannot do.

Finally, please do come along and join in the celebrations at the Cathedral on 24 June - I look forward to seeing you there!

#### SANDRA GROOMBRIDGE



Sandra Groombridge's Commissioning as a SPA is on Mon 24th June at 7.30pm at Southwark Cathedral.

#### GOOD FRIDAY 2019 at ST ANTONY'S

# GAMES, CRAFTS, EGG HUNT AND THE EASTER STORY!!!

It's always very exciting when the time comes around to start planning for our Good Friday children's activity afternoon. We try to come up with some new, sometimes messy, craft ideas. Annalie started the afternoon off with the first half of the Easter story. It was brilliant, incorporating some very nifty tricks! She really had their attention.

There were all sorts of activities for the children to do. Planting seeds, card making, stained glass crosses, shaving foam marbling, biscuit decorating, chocolate nests, egg hunt etc. There was also a beautiful Easter garden constructed under Ann's supervision.

The children's ages ranged from pre-school up to about 9 years old.

It is also a time for the parents to have a chat, cup of tea and a hot cross bun! A tea was also provided for the children after the activities with a fund raising raffle at the very end.

The whole event was a great success and was enjoyed by all and I am certain everyone left feeling they had learnt, at least a small part, of the Easter story.

It was a great team effort benefitting the local community which couldn't have been achieved without the help of all those who gave their time.

We're already looking forward to next year!!

Gill Tobin

PSO St Antony's













### 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 toothbrushes.
- 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 CRO 2JH, Church Tel No: 0208 689 4527. Mobile: 077969 75886



#### **FOOD LIST - MAY 2019**



At Purley Food Hub we provide food & other items for people in crisis.

Please consider donating one or more of May's nine priority items:

- Cartons of long life fruit juice / bottles of squash
- Long life whole milk
- 500g packets of breakfast cereals (but not porridge, thank you!)
- Tins of plain meat: chicken, ham, corned beef
- Packets of dried potato
- Tins of dessert rice pudding
- Packet custard requiring only water
- Unisex deodorant
- Non bio washing tablets/sachets

Thank you so much for your support - with your help we have provided more than 140,000 meals since January 2013.

PURLEY FOOD HUB | Tel: 07546 635295 | Email: purleyfoodhub@gmail.com

Website: www.purleyfoodhub.net

Charity no: 1152807 | Company no: 08557885



The David Lean Cinema, in partnership with the Croydon Dementia Action Alliance, are organising a series of popular music films throughout 2019. These Dementia Friendly screenings aim to make cinema more accessible by providing a fun and inclusive experience to enable people living with dementia, their families and carers to attend the cinema in a safe and welcoming environment.

The lights are left on low, there are no adverts or trailers and the audience is allowed to move around or even sing along to any musical numbers if they'd like to.

Admission is free for people with dementia and their carers. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available before the screening.

The dates and titles of the films are listed below. All performances will start at 11am, with refreshments available from 10.15am. There are a limited number of wheelchair places.

Tuesday 7 May

CALAMITY JANE (1953), starring Doris Day and Howard Keel

Tuesday 21 May

SUMMER HOLIDAY (1963), starring Cliff Richard and The Shadows

Tuesday 4 June

G.I. BLUES (1960), starring Elvis Presley and Juliet Prowse

Tuesday 2 July

**ON MOONLIGHT BAY** (1951), starring Doris Day and Gordon MacRae

Tuesday 3 September

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME (1949), starring Judy Garland and Van Johnson

For further information: <u>www.davidleancinema.org.uk</u>

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# 2 Toddlers Picnics!

ON THE GRUFFY

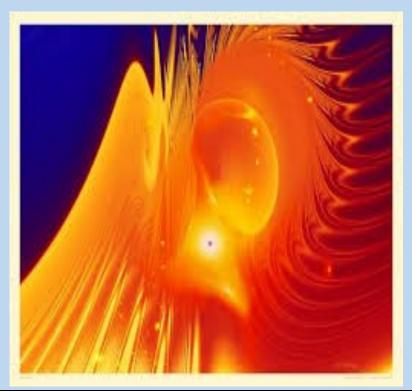
Tuesday 14th May and Friday 17th May at 11.30am

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH



Any questions, contact Annalie, Mob: 07486 543146

# FRESH ENCOUNTERS angels



# Angels in the Old Testament Sunday 19 May 2019

6 pm

at All Saints Church Sanderstead CR2 9AB

Come and explore the role of angels
through scripture, music and meditation.

#### thy KINGDOM COME

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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

A new initiative is underway this year bringing us together during this time of prayer. Rather than one Diocesan service at the Cathedral, all Deaneries have been asked to hold their own Thy Kingdom Come Pentecost Services.

I am pleased to announce that the following services/events will be held:

**Sunday 2 June at 6.30pm** (this is one event among many)

St Mark's Woodcote (Church Rd, Woodcote CR8 3QQ) will host a deanery service to which some churches will bring a prayer station representing some aspect of mission in their parish. We will give 30 to 40 minutes for people to move round using the prayer stations in silent prayer for mission.

The Rt Revd Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon will preach at the service.

The Rt Revd Jonathan Clark Bishop of Croydon



# Around and About Sanderstead, and beyond .....



#### **CAMEO**

#### **Come And Meet Each Other**

Are you alone? If so...
Come and be with others
For Tea, Cakes, Company and Chats

Third Thursday of the month

Thursday 16th May 2.30pm – 4.00pm Jubilee Room @ St. Mary's

All are welcome



#### **PURLEY CLASSICS MAY RECITAL**

#### **JONATAN BOUGT - THEORBO**

#### Music by Giovanni Girolamo Kapsberger, Alessandro Piccinini

#### and Robert de Visée

Swedish guitarist and theorbo player, Jonatan, returns for a third time and will demonstrate his expertise on the theorbo. He 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 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 1.15pm to 2.00pm

Purley United Reformed Church, Brighton Road Purley

Open to all with a retiring collection to cover costs. Light refreshments served from 12.45pm.

#### The Coffee Pot

## Friday 10th May and Friday 24th May

10am-12pm,

All Saints' Small Hall

Coffee, Tea, Homemade Cake
All Welcome!



#### YOUNG AT HEART Social Club

Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care, All Saints' Church Hall Registered Charity Number: 1039939

10am—12.30pm, £3 or £5 with lunch For information or transport call:

020 8657 8289

#### Fri 17th May

Glen Hayes brings us musical entertainment Followed by a ploughman's lunch

#### Fri 31st May

Jon Fox provides musical entertainment Followed by a soup lunch

Thank you for all your support.

#### SANDERSTEAD TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Wednesday 8th May 2019 2.00 - 4.30 p.m.

Mrs Marjorie Ballamy - 'From Russia with Love'

In the All Saints' Small Hall

Refreshments available Visitors welcome - £3.00

Any enquiries please contact our Secretary, Mrs Wendy Aarons on 020 8768 3655



#### The Parlour Players 'The Constant Wife' - W Somerset Maugham

The next production by the Parlour Players at Sanderstead United Reformed Church will be on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May starting at 7.45pm.

Tickets (£9) will be available for sale from the BOX OFFICE: 020 8657 2632 or online at: www.parlourplayers.co.uk (click on the Ticketsource link)

#### 175 YEARS OF REEDHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST

As many if you will know, I am Deputy Chair of the Board of Reedham Children's Trust.

On Saturday 21st May at 11am at Southwark Cathedral we will be celebrating 175 years since Reedham was founded by the philanthropist, Revd Andrew Reed. This special service will be led by Rt Revd Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon and will also include music and drama involving past and present students.

I know many of you have given generously to Reedham over the years, and if you would like to join in this celebration please let me know and I can arrange for a formal invitation to be sent to you.

**REVD JEREMY** 









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This course has been postponed until early 2020

#### **Bring and Buy Plant sale at All Saints**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** after the 10.30am service at All Saints'. Please think about plants, and add a few extra seeds when sowing to add to the range of plants brought. As usual the proceeds will be sent to St. Christopher's Hospice. Please contact Linda or Piers Hubbard with offers, or deliver them to the Church on the day.

Piers and Linda

#### **Plant Sale at Sanderstead United Reformed Church**

Saturday, 1st June from 10am to Midday

As well as plants, cakes and produce, there will be a bric-a-brac stall and refreshments available.





#### Kennet Accordion Orchestra

M. D. Nigel Pasby. A. B. C. A. (TD). L. B. C. A.

Presents

#### A Fund-raising Concert For Sebby

Sunday 9th June, 2019 at 2.00pm
All Saints, Church Hall
Onslow Gardens,
Sanderstead,
Croydon CR2 9AB

Tickets £5.00 each
Available via email: sebbys-space@myphone.coop
or on the door

#### Book early to avoid disappointment!

Sebby has cerebral palsy. We need to raise funds to create a space he can live in.

Every Penny Counts
www.sebbysspace.co.uk











#### Piano Recital by Verity Brooks Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 7pm for 7:30pm

All Saints' Church, Onslow Gardens Sanderstead CR2 9AB

Drinks and refreshments will be served from 7pm.

Entry on the door - please give generously to support the work.

Verity's programme will include works by Chopin, Liszt, Beethoven and Schubert.

All proceeds from this recital will go to Sugandh, New Delhi, a grass roots charity working among marginalized communities in the city. Sugandh supports children to stay in school though tuition and empowers women through self-help groups.

www.sugandh.org

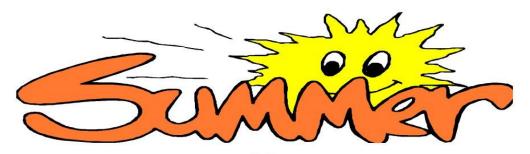


Verity is coming to the end of her second year as a BA Music student at the University of Southampton, focusing on piano performance. She has been a keen pianist since the age of 7 and has explored a wide range of repertoire but her interest lies within the works of late romantic composers. She hopes to be able to teach the piano in the future as well as perform, and is currently working on advancing her piano skills and building her repertoire.

instagram.com/veritybrookspiano

#### **AUGUST**

Come and join us for





Application forms will be available soon.

Further details from Piers and Linda Hubbard
020 8657 2270

# Space Academy Holiday Club

Please complete an online booking form www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk





#### Please look at the website for regular Sunday services: <a href="https://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk">www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk</a>

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
Open Meeting of Churches Together in Sanderstead All are welcome.	Wed 8 May, 4pm	Sanderstead Methodist Church (opposite Majestic)
Archdeacon's Visitation Service Our churchwardens will be signed into office. Do come and support them.	Thurs 9 May, 8pm	St Luke's Church, 78 Spring Lane, Woodside, SE25 4SP
<b>Coffee Pot</b> All welcome for coffee, tea, cakes and company.	Fri 10 May, 10am—12pm	All Saints' Church Hall
<b>Family Fun</b> All welcome for stories, crafts, singing and more.	Sun 12 May, 3pm—4pm	All Saints' Church Hall
<b>Fresh Encounters</b> Angels in the Old Testament	Sun 19 May, 6pm	All Saints' Church
Holy Communion followed by T4U All are welcome (third Monday of the month)	Mon 20 May, 2pm	St. Antony's Church
<b>Coffee Pot</b> All welcome for coffee, tea, cakes and company.	Fri 24 May, 10am—12pm	All Saints' Church Hall
<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> Holy Communion— all welcome.	Thurs 30 May, 8pm	All Saints' Church
<b>Thy Kingdom Come! Deanery Service</b> An opportunity to pray and be encouraged for mission.	Sun 2 June, 6.30pm	St. Mark's Woodcote CR8 3QQ
<b>T4U</b> All are welcome (first Monday of the month)	Mon 3 June, 2.30pm	St. Antony's Church



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