

All Saints' Church Newsletter

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

April 2016

Martin writes ... Church on the move

The Lord's prayer begins, changing the order ever so slightly:

God our father, your name be hallowed, your kingdom come, your will be done.

So that is what we are to pray and work for. The vision and mission statement of All Saints' church spells out our task and aim; *extending God's welcome to all; growing in discipleship, service and numbers*. All Saints' church is on the move, going forward in God to extend his welcome.

We rejoice in the success of The Alpha course, held jointly with the Methodist and United Reformed Churches. One guest wrote, "I was losing focus and moving further away. Now I am back in the heart of it. God is in the heart of me and I am in the heart of God." Another said, "The Alpha course has given me a closer relationship with God. I feel much happier in life. I enjoyed the friendship, the relaxed discussions, the good speakers and of course the food!" Give thanks to God for Alpha.

Then at our recent AGM, together in faith we voted decisively for change, for the complete reordering of the church building in order to be more effective in our mission. Pray for the church council in taking this forward.

Lynne Davison has been elected to serve as our new church warden. Pray for her and Maria Linford. Give thanks also for David Chillman. His faithful contribution to Christ's work has been immense.

The work with children is growing. Give thanks for our Family Fun Hour team and pray for all the families who come along monthly on Sunday afternoon. Pray for wisdom to develop this ministry.

Yes, the church is on the move. Jesus Christ said, I will build up my church. Of course none of this happens without prayer and our monthly prayer meetings are very significant. A very big thank you to all who pray for the work; please continue to pray: for God's name to be hallowed, God's kingdom to come and God's will to be done.

With prayers and best wishes, Martin

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Sanderstead Team Holy Communion and Annual Parochial Church Meeting 17th April, 10am at St Edmund's Riddlesdown. (8.30 Holy Communion only at All Saints', no 10am at All Saints')

Circular Walk All Saints' Church Sanderstead to Warlingham and return to Sanderstead on Saturday 21st May. The walk will commence from All Saints' Church car park at 10am and should take approximately 2 hours. Coffee, tea and cake will be provided after the walk in the small hall. Please wear sensible shoes / trainers, it could be muddy! Sue Lawrence

Mothers' Union In April we welcome a special guest speaker. Justus Miwanda is executive Director of "International Needs", Uganda and has strong links to the Mothers' Union. The meeting will be held in All Saints' Church on Monday 11th April at 8.00pm and will be open to all.

Churches Together Meeting Wednesday 13 April, 4pm at Sanderstead Methodist Church. This is an opportunity to work together for God's Gospel and Kingdom. All invited.

Ascension Day Eucharist Thursday 5 May. 8pm

Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality day on the theme of Awakening at Southwark cathedral on Saturday April 16th, 10am to 4pm. The speakers will be Margaret Silf and Bishop Christopher Chessun and there will be a variety of workshops and creative prayer spaces. To book your place at a cost of £5, contact Caroline Wakelam-Jones on 020 7939 9475 awakening@southwark.anglican.org.

Summer in Sanderstead, our "holiday-at-home" for older people, will happen again this year on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 30th & 31st August, and 1st September, in All Saints' Halls, from 10:30 am - 3:30 pm with a variety of activities to enjoy each day. A hearty lunch will be available and morning and afternoon refreshments to sustain us throughout.

Legacy from Ann Herbert As you are all aware, we have been left an extremely generous legacy by a lady named Ann Herbert. She has been a good friend of our family for over 30 years and I (Ann Turner) am therefore happy to pass on some of her background.

Ann was born in Epsom on the 23rd January 1914 and lived the majority of her life in the Sanderstead area although had travelled round the world, including several visits to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). She was highly educated and an exceptionally accomplished pianist. She was always interested in people, especially children, enjoyed conversing in French, loved learning about the natural world especially flora and fauna, birds, wildlife, also historical buildings (including our own church). Indeed she was most knowledgeable about so many topics and very interesting to converse with. Many are the times she would travel up to London to give au pairs a guided tour of the famous landmarks.

A male ancestor founded one of the first stockbroking companies in London which is no doubt where most of her fortune materialised. Her father was killed in the 1st world war not long after her brother Alan was born (he was 18 months younger). Ann never went out to work although during the 2nd world war, she served in the WRAF and was posted to Scotland. She cared for her mother who was bedridden for many years.

The last few years of Ann's life were happily spent in Gresham House, Hurst Green (Abbeyfield Home) where she got to know the residents and staff. In January 2014 she celebrated her 100th birthday. A big party was organized for her by her wonderful neighbours from Glebe Hyrst and she enjoyed seeing all her friends, making a speech after the meal and receiving a card from Her Majesty.

Sadly, a month after her birthday she peacefully passed away. By her request, her ashes are buried with her mother's, next to the aunt and uncle who cared for the family after her father's death, when they were living in Penwortham Road. Her gravestone is in our church yard by the main path leading to the porch door. She had the foresight of leaving a will with generous legacies to those who she thought highly of. All Saints' was one of four charities benefitting each receiving £400,000.

Croydon Hospital University Chaplaincy are running a training course for those interested in hospital chaplaincy and those who might like to volunteer as ward chaplains. The course is open to anyone under the age of 70 who would be able to commit to regular weekly visiting (one morning or afternoon per week) and who would feel comfortable training and working in a team comprising people of other faiths as well as fellow Christians. The course will run for 9 evenings beginning on Thursday 7th April and ending on Thursday 2nd June. For further information or to request a course outline and booking form contact 020 8401 3105 h.fife@nhs.net

A Call to Prayer Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu are calling every parish to join them in a week of prayer during the week leading up to Pentecost (May 8th-15th). At the heart of the prayers will be the words that Jesus taught us 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.' Please join them in praying for all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, for all of us to have confidence to share the Gospel and for all to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to follow Him as disciples, to live out the Gospel and to seek God's Kingdom from day to day. www.thykingdom.co.uk

A Touching Place with the Divine is a quiet day led by Penny Bird, Thursday 21st April, 10am-4pm, at Wychcroft Resource and Retreat Centre (Bletchingley, Surrey, RH1 4NE). An opportunity to allow your senses, particularly the sense of touch, to lead you into imaginative interaction with Biblical narrative. The day costs £26.50 and includes lunch and refreshments. To book, or for more information on other quiet days contact Chris Chapman, 020 7939 9474 chris.chapman@southwark.anglican.org

Fresh Encounters explore ways of prayer and worship once a month, 6pm at All Saints'. Come and explore Ignatian Spirituality on 17th April, The Iona Community on 22nd May, The Carmelite Way on 19th June and The Salvation Army on 17th July.

To all our friends at All Saints: We would like to thank everyone for all the messages, cards, meals, cakes, and of course prayers that you have given us over the last few weeks. We have been overwhelmed by all the love and support that we have received at this difficult time. The number of people at the thanksgiving service bore testament to how much Peter was loved by everyone and we are so grateful for all the donations that have been given. Please continue to pray for us all. With love and thanks from Tony, Judith, Gemma Joshua and family.

Hope for Refugees Churches in Europe are working together to meet urgent and immediate need for refugees who have escaped war and persecution. Will you help relief efforts by the churches to coordinate effective help for the thousands of refugees arriving in Europe with a contribution, however small, in the envelopes provided in the pews. £6 pays for a food parcel, £13 pays for a sleeping bag for newly arrived refugees, £19.25 pays for a tent while refugees await transit. The Anglican Diocese in Europe together with other churches in Europe is coordinating and addressing the refugee crisis. They are well placed to do this with churches located throughout Europe. For further information speak to Rosemary Kempzell. She also

has available 'free' copies of a Bible Study Book "Migration and Movement" exploring migration and the global movement of people, with stories from the world church. This is also suitable for house groups.

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) This newish group is for people of any age who are on their own, and who would like to meet others in a similar situation, over tea, cakes and friendly and varied conversation. We meet in the Jubilee Room at St Mary's Church, Purley Oaks Road, CR2 0NR, on the third Thursday of the month 2:30 - 4pm. Our next get-together is on the afternoon of Thursday 21st April. If you are interested in coming along, or you know of anyone who might be, please take a leaflet from the back of church. Further information from Gerie Knights (07751 216914)

Jeremy writes ... How time flies! It's almost 9 months since Sandra and I arrived at All Saints' and I took up my duties as Curate here. They have been 9 very happy months, and we have loved getting to know you and seeing what God is doing in the Church. I have learned an enormous amount in my year as a deacon, and have greatly appreciated the help and guidance I've received from the Ministry Team, our excellent wardens and of course from the example of our Rector, Martin, and Emma. Thank you for making us feel so welcome - we feel very fortunate to have been sent here!

These are exciting times for our Church, and God is blessing us richly. We recently enjoyed the 3D Day when we spent time discerning God's way forward for us, and made some key decisions about the future. I am working on the delivery of those decisions - some of them are, of course, about the major reordering which was strongly endorsed at our AGM. Others are about our work with children and young people, and I have already begun discussions with some key people in both the Deanery and the Diocese about taking those ideas forward. We will be coming up with some detailed ideas about Pastoral Care training soon, and we are planning our first "Taste and See" service which will take place on May 29th.

As many of you know, Sandra has just given up work and so we are looking forward to doing many more things together and to sharing in ministry together. We are particularly looking forward to our first Easter in Sanderstead and to celebrating the joy of the resurrection with you. My year as a deacon will conclude at the end of June, and on 2 July - all being well (and subject to a good report from Martin!) - I will be ordained to the office of priest. This will take place at 11am at Holy Trinity Church, Redhill and you are very welcome to come along and lend your support on that day. I am especially looking forward to being able to play a full part at the Eucharist. But on a much more mundane level it also means that I will be able to wear my stoles "properly" - there have been several occasions when you've probably noticed the tangle I often get into as I wear it cross-wise as a deacon should.

Please continue to support us in prayer - we have really appreciated your love and kindness during my recent illness. And we are both pledged to serve you in God's strength and to the best of our ability.

Jeremy and Sandra Groombridge

Reordering of the church interior Over the last 2 months there has been extensive consultation on the draft proposals for the reordering of the interior of All Saints' which has been made possible by the generous legacy from the late Miss Ann Herbert. The results of the written consultation were announced at the All Saints' AGM on 20th March. Over 50 members of the congregation had responded, with strong support for most of the proposals. Many responders had asked for a disabled toilet to be added to the proposals. This had been done at an estimated additional cost of £40,000 which also covered making the steps from the church to the vestry fully accessible by widening and reorientating the stairs, and installing a stair lift. There was a lively discussion at the AGM following which a vote was taken. This again showed strong support for most of the proposals including the disabled toilet though there was no majority for removing the St Catherine's aisle columns where there were concerns about the cost. Photos of other historic churches in the area which had recently carried out reordering schemes were on display at the AGM. The DCC will be assessing the results of the consultation at its next meeting in mid April and deciding on the way forward. Approval from the Southwark Diocesan Advisory Committee will be required before building work starts. The current estimate is that work would take place between March and June 2017, with the church closed during this period.

A Day Out for The Men of All Saints Jeremy is looking to arrange a trip to Bombay Sapphire distillery in Hampshire on 23rd April. The self-discovery tour costs £13.50 for groups of 11 or more (£12 for 65+). Please let him know if you are interested in going. The trip would also include a pub lunch.

Plant Sale. Please keep spare cuttings and plants for our sale on Sunday 15th May after the 10am service. All money will go to St Christopher's Hospice. This is also a chance to share plants and think of friends as you look at them in your garden. Any enquiries to Piers and Linda Hubbard 8657 2170

News from the Parish Team

Spring Concert St Mary's have a Spring Concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 9th April. Join us for a wonderful evening of music and performances from the talented people of St Mary's, local musicians and the fantastic Rock Choir. Refreshments will be available in the interval. Tickets are £8 adult, £4 child, on the door.

News from the community

Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care (SNC) are looking for more volunteer drivers to help with transport. They would also like to remind people of the Sunday Roast they hold on the first Sunday of each month, and that you must book in advance to attend Young at Heart.

SNC Quiz Night is on 23rd April, 7pm for a 7.30pm start in the church hall. Tickets are £7.50 in advance from the office 020 8657 8289 or £8 on the door (6 people per table). The ticket includes a ploughman's and desert, but please bring your own glasses and drinks. There will be a raffle on the night.

SNC have a monthly fundraising draw. The draw is based on the sale of 150 tickets at £12 per ticket which entitles each ticket holder to be entered in the monthly draw for a year. Each month half the money raised is paid out as cash prizes, the other half going towards improving the services at Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care. So, for just £1 per month a small, regular donation is made to Sanderstead Neighbourhood Care and, at the same time, each ticket holder has a good chance of recovering their outlay or even winning a little bit more! If you're interested in joining, contact the SNC office asap as the closing date is April 8th. 020 8657 8289.

Sanderstead URC Auction will be at Sanderstead URC, 16th April, Viewing 11am-1.30pm, Auction at 2pm. Lots for sale are to be entered by April 11th to Rodney Newman 020 8654 1043
rodneynewman@btinternet.com

16th Purley Scouts 'Gruffy Fayre' 11th June with church activities for families and children.

Sanderstead Festival of Music and Dance 18th June 2-6pm at All Saints' Church Hall and The Gruffy. There will be free performances of music, dance, sport and a professional Jazz Band as well as a flower festival, photographic exhibition, refreshments and more.

At 8pm there will be a concert at All Saints' Church Halls. 'Our Kind of Swing' will include the music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Ted Heath, featuring the big band sound of the Nigel Garrard Orchestra. Tickets are £15 adult, £12 children, Box Office 020 8657 2624

April Calendar Dates

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| 3rd | 8.30am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist |
| 10th | 8.30am Holy Communion 10am Parish Praise |
| 11th | Justus Miwanda speaking at Mothers' Union, 8pm All Saints' Church |
| 13th | Churches Together Meeting, 4pm at Sanderstead Methodist Church |
| 17th | 8.30am Holy Communion at All Saints' 10am Sanderstead Team Holy Communion and APCM at St Edmund's (no 10am at All Saints') 3pm Family Fun Hour 6pm Fresh Encounters—Ignation Contemplation |
| 18th | Mothers' Union Prayer Group, 9am at 7 Borrowdale Drive |
| 19th | Holy Communion at Langley Oaks Home, 3.30pm All Saints District Church Council 7.45pm |
| 24th | 8.30 Holy Communion 10am Morning Worship 10am Sanderstead Light |
| 28th | Mothers' Union Holy Communion, 10am at St Mary's |
| 30th | All Saints' prayer meeting 9-10am |
| 5th May | 8pm Ascension Day Eucharist |