

Sanderstead Team Newsletter

November 2019



Revd Jeremy writes ...

Even if November isn't one of your favourite months, with its long, dark nights and freezing foggy mornings, there are some truly amazing things to enjoy. One of my childhood pleasures was to trudge through piles of leaves, carving out a temporary pathway only for it to disappear as the wind picked up and blew the leaves away again!

November can also provide valuable time to reflect. At the beginning of the month we remember those who have gone before us, and commemorate their lives in a Memorial Service. Only a week later, Remembrance Sunday gives us an opportunity to remember those who gave their lives to preserve our freedoms, the many whose lives were shattered by injury and loss, and members of our armed forces who protect us today. This year we will be remembering especially the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino on the Italian front, the Battles of Imphal and Kohima (preventing a Japanese invasion of India), the Great Escape (from the German POW camp Stalag Luft III in Poland), the D-Day Landings and the Arnhem Landings - to mention but a few familiar events.

Between those two events, with great firework displays and bonfires, we mark the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605 and the attempt by Guy Fawkes (and others) to assassinate King James I. And later in the month out come the pumpkins as

our American friends give thanks for the arrival and first harvest of the Pilgrim Fathers in the early 1620s. Straight after that, on 29 November, the retail world marks “Black Friday” and we all (well, some of us, anyway) rush out to get our pre-Christmas bargains.

Where is Jesus Christ in all this? Amidst all this frenetic activity, it might escape our notice that the end of November marks the climax of the Christian Liturgical Year with the Feast of Christ the King, which we will celebrate on the 24th. Christ, the King who chose to lay aside his majesty, to divest himself of the privileges of power, and to leave the place of highest honour which was his by right. Instead, he came to identify with his people, in all of the mess, pain and confusion that life brings to them. I often think that is one of the most meaningful times in our Christian calendar. Christ; known as the Messiah; the Anointed One; Son of Man; Son of David; Son of God; the Bridegroom; the Door; the Vine; the Lamb of God; the Mediator; the Great High Priest; the Lord; the Resurrection and the Life; the Alpha and Omega; the Word; image of the invisible God; firstborn of all creation; head of the body, the Church; the beginning, firstborn from the dead; fullness of God. All of these are amazing titles. But perhaps the most distinctive image, which we will acknowledge on the 29th, is Jesus as King. We celebrate his sovereignty over all creation, his supremacy as one of the Godhead, his rule over the nations, and his kingship of our lives.

And finally...on the same day, we will cast our eyes forward to Advent with the renowned Collect for “Stir up Sunday” (when, traditionally, you have to begin stirring up the ingredients for Christmas Pudding!):

*Stir Up O Lord
The wills of your faithful people
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works
may by you be plenteously rewarded
through Jesus Christ our Lord
AMEN*

I hope and pray that this November is an enjoyable one for us all. Let’s put aside our worries about Brexit, future plans for the parish, and all that, and let’s use this month to bring forth much fruit!

Jeremy

Worshipping the Lord with vigour and joy – Nigeria

On the last Sunday of October, I took trains to New Cross Gate in order to preach at the annual Harvest Thanksgiving of the Nigerian UK Chaplaincy. The Nigerian Chaplaincy meets for weekly worship at 1pm on Sundays at All Saints' Hatcham Park, New Cross. You may know that I enjoyed nine very happy years, from 1985 – 1994, as a lecturer with Church Mission Society at Trinity Theological College in Umuahia, midway between Port Harcourt and Enugu in the East. In our clergy vestry I've hung three group photos of some of the students I taught.

Joe, the Nigerian Chaplain, is a friend and former student. Perhaps I should give him his full title, as this is the Nigerian custom; he is the Ven Dr Joseph Ajaefobi. His doctorate is from Loughborough in Engineering. He and his family live in Northolt.

Being Anglicans, the worship had a recognisable liturgy, with robed clergy. In addition, being Nigerians, there was a far-less-Anglican shall we say, 'spontaneity'? The first hymn was, 'Great is thy faithfulness'. The priest started it off, unaccompanied, and all joined in while the keyboard player managed to catch up in time for the second verse and the singers came forward from the body of the church. [By the way, when I say "all", I mean all who had arrived at church on time (about 25). The congregation reached about 60 by near the end]. Also during the hymn, men came forward to twiddle with the amplifier and speakers, causing loud feedback! Ah, Nigeria!

However, such spontaneity really can give an emotional boost to the worship. In place of a psalm, a man came forward with microphone and led singing of joyful choruses. I think they were mostly in English, but I'm not sure; it was good and loud, and my hearing isn't as good as it was. Anyway, there was great encouragement to praise and thank the Lord, with words and also by clapping or moving to the music.

My sermon was on Keeping Faithful to the Lord, and I explained some things that can stop us: Forgetting God, Being Anxious, Materialism. One major reason why the Nigerian Chaplaincy is so needed is that thousands of Christian Nigerians fall away when they come to live in Britain. In many parts of the south of Nigeria, about 98% of the population is Christian; but when they move abroad, they find the UK church culturally alien. It is a huge mission field.

The fun part of a Nigerian harvest thanksgiving is always the offering, when people come up to place their gifts in a basket at the front, while the band leads in lively praise worship. On this day, the gifts were almost all of money; back in Nigeria, many gifts would be 'in kind', with vegetables, chickens, fruits, groceries, detergents and... pretty well anything!

I came away with a grocery bag of chicken & rice, cake, sweets and a bottle of red wine; but I also came away with renewed encouragement and commitment to continue to serve the Lord with faithfulness. The UK church is going through a difficult time, and numbers in many churches are declining. We need the joy, hope, vision and vigour of the Nigerian church.

Praise the Lord! Hallelujah, hallelujah, Amen!!

Martin Greenfield



The Nigerian Chaplaincy

Harvest at St. Antony's

Here are some Harvest photos from St Antony's on 22 Sept.

The gifts went to Purley Food Hub.



Sunflower Champions

Congratulations to Joshua Richards and Mylo Cadman winning this year's Sunflower Competition.

They are shown here with a photograph of their plants.

Linda Hubbard



All Saints' Prayer Chain



Have you ever found yourself in a difficult situation? Or ever had a problem which you just don't know how to resolve, and really wish there was someone to pray for you...but you're not sure who to ask or what to say?

All Saints' Church has a "Prayer Chain" - a small group of people willing to pray for anyone who would like to be prayed for, regardless of the situation, and in total confidence.

The Prayer Chain has been operating for many years and we believe that prayer changes things. We accept all and any requests for urgent prayer. If you would like us to pray for you, or for a particular situation that has arisen, all you need to do is to telephone me on 020 8668 7795. If you wish to remain anonymous, that's fine - you don't have to give your name.

Sandra Groombridge
Pastoral Minister

Love in the Valley

Love is in the valley, I am passing through,
Love is in the valley, He's there for me and you;
He's travelling besides us, and Jesus is His Name,
Yesterday twas travelling, today it's just the same.

Love is in the valleys, as many as there are,
Sometimes it seems so many, stretching now before;
But Jesus He has promised that light will be in there,
And we will have His Presence and we will have His care.

O Love is in the valleys, Love's on the mountain too,
And everything that's in-between, you're never out of view;
Love, ever hold me closer, to You, my Jesus do,
As we walk now together, together me and You.

Others are in the valleys, and they just come and go,
They cannot be there always, but this I surely know,
I'll never want for Jesus to walk with me each day,
And carry me when tired and weary in the way.

I will exalt Him only, a never-failing friend,
His love goes on forever, it never has an end;
And as the time grows closer, my heart beats faster still,
When I shall then behold Him, there'll be no greater thrill.

No greater thrill or glory to be forever where
He shines in all His beauty, and on His beauty stare;
To see the love that's beaming, O from those eyes of bliss,
As He looks down upon me, and says that I am His.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, they are forever One;
That I so lost and sinful should have a place in Heav'n
Through His amazing grace that to me graciously's been giv'n.

"I wrote this knowing that it was the love of Jesus that I needed in my valley at the time."

Phil Harris

Croydon Refugee Day Centre is a friendly, safe meeting place offering practical assistance to all asylum seekers and refugees.

Drop in on Tuesdays, 10am-1pm at West Croydon Baptist Church

Refreshments	Information & Help Desk service	Toiletries and Household goods
A cooked meal	Food Parcel and Clothing	Shower facilities
Access to English	Language classes	Children's play area

CURRENT NEEDS:

Food donations: tinned tuna
tinned tomatoes
tinned fruit
tea & Coffee
toothpaste & toothbrushes

Clothes donations for children: boys' underpants, all ages (new)
girls' knickers, all ages (new)
women's underwear, sizes 10 – 14 (new)
trainers

Baby donations: Size 1 nappies

For more information please contact: peter@croydonrefugeedaycentre.co.uk
Tel: **020-8689-4527**



FOOD LIST – NOVEMBER 2019



At Purley Food Hub we provide food and other items to people in crisis.
Please consider donating one or more of this month's priority items:

- Cartons of Long Life Whole Milk
- Tinned Meat: Corned Beef / Chicken / Ham
- Packets of Dried / Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Carrots
- Jars of Fish Paste
- Small (500g) Bags of Sugar
- Tins of Dessert Rice Pudding
- Children's Chocolate Treats
- Toilet Rolls
- Unisex Deodorant
- Bars of Soap

*Thank you very much for your support - with your help we have provided over **155,000 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 Diocese of
Southwark



mission shaped ministry

equipping you for a lifetime of good practice and learning
in planting and sustaining fresh expressions of Church

NEW DATES

Sat 18 January—Sat 7 November 2020 (*see opposite*)

This course comes highly recommended by Martin.
It works best when small groups from a church / Parish do the
course, as this deepens the impact. However, this is not essential.

Consider if this could be for you, and let Rosanne know....

admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

A one-year part-time
learning journey
in a supportive
community

msm



The **Diocese of Southwark** is delighted to make *msm* available locally. We believe it will be a significant resource for building the Kingdom of God in this area. Individuals are most welcome, but we particularly hope that small groups from a church or fresh expression church (fxC) will come as this will deepen the impact of the course.

who it is for:

- Christians who want their churches to be more effective in mission
- those exploring how to begin, sustain and grow an fxC
- experienced pioneers who want to reflect on what they are doing
- those wanting to learn qualities of Christian ministry
- all denominations, traditions and ages
- urban, suburban and rural contexts.

features of the course:

- designed for busy Christians
- local and national teachers
- reflection on your context and story
- varied learning styles and resources
- coaching, mentoring, learning networks
- full materials and extra online material.

modules include:

- mission context
- the mission of God
- vision, values and call
- starting something new
- listening for mission
- gospel and culture.

Your local course

The course leaders and teachers include:
the Revd Canon Will Cookson
Bob and Mary Hopkins
the Revd Ian Mobsby.

Course timetable and venue

Saturday 18 January 2020
Tuesday 11 February 2020
Tuesday 10 March 2020
Tuesday 21 April 2020
Weekend Away 15-17 May 2020
Tuesday 9 June 2020
Tuesday 7 July 2020
Saturday 12 September 2020
Tuesday 13 October 2020
Saturday 7 November 2020

Christ Church
Brighton Road
Purley, Surrey CR8 2BN
Saturdays 10.00-16.00
Tuesdays 19.30-21.30

Residential Weekend: Dates and Venue

15-17 May 2020
The Oasts
Tufton Lane
Northiam
East Sussex TN31 6HL

Cost

£300 total for up to the first three people from a parish in Southwark Diocese and £100 per person thereafter. £300 per person for those not part of Southwark Diocese

Contact

Angie Cookson
angiecookson@blueyonder.co.uk

Fresh Expressions freshexpressions.org.uk
Registered charity #1080103
contact@freshexpressions.org.uk, 0300 365 0563

*Around and About
Sanderstead,
and beyond*



Christian Reactions to the Ecological Emergency!

**A Talk by
Dr. & Mrs. Hodson.**

[The John Raye Initiative.]

November 12th. 2019. @ 7 p.m.

[Doors open at 6.]

Christ Church, Purley.

Between 861-863, Brighton Road, Purley, Sy. CR8 2BN

FREE EVENT - PARKING - REFRESHMENTS

EVERYONE WELCOME

Further information - joyeperkins@googlemail.com

**Venue:
Sanderstead URC Hall**



THE DEEP BLUE SEA

A play by Terence Rattigan

Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th November at 7.45 pm

Tickets £9 from the BOX OFFICE: 020 8657 2632

or to book online go to: www.parlourplayers.co.uk

**This amateur production is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD,
a Concord Theatricals Company**

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 13th November

2.00 - 4.30 p.m.

Alison Hoyland -
'Never Judge a Book
by its Cover'

All Saints' Church 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 8th November

'Parliament and the Strange Laws of England'

by Rev Malcolm Newman

Followed by a soup lunch

Fri 22nd November

'Crabs and Frogs— unusual Weather' by Ian Currie

Followed by a ploughman's lunch

Thank you for all your support.



Mothers' Union

*"Remembering our Women.
Women, War and the
Mother's Union."*

All are welcome.

Monday 11th November

8pm

St. Catherine's Aisle, All Saints

Jean Harris

FAMILY FUN

Acting
Crafts

3 pm

Singing
Drama
Food
Music
Bible Stories
Activities

For parents,
carers
and children

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

All Saints
Church
Hall
Onslow
Gardens,
CR2 9AB

PURLEY CLASSICS NOVEMBER RECITAL

THE ALIONOR TRIO

Piano, Violin and Cello

A programme of Mozart, Beethoven and Shostakovich

Norman MacSween, piano, Ioana Voicu-Arnautoiu, violin and Alan Thomas, cello are experienced performers in London and the South East, playing in various local orchestras. Alan was principal cellist of the National Youth Orchestra of Wales.

Wednesday 13th November 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



St Edmund's Church, The Riddlesdown Residents' Association
and 19th Purley Scout Group invite you to Riddlesdown's

Community Act of Remembrance

Sunday 10th November 2019

Gather 10.45 a.m.

Outside St Edmund's Church

- Parade by 19th Purley Scout Group - Scout Hut to Church
- Welcome - Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones
- Laying of wreaths
- Two Minutes Silence at 11.00 a.m.
- Tea, coffee and biscuits served afterwards

All welcome



ALL WHO SERVED, SACRIFICED,
AND CHANGED OUR WORLD

Farewell and God go with you

After 15 years as Team Vicar in the Parish of Sanderstead, with responsibility for St. Antony's and St. Edmunds, Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones will be moving on to be Priest in Charge of St. Mary's Church, Green Street Green. (She will also have responsibility for All Souls, Pratts Bottom).

Susan's last service will be Holy communion at St. Edmunds at 11am on Sun 17th November. All are welcome. This will be followed by a two course lunch.

Susan's licensing will be 12th December by the St. Mary's Church, Again, all are welcome.

We congratulate Susan pray that her ministry ated and characterised

Susan and her husband, forward to this new

at 7.30pm on Thurs Bishop of Rochester at Green St Green.


on this new post, and will be much appreciated by grace and joy.

Byron, are looking forward to this new phase in their lives.



Susan, we shall miss you, and hope you are very happy in your new home and community.

Martin



**Sunday 17th November
6pm**

All Saints Church

The depth of God's love..... a shelter in storms and stillness

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

singing stories

lots of christmas crafts

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER
3.30PM-5PM

An afternoon of activities for primary age children: (play corner for little ones)

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
ONSLow GARDENS, CR2 9AB**

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

For more info contact:
children@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
10AM

ALL SAINTS SANDERSTEAD

Donations will go to The Children's Society
Charity number 221124

See you there!

For more information please contact: children@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB Service

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
ONSLow GARDENS
CR2 9AB**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
24TH DECEMBER 2019**

3PM and 5PM

For more details contact: children@sanderstead-parish.org.uk



Sanderstead Parish
Christmas Day Lunch



Would you like an invitation to
Our Christmas Day Lunch ?

Do you know someone who would like
an Invitation ?

Please leave the name and address in
Sanderstead Parish Office
All Saints' Halls, Onslow Gardens
Sanderstead CR2 9AB
020 8657 0665

As soon as possible



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 4 November 2.30pm	St. Antony's Church
November Midweek Communion All welcome for a short communion service.	Thurs 7 November 12.30pm-1pm	All Saints' Church St. Catherine's Aisle
Community Act of Remembrance Two minutes silence (<i>page 15</i>)	Sun 10 November Gather from 10.45am for 11am	St. Edmund's Church
Coffee Pot All welcome for coffee, tea, cakes and company (<i>page 13</i>)	Fri 15 November 10am—12pm	All Saints' Church Hall
Farewell to Susan (<i>page 16</i>) Susan's last service, followed by lunch.	Sun 17 November 11am	St. Edmund's Church
Family Fun All welcome for stories, crafts, singing and more (<i>page 14</i>)	Sun 17 November 3pm—4pm	All Saints' Church Hall
REFLECTIONS The depth of God's love ... a shelter in storms and stillness ...(<i>page 17</i>)	Sun 17 November 6pm	All Saints' Church
Holy Communion followed by T4U All are welcome (<i>third Monday of the month</i>)	Mon 18 November 2pm	St. Antony's Church
Coffee Pot All welcome for coffee, tea, cakes and company (<i>page 13</i>)	Fri 29 November 10am—12pm	All Saints' Church Hall



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