

Sanderstead Team Newsletter

December 2019



How many different people are needed for a healthy Church?

As we come towards the end of the year, I think it is important that we take stock and try, at least, to express our gratitude and thanks for all who contribute in ways small and great to the smooth running of our three churches. I hope you will find yourself included over the page, and if by any chance you don't, please do let me know via the Parish Office.

Paul wrote,

"Together you are the Body of Christ; each individual is a part of it."
(1 Corinthians 12:27)

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart; you are serving the Lord Jesus and he will reward you." (Colossians 4:23-24)

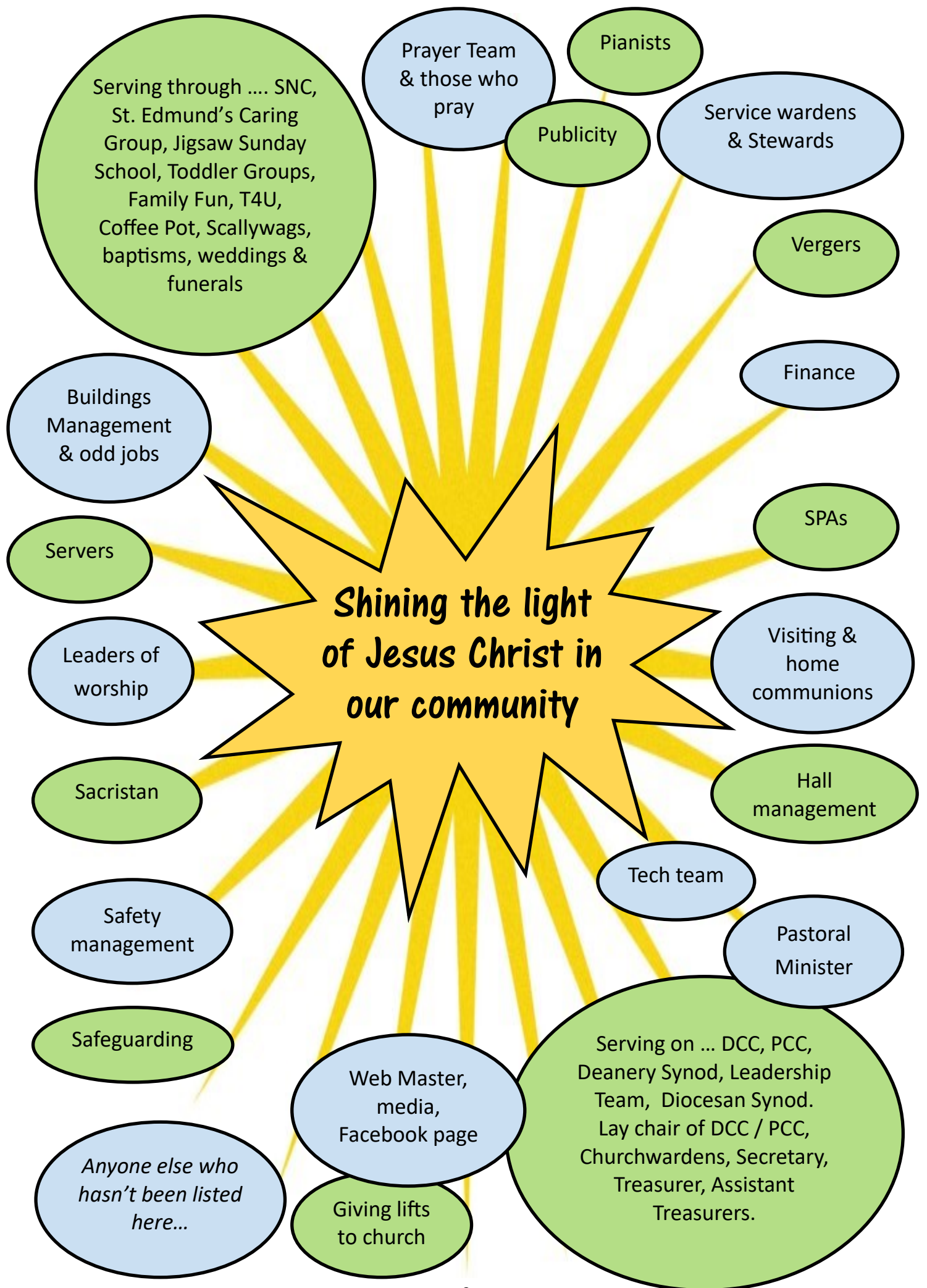
So, let me simply say, thank you for all you do in the Church to shine the light of Jesus Christ in our community.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Revd Canon Martin Greenfield

P.T.O.





‘Born that man no more may die’

That’s how the great hymn-writer, Charles Wesley, expressed the significance of the birth of Jesus: He was born to put an end to death. I hope that this Christmas you will join in singing the whole of that wonderful carol: Hark the herald Angels Sing / Glory to the New born King. For the good news of Jesus Christ at Christmas is truly wonderful.



In the bible, Mary was told, You shall call his name ‘Jesus’ for he will save his people from their sins. St Paul proclaimed the Christian hope like this: I am convinced that not even death... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:39)

Death of course means ‘separation’. That’s why it’s horrible. Death takes away those who are closest to us, part of our lives. It separates us from our friends, family and all whom we love. We say, ‘They’ve been taken from us’ or ‘They’ve passed on’. Even those who are unconscious or in a coma are still ‘with us’. At the moment of death, they are gone, separated, and not coming back. It is horrible, and Henry Scott Holland was most unhelpful to suggest that, ‘Death is nothing at all’. Even though we have a wonderful hope in Jesus of resurrection life, death is decidedly NOT ‘nothing at all’. The bible calls death the final enemy of the human race.

Only in Jesus is there hope. Outside Jesus there is none. Woody Allen wrote, ‘I don't want to achieve immortality through my work; I want to achieve immortality through not dying. I don't want to live on in the hearts of my countrymen; I want to live on in my apartment’. In another quotation he said, ‘I don't mind dying, I just don't want to be there when it happens’. But, though we might wish it, death does not just go away. Other religions provide no sure hope. Muslims celebrate Allah as merciful, but can have no certainty of forgiveness and acceptance by God. Hindus look forward to Reincarnation

(Karma) which is not good news at all. Who wants to be trapped in an endless cycle of rebirth and dying?

At the Cambridge Crematorium chapel, there is a Latin motto, *Mors Janua Vitae*, which means "Death is the Gate of Life". That however is pure sentiment and wishful thinking. Death, by itself, is final separation. The atheist philosopher Bertrand Russell wrote: 'The life of man is a long march through the night... One by one our comrades vanish from our sight, seized by the silent orders of omnipotent Death'. Without a solid faith in Jesus Christ, one is quite right, in the words of Dylan Thomas, to 'rage, rage against the dying of the light'.

BUT, and this is the real magic of Christmas, God loved the human race so much that he gave Jesus Christ to be born for us. He was truly human, one of us. He gave his life for sinners, and in the death and resurrection of Christ, we have a sure hope. He is the resurrection of all who believe. Because of Jesus, we are no longer separated from God's love; his love has won the victory. Not even death will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus!

Here's a verse of Wesley's carol:

*Hail! the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"*

I wonder, have you found this wonderful hope yet? Have you experienced the love of God in Jesus? Come and join in our carols and worship this Christmas. There's something for young and old. Let's bring our thanks to Jesus for defeating death and bringing us life.

A Happy Christmas to you all.

Martin Greenfield

St Edmund's and St Antony's churches

Contrary to one or two rumours, St Edmund's and St Antony's churches are NOT closing down! They are – as they say – very much "OPEN FOR BUSINESS" and are still licensed for worship. Sadly, however, continuing as independent worshipping congregations within the Parish of Sanderstead is no longer viable. Regular Sunday worship at St. Edmund's and St. Antony's will cease at Christmas. The buildings will continue to be available for community use. There will be a celebration of the past and future life of St. Edmund's on Sunday 16th February to which all in the community will be welcome. Please pray for all the members that each one will be successful in finding a new 'church home'. The Parochial Church Council is working to make all necessary arrangement for the future life and management of the churches.

Martin Greenfield

Farewell to Annalie

Annalie Taylor will be leaving us at the end of December, as she looks forward to exciting new opportunities with Youth With A Mission. We are now making plans to recruit a new Children & Families' Pastor to replace Annalie.

Dear Annalie,

We have enjoyed having you with us so much here in All Saints, and we are thrilled at all you have achieved in building relationships with children and families through Cubs, Brownies, the schools, and the Church. Highlights of your time include the Christmas Crib Services, Good Friday Family Worship, Space Academy Kids Holiday Club and the more recent 'Dynamite' after-school Kids' Club. Thank you for arranging and leading the Family Fun sessions, and for inspiring the Toddlers, Jigsaw Sunday School and all our children's activities. The way the children love being with you, you have truly been like a 'Pied Piper'.

We so appreciate all you have done, and we pray God's blessings on you for the future. We shall miss you!

From all at All Saints Sanderstead

Rugby World Cup Final

Following a very good turn-out to watch England play Australia two weeks previously, the Men's group again laid on breakfast for people wanting to watch the Rugby World Cup Final together. Twenty men, twelve ladies plus Mike Fixter's delightful grand-daughter Emma arrived in St Catherine's aisle full of anticipation and shortly afterwards they were full of bacon rolls.

Sadly, after their heroics against New Zealand in the semi-final, the England team was unable to cope with the power of the South Africans despite the enthusiastic support from Onslow Gardens. Nevertheless, we all enjoyed the morning which will we suspect herald further breakfast gatherings. Special thanks to Jane, Sue and Judith for their help with breakfast and particularly to David Chillman, bacon chef extraordinaire!

Dick Hibberd



Jonathan and Sue Baker Update

Many Sanderstead parishioners will recall with much affection Jonathan and Sue Baker.

Jonathan was curate at All Saints during Tom Smail's ministry. Having been sub-Dean at Peterborough Cathedral, Jonathan is now Vicar of Beverley, where the Minster is often called the Cathedral of the East Riding. He also has 4 daughter parishes! Sue teaches English at a large RC Secondary School in Hull.



Julian Marcus

Mission News

Cyclone Idai

Trauma Healing Training following Cyclone Idai



In March this year one of the worst cyclones on record to hit Africa and the southern hemisphere ripped through Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, killing over 1,300 people and leaving many more missing.

The cyclone traumatised whole communities, with many people displaced by flooding, losing their homes and livelihoods. Mothers' Union has so often been the first point of call when disaster strikes because we are uniquely embedded in communities to provide ongoing support and to continue journeying with those affected as they seek to heal, recover and rebuild.

Mothers' Union in southeast Africa saw this disaster as a call to action. With support from Mary Sumner House and funding from the Community of St Andrew Trust, provincial workers from Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe set up trauma healing workshops for clergy members and Mothers' Union leaders from the worst affected communities.

Two workshops were held; one in Blantyre, Malawi for participants from Chikwawa in Malawi and Chipinge and Chimanimani in Zimbabwe; another in Beira, Mozambique for those from that community. The workshops were 4 days long each and were led by an American Bible Society (ABS) certified trainer. They covered 5 core lessons following the ABS trauma healing curriculum which looks at how the church can help in times of crisis. The lessons are: 'If God loves us, why do we suffer?', 'How can the wounds of our hearts be healed?', 'What happens when someone is grieving?', 'Response: Taking your pain to the cross' and 'How can we forgive others?'

Participants of the workshops are now equipped to set up trauma healing groups in their communities to support those dealing with the psychological effects of the cyclone and all aspects of trauma. Because those who were chosen to be trained are leaders embedded in the most affected areas, they will be able to identify and reach the most vulnerable. In collaboration with the church they are dedicated to cascading their newly acquired trauma healing skills within the community to reach all those that need support.

Please join us in praying for all those affected by Cyclone Idai who are rebuilding their lives, all those who lost loved ones or who have been injured that they would feel the loving comfort of our Lord now and always.

Rosemary Kempell



FOOD LIST – DECEMBER 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
- Tins of Plain Meat - Chicken, Ham, Corned Beef
-  Christmas Biscuits
- Tinned Peas and Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Dessert Fruit
- Small 500g Bags of Sugar
- Tins of Dessert Rice Pudding
-  Chocolate Treats for Children
- Tin Openers
- Unisex Deodorant
- Adult Toothbrushes

*Thank you so much for your support - with your help we have provided nearly **160,000 meals** since January 2013.*

PURLEY FOOD HUB | Tel: 07546 635295 | Email: purleyfoodhub@gmail.com
Website: www.purleyfoodhub.net
Charity no: 1152807 | Company no: 08557885

Community Act of Remembrance



The sun shone brilliantly on a very large gathering of about 130 - even more than last year. We were joined by the 19th Purley Scouts Group, Councillor Helen Redfern and Councillor Simon Hoar as well as 3 members of the local constabulary.

We actually broadcast live on two channels which so far have had over 425 viewers.

Everyone was happy for filming and photos to be taken.

In fact to note for next year - whoever is responsible for St Edmund's.

The police, scouts and councillors were keen to know that this service will continue. The police even suggest that you apply to close the road next year! One for the diary I hope.

Susan Atkinson-Jones



Farewell to Susan

Byron and I were overwhelmed by the love and fellowship at St Edmund's on Sunday 17 November, where we were joined by people from around the parish and further afield too.

We celebrated St Edmund's Patronal Festival and then as it was my last Sunday enjoyed a delicious lunch followed by very touching speeches and the presentation of some extremely generous gifts.

Thank you for all of the love and support over the last 15 years. We are not moving too far away so you may bump into us from time to time. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Susan



An exciting opportunity

Do you have a heart for South Asians around the world and a passion for transformation of individuals and communities across South Asia and the South Asian diaspora?

South Asian Concern (a registered Christian charity in south London) is looking for a **Mission Co-ordinator** to lead our work, based in our office in Sutton. The right person will have good communication skills and be able to work pro-actively along with the Trustees, maintaining links with SAC's partners and developing our vision.

The job is for 3-5 days a week, negotiable. There is an occupational requirement that the person appointed is in full sympathy and agreement with the organisation's aims and objectives.

For details of job / person requirements and application form, contact info@southasianconcern.org

Closing date for applications: Fri 3 January 2020

Emma Greenfield



VE Day Commemoration 2020 8-10 May 2020

Next year, the government has decided that the 75th anniversary of VE Day should be marked by moving the early May bank holiday to Fri 8th May so that there are 3 days of celebration. On Sunday, services will take place in cathedrals and churches throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man in celebration of the peace we share today. We are all being encouraged to organise events such as street parties, community meals etc. This will provide a good opportunity for us at All Saints to throw a party or two! At this stage we are looking for ideas about how we might mark the occasion. Please let me know if you have any suggestions at this early stage, so that we can begin planning! As ever, it would be helpful if you could indicate whether or not you'd be willing to help organise any event.

Jeremy

*Around and About
Sanderstead,
and beyond*



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT ALL SAINTS'

**It's not too late to book in
for Christmas Day lunch!!**

For an invitation for you or a friend, contact the Parish Office.

Helpers will be needed on the day for transporting guests to and from the meal— sign up list is in the Parish Office.

We would love to hear from you as soon as possible -
cathy@butler-family.co.uk /
arnold@butler-family.co.uk

Cathy & Arnold

**COME TO OUR
CAROL SERVICE**

**with
Soul Symphony**

St Antony's Church,
Wentworth Way, Hamsey Green
CR2 9EW

8th December 2019 at 5.30 pm



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



Dec 13

Returning on January 24, 2020

**SANDERSTEAD
TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

Wednesday 18 December

2.00 - 4.30 p.m.

**Christmas Social with
Drinks and Nibbles**

All Saints' Church Hall
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 6th December

Gresham choir sing festive songs.

Followed by a soup lunch

Fri 20th December

Hand Bells Entertainment with Sandra & Co

Followed by a buffet lunch

Have a Happy Christmas and New Year. We will re-open on 31st January 2020.

FAREWELL TO ANNALIE

If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Annalie, please give your donation to Judith, Jeremy, Martin or to the Parish Office by Mon 16 December.

FAMILY FUN

Acting
Crafts

3pm

2020
DATES:
JAN 19
FEB 9
MARCH 8
APRIL 10
(FRIDAY)
MAY 3
JUNE 14
JULY 12

Singing
Drama
Food
Music
Bible Stories
Activities

For children,
parents/carers

All Saints
Church
Hall
Onslow
Gardens,
CR2 9AB

PURLEY CLASSICS DECEMBER RECITAL

Anna Kondrashina – Flute and Pavel Timofeyevsky – Piano
Works by Philippe Gaubert and Prokofiev

Moscow born Anna graduated from the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory and in 2019 completed her Master of Arts in Performance at the Royal Academy of Music. She has won prizes in several international competitions. Pianist and composer Pavel has performed in the Wigmore, Royal Festival and Queen Elizabeth Halls in London as well as in Asia and the USA. Recently he conducted the world première of his orchestral work, The Questors Suite, at the Cadogan Hall.

Wednesday 11th December 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. Mary's Church

Join us at St Mary's Sanderstead each Monday in Advent @ 7.30pm
for cheese and wine as we welcome speakers from across the
Diocese of Southwark on the theme of 'God with us'



GOD WITH US

2nd Dec The Rt Reverend Jonathan Clark
(Bishop of Croydon)

16th Dec The Venerable Chris Skilton
(Archdeacon of Croydon)

9th Dec The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn
(Dean of Southwark Cathedral)

23rd Dec The Rt Reverend Christopher Chessun
(Bishop of Southwark)

For further details & to book, contact: Fr. Grant Cohen 020 8657 1725
St Mary's Sanderstead, Purley Oaks Road CR20NY

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 14th Dec 1-5pm

Christmas market
decorated trees
bar + live music
Father Christmas
hot/cold food

St. Mary's Sanderstead
Purley Oaks Road
CR2 0NR

Christmas at St. Mary's
020 8657 1725
stmarysanderstead.org.uk

Sunday 15 December

All are Welcome!

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH
PURLEY OAKS ROAD, SOUTH CROYDON, CR2 0NY



TAIZÉ

TEA AND CAKE AT 4PM
TAIZÉ SERVICE AT 5PM

*Join us for a Taizé Advent service
of candlelit song, prayer and
contemplation.*

Get in the spirit of Christmas



Join the Croydon Citadel Band
of The Salvation Army for a

FREE CHARITY CONCERT

Friday 6 December 7.30pm

Purley Baptist Church
Banstead Road
Purley CR8 3EA

Register for your free ticket at [Eventbrite](#) (search event no. 75813322689)



There will be an opportunity
at the concert to make a
donation, with all proceeds
going to CAP Croydon South



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



Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care

Presents Carol Singing on the Wards
with our Chaplains and our local
community

Sing your
favourite
Carols and
bring good
tidings and
cheer to staff
and patients



Rejoin us in
the Worship
Centre
afterwards for
refreshments,
non-alcoholic
mulled wine
and mince
pies

Wednesday 18th December

Join us at 6:30pm for a 7pm start at St Barnabas Worship Centre.
Located at Croydon University Hospital outside the Woodcroft entrance.

More details available from Revd Andy Dovey

Ext 3105 Mobile 07557 140 739

Email andrew.dovey@nhs.net



All Saints' Toddler Group Christmas Break

The last Toddlers Group before
Christmas will be on

**TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER &
FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER**

The Spring term will begin on

**TUESDAY 21 JANUARY &
FRIDAY 24 JANUARY**

All Saints' Church



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](mailto: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
24TH DECEMBER 2019

3PM and 5PM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
ONSLOW GARDENS
CR2 9AB

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

I bring you good news of great joy!



celebrate
CHRISTMAS

With the Parish of Sanderstead

Let's go to Bethlehem and see....

Come and celebrate!

Sun 1 Dec	3pm Advent Carol Service	All Saints
Thurs 5 Dec	3.30—5pm, Christmas Family Fun	All Saints
Sun 8 Dec	10am Christingle service 5.30pm Carol service with Soul Symphony	All Saints St. Antony's
Sun 22 Dec	3pm Carol service 6.30pm Lessons and Carols by Candlelight	St. Edmund's All Saints
Tues 24 Dec	3pm and 5pm Crib services 4pm Christingle service 10pm Holy Communion 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion	All Saints St. Antony's St. Edmund's All Saints
Wed 25 Dec	9.30am Carols and Communion	All Saints

Please look at the website for regular Sunday services & Christmas celebrations:

www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
T4U All are welcome (<i>first Monday of the month</i>)	Mon 2 December 2.30pm	St. Antony's Church
December Midweek Communion All welcome for a short communion service.	Thurs 5 December 12.30pm-1pm	All Saints' Church St. Catherine's Aisle
Family Fun Lots of Christmas crafts, stories, singing and more.	Thurs 5 December 3.30pm—5pm	All Saints' Church
Coffee Pot Christmas Special coffee, tea, mince pies and more!!	Fri 13 December 10am—12pm	All Saints' Church Hall
Holy Communion (TBC) followed by T4U All are welcome (<i>third Monday of the month</i>)	Mon 16 December 2pm	St. Antony's Church
Coffee Pot First time back after Christmas... for coffee, tea, cakes and company.	Fri 24 January 2020 10am—12pm	All Saints' Church Hall

A Happy Christmas to you all!



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