

Sanderstead Team Newsletter

September 2019



Susan writes ...

The month of September is the time when many in our churches will be thinking about harvest preparations. We look forward to ours in this parish later in the month. It is also one of my favourite months, a time of transition when summer begins to give way to the richness and variety of autumn colour vividly displayed over the Downs, in the lanes, fields, valleys and hedgerows.

At this time of year we also think of those who plough and sow and reap and, in doing so, we may be drawn again to one of Jesus' best known stories, the Parable of the Sower. Naturally when telling the story Jesus used imagery which would be very familiar to the people of Palestine. That said, the parable has a clear message for us today. As you read it you are left with the impression that the sower was engaged in work, which brought him pleasure and purpose. To our minds there appears to be a happy abandonment to the way he scatters the seed. Just as we may see flower girls scattering rose petals from a basket in front of a bride we can visualise the sower scattering the seed from his bag or

basket and freely casting it into the air to land where it may. Of course we know how the story unfolds for not all the seed would fall on good ground, some would and some would not. He knew how much would depend upon his own toil, and he faces the unpredictable forces of nature through which the seed must pass in order to bear fruit. Despite all the possible hazards, he still sows in hope that there would be, in the course of time, a good crop. He believes he will see ends in beginnings. He knows that he has to look beyond the present and exercise trust for the future. I think that there is something quite visionary about him in that sense.

Interestingly, September is also a month where we hope to see further developments in the way we go about mission and ministry in Sanderstead. I believe for each of us here it will be a significant time when we think about the future in new ways. Of course, we will continue to try be faithful in daily work and witness, but we will also be called upon to have a visionary eye on the future.

As you will know by now later this year I am going to be moving on to a new position in Rochester Diocese, which for me will be a joy and delight as well as bring new challenges too. In preparation for the move Byron and I have already started to sift out the weeds from the wheat (there will be a lot of cherished 'weeds' heading for a recycling skip). I'm not a gardener but I know the importance of preparing the ground before you sow your seeds.

But essentially whether it is in my new parish, here in Sanderstead or further afield we need to work together to sow seeds in the present, which in time will prove to be seeds of renewal not only for ourselves, but for future generations who will follow us.

Revd Susan



SANDERSTEAD BIBLE WEEK

August 2019

'Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path' (Psalm 119:105)

We recently held our third successful Bible Week here in All Saints. Whenever I have arranged something to benefit others, it has always been pleasing to know that one's efforts have been appreciated; so it has been most encouraging to read through the pile of 'feedback' sheets which you have filled in for me.

A few feedback sheets noted – predictably – that the pews in church are hard and very uncomfortable, or suggested that we could do with better publicity (if you have any suggestions, let me know). Yet the response you gave was 100% positive, and all hope that we arrange Bible Week next year in 2020.

Dr Nick Lunn gave the talks each afternoon at 3pm, on the subject of 'Finding Jesus Christ in the Old Testament'. Using Powerpoint slides on the screen to reinforce the message and to explain the text, he brought the bible to life and showed how Jesus is Promised, Prophesied, Prefigured, Personated and Present in the Old Testament. By the way, none of those 'P's is forced. All of Nick's talks were clear, true and excellent and his love for Christ shone through. In early 2020, his new book will be published; you might like to look out for it.

The speakers at 8pm were Trevor Neill, Andy Brims, Dr Sue Clarke, Phil Greaves and myself. Each spoke on a different New Testament passage to make clear the teaching of Jesus and to encourage us to understand and live it.

God has given to his Church the Bible; it's so important that we as Christians learn to be disciplined in reading, understanding, discussing and applying its teaching. The message of Jesus that it contains is the only hope for our world. That is why we have sermons, homegroups, study days and suggestions for reading. Bible Week gave us all the chance to have experienced speakers teach us more of what we need to know.

Martin Greenfield, Rector of Sanderstead





“Beauty ... and brokenness”

Calling all photographers (again!)

I have extended the date by a week - now Sunday 15th September....

Last year we launched our new screens with a wonderful display of photographs provided by members of the congregation.

Now I'm launching another display entitled "Beauty...and brokenness". Quite simply this is on similar lines to last year's display - but I would like to see contrasting images not only of beautiful things (of which there were plenty last year) but also of some of the brokenness that is present in our world. I'm sure you'll be able to use your imagination, but the kind of things I have in mind include images showing ways in which humankind has spoiled the beautiful world which God has given to us. I'm hoping to see some wonderfully "green" images but perhaps also some images that show ecological damage and degradation.

You all have wonderful imaginations and I hope I will get at least as many as the 135 excellent photographs you sent in last year! This is open to anyone - Church members or not, professional or amateur. The only limitation is a maximum of 5 pictures per person.

You have a couple of months to get snapping. I plan to show them in a special "Taste and See" service on the last Sunday in September. So please make sure I get them all **by Sunday 15 September**. My email is jeremy@sanderstead-parish.org.uk.

Now go in peace...to take some decent photos!

Jeremy



Sermon and Home Group series on “Credo: Exploring the Big Picture”

These will be the Readings for the 8.30 and 10 services on the days in question.

CREDO SERIES

Session 1: 1st September (for HG 16/9): “We believe...” : Does it matter what we believe?

Affirming our faith. *Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6, 14-16*

Exploring the big picture - Affirming our faith

What revelation is all about - how we grow in faith.

Session 2: 15th September (for HG 30/9): “We believe in one God...maker... seen and unseen”

Elephant in the room? [One God]

Trusting in a God we cannot see - going further up and further in. *Reading: John 1: 1-4*

Session 3: 6 October (for HG 28/10): “We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ”

God becoming human (*‘For our sake and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man’.*)

Readings: John 1: 14-18; and Philippians 2: 5-8

Session 4: 20 October (for HG 4/11): “We believe in the Holy Spirit...”

Transforming our hopes, our values and our expectations

Readings: John 14: 16-18, 26; 16:13

Session 5: 3 November (for HG 18/11): “...one holy catholic and apostolic church...one baptism for the forgiveness of sins”

All one body in Christ. Our witness. Our diversity. God making good His promise - how one man’s death brings life to all. *Reading: John 17: 6-26 [esp v 17]*

OBITUARY Mollie Bradford

Many of you will remember our friend Mollie Bradford who died in August. Here are some words that were read out at her funeral on our behalf:

Mollie was one of our brightest 90 year olds. Always full of life and energy, she was a regular at our monthly Sunday lunches and could be relied on to bring a touch of hilarity to whichever table she joined - and she often joined several during one session! Her extraordinary stories would keep everyone amused - especially when she forgot the punchline. Who could forget her story of a coffin being driven round the Australian outback and eventually landing in a river? It was the way she told them! I never seriously believed that one until she showed me a newspaper clipping which confirmed that it was, in fact, true. We will miss her jokes, her demands for short prayers, her smiling face, her cheeky asides and, perhaps more than anything else, her encouragement and affirmation. Thank you, Mollie. May you rest in peace.

Jeremy Groombridge

Mission News Church of South India school scoops green award

CMS Lower Primary School in Vechoochira, in Kerala won a national prize, the green award, for its work on the environment. The students avoid using plastic bottles or throwaway plastic and they use pens made from waste paper. Each pen has a seed embedded in it and when the ink runs out, the pupils plant the pen so that a seedling will germinate.

The schools are also actively encouraging waste management and recycling in the community. It also has a kitchen garden to grow its own vegetables.

Rosemary Kempsell

Cream Tea at St Antony's

It was a lovely afternoon in July and the sun shone after a rainy morning. We enjoyed delicious refreshments, were tested by quizzes and some of us played games too.

Susan Atkinson-Jones



Guided London Walk

On a warm, sunny Friday in early July a small group of us set out to explore the area to the North of Kings Cross, led by Andy Warde, our very own Blue Badge Guide.

What a transformation! The station itself now has a light and airy concourse, (complete with a queue of tourists taking their selfies by platform 9^{3/4}) and is surrounded by a wide pedestrian area, facing the new St Pancras International complex. Heading Northwards, we discovered numerous stalls selling street food, many new retail units at Coal Drop Yard (complete with “kissing roof”) and an old gasometer converted into luxury flats. We then reached the Regent’s Canal which has also been smartened up and if you ignore the tall buildings in the distance and high speed rail link to one side, the lock keeper’s cottage (complete with manual lock gates) wouldn’t be out of place in rural Berkshire!

Andy then led us to an older area including St Pancras church which is one of the oldest Christian worship sites in London. It also features the “Hardy tree”, with grave-stones which are just stacked around the trunk and named after Thomas Hardy. Apart from writing various classic novels, he also oversaw the removal of various bodies and tombs during the construction of the Midland railway which took over part of the Churchyard.

As ever, Andy was a mine of interesting information and he even managed to arrange a sunny day and find us a pub with some free seats at the end of the walk. Many thanks, Andy.

Dick Hibberd



Coal Drop Yard in the background complete with “kissing roof”

Note that ladies really are welcome at Men’s Group events!

Mothers' Union Fundraising Event

Sanderstead Mothers' Union members and friends got together to raise money for the Summer of Hope appeal by coming to our Open Garden and Afternoon Tea event.

Despite heavy rain being forecast all day, we were blessed with a warm, sunny after-



noon, and garden tours could go ahead

as planned. These were followed by thirty people sitting down to a 'proper' tea and no-one seemed to object being a little squashed; two ladies even had to share a chair! £170 was raised for the MU appeal and good fun was had by all.

Ann Turner



Refreshing Church

Glory in our life, our worship
and our mission

Croydon Episcopal Area
Lay Conference 2019

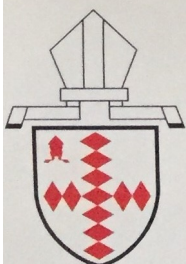
Paula Gooder
Bishop Christopher

and over a dozen practical workshops

Tickets £10, including a light lunch

Book at <https://refreshing-church.eventbrite.co.uk>

Call the Croydon Area Office for further details: 020 8256 9633



St. Bede's School

Carlton Rd, Redhill, RH1 2LQ

Saturday 14 September 10.00 - 4.00

*Around and About
Sanderstead,
and beyond*



A Musical evening in two
Contrasting Parts

Saturday 7th September, 7pm

St Swithun's Church,
Grovelands Road, Purley CR8 4LB

Surrey Harmonies

(Women's Barbershop Style)

Interval with Refreshments
Followed by St Swithun's very own

Adannay

(Rhythm and blues)

**Tickets £10 refreshments included
Proceeds to Charity**

Anne Rourke: 020 8660 5132 / Damaris
Weller: 020 8660 4119

PURLEY CLASSICS SEPTEMBER RECITAL

NATASHA JOUHL – SOPRANO

JANET HANEY - PIANO

Includes arias and songs by Handel, Richard Strauss, Ravel and Verdi

London-born soprano Natasha studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, where she won the prestigious Gold Medal, and at the National Opera Studio. She has performed with Glyndebourne and other UK opera companies. She has sung the major oratorio roles at prestigious venues in the UK. As well as accompanying well known singers in major venues Janet has directed opera companies and is a choral conductor.

Wednesday 11th September 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: www.purleyclassics.com

Pop in to ...

The Coffee Pot

Coffee, Cake and Company

Onslow Gardens

Meet and Mingle 2019

Everyone's invited



Alternate Fridays 10 - 12

All Saints' Small Hall



Sept 6,20 Oct 4,18 Nov 1,15,29 Dec 13

SANDERSTEAD TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Wednesday 11th September
2.00—4.30 p.m.

John Hickman -
An Introduction to the John
Gent Postcard Collection

All Saints' Small Hall
Refreshments available
Visitors welcome - £3.00

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

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 13th September

Mavis and Maggie the hedgehog talk about preservation
Followed by a soup lunch

Fri 27th September

Geoff Spencer talks about SSAFA!
There will also be a "bring & buy" sale.
Followed by a ploughman's lunch

Thank you for all your support.

Mothers' Union:



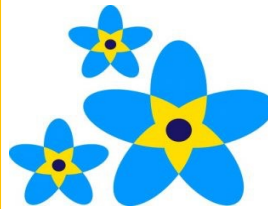
ZIMBABWE: LAND OF HOPE IN THE MIDST OF DESPAIR

We are delighted to welcome Canon Wendy Robins, Diocesan Director of Press & Communications and Bishop's Press Officer who will be talking to us following her recent visit to Zimbabwe with Bishop Christopher. All are welcome.

Monday 9th September, 8pm

St. Catherine's Aisle, All Saints

Refreshments available from 7.45pm



Working to become
**Dementia
Friendly**
2018-2019

The David Lean Cinema, in partnership with the Croydon Dementia Action Alliance, are organising a series of popular music films throughout 2019. Admission is free for people with dementia and their carers. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available before the screening. All performances will start at 11am, with refreshments available from 10.15am. There are a limited number of wheelchair places.

Tuesday 3 September
IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME
(1949), starring Judy Garland and Van Johnson

For further information:
www.davidleancinema.org.uk

Toddlers

9.30am-11.30am
Tuesdays and Fridays



Starting
Tues 10 Sept

**All Saints
Church Hall
Onslow
Gardens
CR2 9AB**

and
Fri 13 Sept



Thursdays during Term time

9.30-11.30 am

@ St Edmund's Church, Mitchley Avenue,
Riddlesdown CR2 9HL



Everyone Welcome

Starting
Thu 12 Sept

Babies & Tots up to 5, Mums, Dads,
Grandparents and Carers
Enjoy a tea while the little ones play
Lots of friends, craft and toys

£1.75 for 1 child plus 50p per extra child

Volunteer assistants welcome
Please contact: Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones
susan@sanderstead-parish.org.uk Tel: 020 8657 5505

Sunday 15th September, 6pm

All Saints Church

The depth of God's love..... shining through the splendour of nature

REFLECTIONS

A time to reflect, and enjoy God's blessings

Series 1: The depth of God's love...

15 September: ...shining through the splendour of nature

17 November: ...a shelter in storms and stillness

23 February: ...seen in the shape of the Cross

19 April: ...welcoming us into His presence

21 June: ...enabling us to rise on wings of faith

6-7pm Sundays, All Saints' Church, Onslow Gardens, Sanderstead CR2 9AB



The Diocese of
Southwark



'Trailing Clouds of Glory' Nurturing the Spirituality of Children

This 6 week course includes an introduction to children's spirituality, spiritual styles, faith development, generational theory, and intergenerational worship.

Dates: Thursday 3rd Oct 2019 18.30 - 20.45

Time: 18.30 - 20.45

Venue: Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, SE1 1HW

Cost: £30 for 6 week course

Led by Ronni Lamont with guests Mary Hawes, Dave Csinos, Aike Kennett-Brown

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trailing-clouds-of-glory-nurturing-the-spirituality-of-children-tickets>

30 places



Homegrown
Growing faith at home

The Well hosts a live-streamed conference
Tuesday 8 October 2019 9.30am-2.30pm

www.methodist.org.uk/homegrown

This is an event for those supporting and working with families to learn more about how faith is grown at home.



FAMILY FUN

Acting
Crafts

Singing
Food
Bible Stories
Activities

Drama
Music

For parents, carers and children

3 pm

2019 DATES:
JUNE 23
JULY 14
SEPT 15
OCT 13
NOV 17
DEC 5

All Saints Church Hall
Onslow Gardens,
CR2 9AB

TO BE A PILGRIM

Southwark Diocese prayer and spirituality day



The Diocese of
Southwark

Saturday 19 October 2019

10.00am - 4.00pm

Southwark Cathedral

"Prayer ... the heart in pilgrimage"

(George Herbert)



Walking | Welcoming | Growing

Join us in Southwark Cathedral for a day conference of prayer and reflection. We will consider what it means to be a pilgrim on the Christian journey - in your heart, in your head or on your feet.



The Diocese of
Southwark

Keynote speakers

Dr Meg Warner, who is an Old Testament scholar and author of books on Abraham
Bishop Christopher, who has been Bishop of Southwark since 2011

Workshops and experiences including:

- Hospitality as an approach to God
- My life story as a pilgrimage
- Dance and craft-based workshops
- Hearing God's call
- Making your daily commute an act of prayer
- Organising a pilgrimage
- Walking the labyrinth
- Spiritual direction
- Thomas Merton
- Celtic pilgrimage - people to place
- Walking: a biblical exploration
- Prayer walks

All this takes place in the context of uplifting worship

Prayer stations and a marketplace of stalls will be open throughout the day

Southwark Cathedral is next to London Bridge Station, SE1 9DA.

The cost is £8.00 if you book online by 6 October. After that, £10.00 on the door.

To book, visit: https://to_be_a_pilgrim.eventbrite.co.uk

Walking | Welcoming | Growing

Please look at the website for regular Sunday services:

www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
T4U All are welcome <i>(first Monday of the month)</i>	Mon 2 September 2.30pm	St. Antony's Church
September Midweek Communion All welcome for a short communion service.	Thurs 5 Sept, 12.30pm-1pm	All Saints' Church St. Catherine's Aisle
Coffee Pot All welcome for coffee, tea, cakes and company <i>(page 11)</i>	Fri 6 September 10am—12pm	All Saints' Church Hall
LAY CONFERENCE Book your place now if you haven't already <i>(page 9)</i>	Sat 14 September 10am—4pm	St. Bede's School Redhill
Family Fun All welcome for stories, crafts, singing and more <i>(page 14)</i>	Sun 15 September 3pm—4pm	All Saints' Church Hall
REFLECTIONS The depth of God's love ... shining through the splendour of nature... <i>(page 13)</i>	Sun 15 September 6pm	All Saints' Church
Holy Communion followed by T4U All are welcome <i>(third Monday of the month)</i>	Mon 16 September 2pm	St. Antony's Church
Coffee Pot All welcome for coffee, tea, cakes and company <i>(page 11)</i>	Fri 20 September 10am—12pm	All Saints' Church Hall

Baptismal Preparation Class

Anyone with a desire to have their children baptised, speak to one of the clergy, then come & join one of these informal informative classes. The next ones will be **Sat 7 September** and **Sat 19 October, 9-10am in Church.** *Rev'd Jeremy*



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