

### Please Pray...

**Give thanks for:** All our contacts with children and families through Toddlers, Jigsaw, Family Fun, baptisms, assemblies, Cubs, Brownies.

**For those in need:** All those coping with declining health, and the bereaved.

**For justice in the world:** Refugees; action on climate change; for our politicians & Brexit; and all those working for peace.

**For our Mission links:** Including Pastor Patrick and the House of Hope's work in Kenya for girls fleeing forced early marriage, and Chris & Alison Hawksbee building up the church in Paraguay. Please also pray for the Sugandh team who work in New Delhi with families and children living in the slums; pray for project leader Mrs Thangtei David.

**For our community:** Courtlands Close & Norfolk Avenue

### Next Week:

**Sunday 22 December**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

**8.30am: Holy Communion**  
**10.00am: Parish Eucharist**

*Isaiah 7:10-16*  
*[Romans 1:1-7]*  
*Matthew 1:18-end*

**6.30pm: Lessons and Carols by Candlelight** *followed by mulled wine & mince pies*

### Christmas Eve, Tuesday

**3pm:** Crib Service, for all the family  
**5pm:** Crib Service, for all the family  
**11.30pm:** Midnight Holy Communion

### Christmas Day, Wednesday

**9.30am:** Carols & Holy Communion

*Please pray for all those who will attend our Christmas Carols and Festive services.*

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Parish of All Saints Sanderstead** Most of you will know that St Edmund's and St Antony's churches will cease Sunday worship at Christmas, and that the Sanderstead Team will come to an end at the 2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April. For the new PCC we shall need: two Churchwardens, a Treasurer and a PCC secretary – these are the formal roles, in addition to the other members of the new PCC. Please let me know if you'd like to know more. *Martin*

**Last Sunday's Baptism** The Payne family say, *Many thanks for the baptism of Alexander and Isaac. It was a very lovely, intimate service with a great community feel.*

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS with the Parish of Sanderstead** There are plenty of postcards giving details of our Christmas services—please take a few and give to your family, friends & neighbours. *Martin*

**Collection for Annalie** As you know, Annalie will be moving on to new adventures after Christmas. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for her, please give your donations to Judith, Jeremy, Martin or to the Parish Office by Sun 22 December. *Judith Robinson*

**Gift for Chris and Barbara Skilton** Chris will be put down his work as Archdeacon at the end of January 2020 (his formal retirement is at end of Feb), and he and Barbara will move to West Sussex. If you would like to contribute to a financial gift from All Saints, please hand it in to the Parish Office marked "Skilton". *Martin*

**MISSING TABLECLOTHS** If anyone knows the whereabouts of the white pink spotted tablecloths from the Church Hall, please let Fanny or myself know ([lynbriton@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:lynbriton@blueyonder.co.uk)). Lynne

**HELP BRING A SMILE THIS CHRISTMAS** - Will you assist MU to collect a gift of toiletries for the mums who come to GROWBABY [charity no. 1103412], a group working locally to help young children and families in need. Sandra Groombridge is our contact with them and MU will be collecting **good toiletries e.g. shower gel, shampoo** as a special gift for the mums. There will be a box in church and the halls this week (until Mon 16 Dec) for your contributions or give to Sandra or Rosemary Kempself. *Rosemary*

**Homemade Mince Pies for after the Carol Service on Sun Dec. 22nd** Could you make some mince pies for this event? Mulled Wine to accompany will be supplied! Please bring your mince pies to the Hall Kitchen before the service. *Thank you, Fanny Smith 8657 2967.*

**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT ALL SAINTS'** There's a sign up sheet at the back of church for any donations for the Christmas [money or produce] A few more helpers are still needed on the day for transporting guests to and from the meal. Please contact [cathy@butler-family.co.uk](mailto:cathy@butler-family.co.uk) / [arnold@butler-family.co.uk](mailto:arnold@butler-family.co.uk) *Cathy & Arnold*

**THANK YOUs in December Newsletter** We need to include Mothers' Union, Hand Bell Ringers. *Thank you. Martin*

## DATES

**Taizé at St Mary's Church TODAY Sun 15 December** Tea & cake at 4pm; Taizé service at 5pm. Join us for a Taizé Advent service of candlelit song, prayer and contemplation. All are welcome!

**Cheese and Wine during Advent at St. Mary's Church 7.30pm on the theme of "God with us" ... Monday 16 December —The Venerable Chris Skilton** (Archdeacon of Croydon) and Monday 23 December — The Rt Reverend Christopher Chessan (Bishop of Southwark). Booking essential, contact Fr Grant Cohen 020 8657 1725.

**Carol Singing on the Wards with Chaplains and the community Wed 18 December**—6.30pm for a 7pm start at St Barnabas Worship Centre, located at Croydon University Hospital outside the Woodcroft entrance. More details from Revd Andy Dovey, email [Andrew.dovey@nhs.net](mailto:Andrew.dovey@nhs.net) *Elaine Leck*

**Carol Singing at Waitrose Sanderstead Thurs 19 December from 6pm** in the Café area. Come along and join in. *Jeremy*

**Holy Communion:** Regular communicants, including children, are welcome to receive the sacrament with us here. Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

**A children's area** for pre-school is available with toys and books on the far left in St Catherine's Aisle.

**JIGSAW** for school aged children meets for Bible stories during the 10am service.

**Pastoral Care:** If you'd like a chat with Canon Martin, call 8657 1366 or email [rector@sanderstead-parish.org.uk](mailto:rector@sanderstead-parish.org.uk)

**Prayer Chain:** To put a confidential message on the chain contact Sandra Groombridge— call 8668 7795 or email [sandragroombridge@aol.com](mailto:sandragroombridge@aol.com)

**Safeguarding / 'A Safe Church':** If you ever have any concerns, speak with one of the clergy or with Margaret Quiney 8657 4087 or Katheryn Hewitt 8657 6659, our Safeguarding Officers.

**Health & Safety:** Please ensure that you know the location of your nearest fire exit.

**Sermons at All Saints are often recorded**, so if you missed a Sunday or want to hear a message again, you can find sermons to listen to on our website- [www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/talks](http://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/talks)

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#### Isaiah 12:2-end

2 Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust and not be afraid.  
The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defence;  
he has become my salvation.'

#### 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

4 In that day you will say:  
'Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

#### 5 Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.'



# WELCOME

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*Extending God's Welcome to All.  
Committed to GROW:  
in Discipleship, Service & Numbers*

#### TODAY

**Sunday 15 December  
3rd Sunday of Advent**

**8.30am: Holy Communion  
10.00am: Parish Eucharist**

Isaiah 35:1-10 (Bible page: 719)  
[James 5:7-10] (Bible page: 1216)  
Matthew 11:2-11 (Bible page: 976)

#### Collect for 3rd Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare the way before you, grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in your sight.

**Amen**