Sanderstead Team Newsletter

February 2020

"Come, Follow Me"

Revd Canon Martin Greenfield writes ...

Will we choose to follow Jesus?

In Matthew chapter 4, we read of the calling of two pairs of brothers, Simon and Andrew, James and John: "Come, follow me", said Jesus... At once they left their nets and followed him.

Following Jesus. What might that mean for us in 2020? First, we need to think carefully about this because Jesus is not of course bodily here on earth. Even if we were to take a flight to Tel Aviv, then a taxi to Galilee, we would not find Jesus. Our Christian creeds tell us that he died, was buried, rose again and ascended into heaven. So, following Jesus is a spiritual thing, which changes the direction of our lives (If we don't want to change, then following Jesus is not for us). It's a spiritual call to follow him.

Next we learn that Jesus calls us as we are and where we are. In Matthew 4, the four men were going about their normal lives, doing what they usually did. They were fishing, for they were fishermen. They didn't have to be in the synagogue on the Sabbath, or travel to the temple in Jerusalem. He called them where they were, as they were. It's the same with us. Sadly some people seem to think that Jesus cannot call them because they are not 'religious' enough. I hope you all realise that you don't have to become a vicar or a monk or a nun! He calls us as we are. We cannot be somebody else.

Will we choose to follow Jesus?

The call of Jesus to follow is always personal. He called the fishermen by name: 'Simon /Andrew /James /John, come, follow me'. We can become wearied by all the computer-generated emails and letters we receive; they are all impersonal, and if there's an error it can be hard to find a real person to speak to on the 'phone. But Jesus calls us each by name – whatever your name is – personally. It's very unlikely, though not impossible, that we shall hear an audible voice. His call to follow may come via our thinking, our conscience, or something we read or hear. His call is personal because he wants to involve himself in our lives, and wants us to share our life with him.

Will we choose to follow Jesus?

What others choose to do is not important. What matters is the decision that we choose to make each day: Will we choose to follow Jesus?

With best wishes,

Martin



The BRIDGE

Newspaper of the Anglican Diocese of Southwark

This has had a very welcome make-over, and looks much better. Do take a copy from the back of church.

In it, Chris Skilton has an article on Candlemas. On pages 6 & 7, there are articles on Fresh Expressions of church and This Time Tomorrow, which helps us to discover what God is doing in people's every-day lives. *Martin*

How to pray for Iran at this time.

Prayer request from Elam Ministries

We don't know what the future holds, but we are praying more fervently than ever that God's Kingdom would come in Iran, that fearful hearts would find hope in Christ, and that the church would be strengthened and unified.

Elam was founded with the conviction that whatever happens politically, Jesus reigns from His heavenly throne. Our name, 'Elam', is taken from Jeremiah 49:38 where God says, "I will set my throne in Elam." (Elam was a key province in the Persian empire). Our name is a statement of faith that the Lord will keep his promise and have his way in Iran...

As we go forward into 2020, we are keenly aware of the need to have faithful intercessors like you praying with us, 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'



The love of Christ for Iran and beyond



"It's a long time ago... (1971-2) but I spent a year in Iran between school and university.

I was on Youth Service Abroad with CMS." Martin

A special tribute to a very dear friend and servant of All Saints' Church

It's not everyday we see a fleet of MGs driving into our car park, but these magnificent vehicles arrived as a tribute to our dear friend Piers Hubbard at his funeral on 23rd December.

Piers and Linda have had a long-standing attachment to the MG owners club and it was fitting that members should pay their respects in this way.

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Jeremy Groombridge



Prayer Tree



At All Saints' we believe prayer changes things. The bible says that we should pray without ceasing and there are certainly lots of things to pray about.

Sometimes we find ourselves in difficult situations, sometimes family crises, sometimes we need guidance for the future, and sometimes we need prayer for illness both mental and physical.

At the back of the church underneath the tower you will find a simple 'Prayer Tree'.

This is for anyone who would like us to pray for them. If you would like us to pray for you or a situation please complete one of the tags (anonymously if you like) and hang it on the tree. The Prayer Team and other members of the congregation will then pray for you.

Once a month or so we will renew the tags but you are welcome to put another one up if you want us to continue to pray for your situation.

Please do make good use of it - God is faithful, he hears our prayers and honours them.

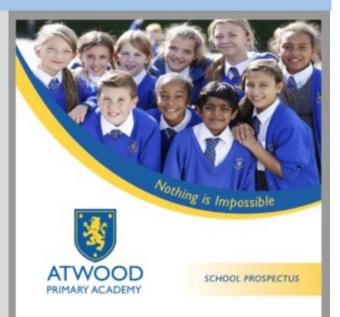
Sandra Groombridge Pastoral Minister

Atwood School 60th Anniversary Celebrations

It is 60 years since Atwood School opened its doors to 11 pupils on 13th June 1960.

The Friends of Atwood will be marking the anniversary with a number of events throughout the year.

Details will be on the school website - <u>www.atwoodprimary.academy</u>.



Did you or anyone you know attend Atwood in 1960, and would they be prepared to come and talk to the children about what Atwood was like back then?

Did you, or someone you know, come to Atwood in the past, any year?

Do you have any memories that you could share with us?

Do you have any photographs of school life that you would be happy to lend?

Do you know anything about the archaeological dig that took place in the early 1990s?

Any information, please email: school@atwood.croydon.sch.uk

As part of the 60th Anniversary Celebrations, the Friends of Atwood have purchased 32 guitars for school. They are naming each guitar after a member of staff - past or present.

If you would like to nominate someone, please submit the following information to <u>contactatwoodpa@gmail.com</u> by 10 February 2020.

- ⇒ Name of the member of staff (position held, approx year at the school)
- ⇒ A few lines about that person, and why they are special and should be included in this tribute.
- ⇒ What name, word, phrase you would like to be put on the guitar in their honour?

Food Hub



FOOD LIST – FEBRUARY 2020



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
- Packets/Tubs of Dried Potatoes
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Carrots
- Strawberry & Raspberry Jam
- Jars of Peanut Butter
- Puddings/Jellies/Angel Delight
- Washing Powder Tablets/Sachets
- Small Washing Up Liquid
- Unisex Shampoo
- Ladies Sanitary Pads

Thank you so much everyone for your support - you have helped us to provide over 165,000 meals since January 2013.

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

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Judging by the many positive comments received on the Day and a lot of feedback subsequently, our Guests certainly enjoyed the occasion.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank so many people – too many to name each one individually - who gave donations and/or provided items of food and drink; sought business sponsors and/or vouchers; drivers; those offering practical help setting up the Hall on Christmas Eve; preparing vegetables. One stalwart kindly organised the church TV (to view the Queen's Broadcast) and also a CD Player; and not least a very happy band of multi-taskers who worked in or around the Kitchen on Christmas Day itself. All those who had in some way contributed so willingly or had taken some part, large or small, helped to make this Outreach to the Community a notable success.

Cathy and Arnold

ST. EDMUND'S CELEBRATION SERVICE Sunday 16th February at 3pm At St. Edmund's Church

St Edmund's will be holding a Service of Celebration of its past – and future – to be followed by refreshments.

All are very welcome to join us.

Chris Babbs



Organ Concert By Gerard Brooks Mon 3 February, 7.30pm, at the Royal Festival Hall



PERFORMER: Gerard Brooks

(many will remember him).

Gerard Brooks performs a selection of popular music for the organ that includes Charles Ives' irreverent variations on the English National Anthem, masquerading under the title 'America'.

They are juxtaposed with Enrico Bossi's nimble *Scherzo*, which explores all the colours of the Royal Festival Hall organ.

Brooks goes on to celebrate the music of Louis Vierne, including the pugnacious Toccata in B flat minor, the *moto perpetuo* of the *Impromptu* and the éclat of the ever-popular *Carillon de Westminster*, in which the chimes of Big Ben thunder out in the Royal Festival Hall organ's pedals.

Repertoire

Ives: Variations on America Bossi: Scherzo in G minor, Op.49 No.2 Vierne: Toccata from Pièces de fantaisie, Suite No.2, Op.53; Berceuse from 24 Pièces en style libre for organ, Op.31; Impromptu; Carillon de Westminster from Pièces de fantaisie, Suite No.3, Op.54 Interval Widor: Organ Symphony No.5 in F minor, Op.42 No.1

Tickets £15, concessions available. Book online ...

https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on

MEN'S GROUP

Ladies welcome

ALL SAINTS CHURCH MEN'S GROUP

2020 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Month	Date	Event
FEBRUARY	Saturday 8th	CALCUTTA CUP - 4:45 pm
FEBRUARY	Friday 21st	WHISKY TASTING with Jeremy
APRIL	Friday 17th	BREAKFAST @ REDHILL AERODROME 09:30 am then onto GATWICK AIRPORT MUSEUM
MAY	Saturday 2 nd	AUTO ITALIA @ BROOKLANDS
JUNE	Wednesday 3 rd	Skittles Evening with MU
JUNE	Tuesday 23rd	CZECH REPUBLIC vs ENGLAND - 8:00 pm
JUNE	date TBC	LONDON GUIDED WALK WITH ANDY
SEPTEMBER	Sunday 6th	SHUTTLEWORTH COLLECTION AIR DISPLAY
AUGUST	Sunday 16 th	BORDE HILL GARDENS - PICNIC & MUSIC
OCTOBER	date TBC	THE RAF MUSEUM @ HENDON
NOVEMBER	date TBC	ILLUSTRATED LONDON TALK
DECEMBER	Thursday 10th	CHRISTMAS CURRY - 7:30 pm

SANDERSTEAD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH Sanderstead Hill CR2 OHB (next to the Library) Sunday 9th February 2020

at 3pm

AN HOUR OF FINE MUSIC WITH THE PIANO DUO

JULIAN JACOBSON



Music by Beethoven, Debussy, Barber

& Gershwin's An American In Paris





followed by tea and exceedingly fine cakes

Admission by programme at the door just £7 (or £3 if you're 18 or under)



FAIRFIELD HALLS

HERE AM I 20 Jan – 17 April 2020

Photography exhibition celebrating 25 years of women's ordination opens at Fairfield Halls. By Jim Grover

This month, Fairfield Halls unveils *Here Am I*, a remarkable photography exhibition which gives a unique and intimate insight into the daily lives and work of 12 Church of England female priests in the Diocese of Southwark which covers South London and East Surrey.

Commissioned by the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt. Revd Christopher Chessun to celebrate 25 years of women's ordination and photographed by award-winning social-documentary photographer Jim Grover, the set of 50 plus black and white images will be on display in Croydon's flagship cultural arts centre for three months until April 2020. Jim's powerful and moving photo-story was created over the course of eight months and features a diverse group of women of different ages and stages in their ministry. Their work has been documented in images and words, in a variety of parish and chaplaincy contexts such as hospital and prison.

The 12 featured include Croydon-based priest, **Joyce Forbes**, Honorary Canon of Southwark Cathedral and local magistrate who has ministered in her parish, with St Stephen's Church at its heart, for the past 15 years; Team Rector, **Michelle Edmonds**, who now oversees four village churches in and around Warlingham, following a career nursing in Croydon; and Prison Chaplain, **Susie Simpson**, who worked in Isis Young Offenders Unit and now works at HM Prison East Sutton Park.

This will be the first time their uplifting and inspiring accounts of their faith, the challenges and joys of taking their ministry out into their communities, will be on display for an extended period of time and seen by a wider audience.

Background to the exhibition:

The exhibition was commissioned by the Bishop of Southwark, The Rt. Revd Christopher Chessun, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first ordinations of women to the priesthood in the Church of England and was displayed at the *Gallery*@Oxo on the South Bank in London for two weeks in May 2019. Jim Grover is well known for his exhibitions in London capturing London life.... Jim documents, through words and images, stories about people and their communities which are often untold and unseen.

Fairfield Halls, Arnhem Foyer. Website for further information - https://www.here-am-i.com

Admission is free. Monday-Sunday, opens 10am - 11pm. Tel: 0203 292 0001

For more information, please contact: Diana Whitehead; Fourth Wall PR at diana@fourthwallpr.co.uk; 07939 149887.







BOOK SALE

REFRESHMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

THERE WILL ALSO BE A TOMBOLA

<u>SAT 22[™] FEB 2020</u>

10AM - MIDDAY

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR

SANDERSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, ONSLOW GARDENS, SANDERSTEAD CR2 9AB





Sunday 23 February 6pm All Saints Church

The depth of God's love..... seen in the shape of the Cross

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





Six Mondays, 3.30-4.30pm 24th February to 30th March

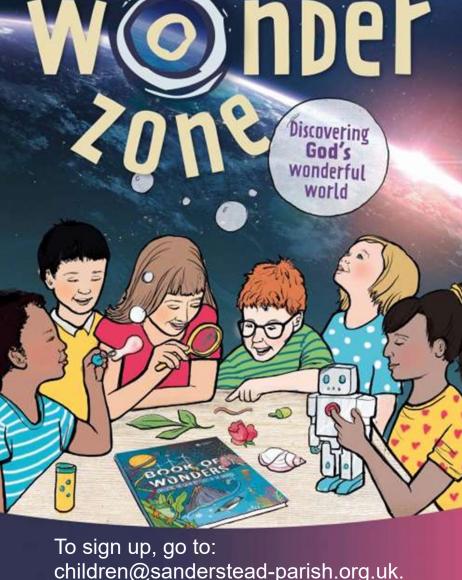
Dynamite is starting again on February 24th at All Saints' for school age children aged 5-11.

For six weeks each Monday from 3.30-4.30 we will be visiting the 'Wonder Zone!

Through experiments and fun games, we will be finding out who God is, discovering the wonders of the world (and beyond!) and how the God behind it all wants to get to know us too.

This after school club will have a fun science theme that will have children (and adults) in their element.

To sign up, go to: children@sandersteadparish.org.uk.



Scripture Union

(If you would like to help, contact Judith Robinson or Sue Thomas or sign up on the sheet in church at All Saints, or email on the above address).

Hope to see you there,

Judith and Sue

Calling all chocolate fans and fighters for fairness! Fairtrade Fortnight Monday 24 February - Sunday 8 March 2020

This year the focus will be on cocoa, the special role women farmers play in the journey to living incomes, and to encourage more people to choose Fairtrade chocolate.

While buying fairtrade chocolate doesn't immediately solve all the issues, keeping up the demand allows farmers to sell more of their cocoa on Fairtrade terms, therefore increasing their income.

Rosemary Kempsell

Sanderstead Churches' School of the Spirit

Five Thursdays in Lent...

Thursday 5 March to Thursday 2 April

We are very pleased that the United Reformed Church will host the Churches Together, 'School of the Spirit' at 8pm on five Thursdays in Lent.

A full programme with speakers has been arranged. The dates are: March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2.

Put the dates in your diaries, and look out for further details.

Martin

Churches Together in Sanderstead

"We are friends and partners together in worshipping Jesus Christ and making him known.

Purpose: We seek to share friendship, love gospel values together, pray for one another and look for appropriate things to do together."



This Mothering Sunday say thank you to your mum, or another special person in your life, by giving them an ethical gift from Mothers' Union. Choose from a range of gifts, priced £7.50 - £101, that help mothers all over the world move from life on the margins right to the heart of their families and communities.

We will send you a standard or seeded Mary Sumner Rose designed Mothering Sunday greetings card representing that gift for you to send to your own mum.

You can also give a gift in memory of a loved one. We can then send you an 'in memory card', or you can ask for their name to be written in our book of remembrance in the Mothers' Union chapel.

For details pick up a leaflet at the back of church or go on - line at www.makeamothersday.org

Rosemary

rosemarykempsell@gmail.com



Sunday 22 March 2020

Make a Mother's Day

Around and About Sanderstead, and beyond





SANDERSTEAD TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Wed 12th February 2020 2.00 - 4.30 p.m. Dr Linda Makepeace -The Galapagos Islands

> All Saints' Church Hall Visitors welcome - £3.00

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

PURLEY CLASSICS FEBRUARY RECITAL The Lakeside Clarinet Quartet

Includes music by Piazzola, Lutoslawski and Alfred Uhl

Hiu Lam Lo, Charlotte Bartley, Clare McEvoy and Julia Raga Pascual formed The Lakeside Clarinet Quartet in 2017. They come from all corners of the globe stretching from Hong Kong to Spain and all the way from Surrey to Kent. As well as playing for concerts and live events they are currently developing a range of workshops for schools and after school clubs.

Wednesday 12th February 2020, 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



MU Mon 10 February 8pm in St. Catherine's Aisle

New Year Reflections

Bring something along... a happy memory, holiday photos, or surprise us.

Gentlemen you may join us if you like.

All are welcome. *Jean Harris*

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 14th February The story of a Lambeth midwife—Part 1 Followed by Ploughman's lunch

Fri 28th February Museum of Brands by Erin Tuckey Followed by soup lunch



Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Team

We are looking for new Volunteers in 2020 to train and support us as Chaplaincy Volunteers.

We are looking for people who can :

- Do ward visiting
- Bring people to our Sunday Service
- Support the office with administration services.

This is a great opportunity to join a dynamic team, bringing God's presence and grace to all those in need of his love.



We are looking for anyone that can spare 1/2 a day to a day once a week to visit on the wards or help with admin in the office, or once a month to bring patients to our Sunday service and take them back afterwards.

Training Dates are 21st, 28th April and 5th May 2020

Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care dept.

Woodcroft Wing 530 London Road Croydon CR7 7YE

To join a fabulous team and to get further information please contact Revd Andy Dovey Lead for Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care with Bereavement Services at

> Croydon University Hospital Telephone 0208 401 3105 Mobile 07557 014739 Email andrew.dovey@nhs.net

Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Training programme for new

Day 1 Tuesday 21st April

09:30 Arrival and Registration

10:00 Welcome to all.

- 10:15 Ice Breaker "Who are you?"
- 10:45 Coffee Break
- 11:00 What is the role of Chaplaincy in a hospital setting
- 12:30 Lunch

13:00 An explanation of the difference with the main faith traditions

14:30 Communication and Listening Skills for a Chaplain16:00 Close and depart day 1.

Day 2 Tuesday 28th April

09:30 Arrival and refreshments 10:00 Providing pastoral care and to whom 11:00 What is Spirituality 12:00 Providing appropriate religious care 13:00 Lunch 13:30 Simulations

16:00 Close and depart day 2.

Day 3 Tuesday 5th May

- 09:30 Arrivals and refreshments
- 10:00 Death and Bereavement
- 11:30 Reflective Practice
- 13:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Chaplaincy Support Network
- 14:30 Formalities of being a Chaplain

Registrations should be completed **by 15th** April.

If you would like to register or have any further queries please contact Andy directly on either 0208 401 3105 or andrew.dovey@nhs.net



Faith in the Second Half

Keswick

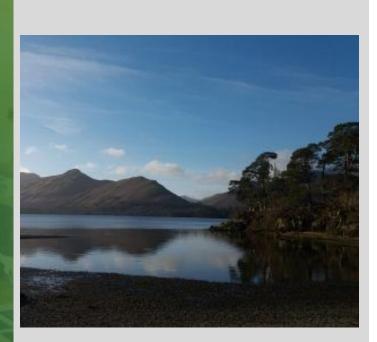
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> Church Members 4th to 7th May 2020

Leaders 5th to 6th May 2020

Bible-based teaching in the heart of the Lake District

> Keswick Ministries The Rawnsley Centre, Keswick



Faith in the Second Half

May 4 2020 | 3:00 pm - May 7 2020 | 1:00 pm

Preparing Christians to deepen their walk with God and serve others.

We want to inspire, equip and empower those in the second half of life to live for Christ.

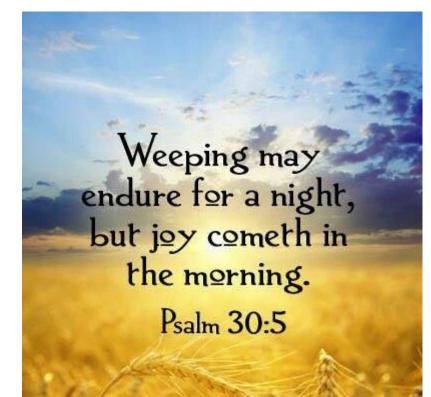
We are also running a church leaders' stream for those involved in leading ministry with older people so they are resourced to inspire, equip and empower those in second half of life, to live for Christ.

Who's it for? For those in second half of life (empty-nesters/soon to retire/retired).

Cost: £65 (accommodation not included)

Who's it with? In partnership with Faith in Later Life: Revd Dr James Robson, Dr Garry Williams, Dr Philip Giddings, Pippa Cramer, Rev. Roger Hitchings, Janet Jacob, Louise Morse, Carl Knightly, Dave Fenton, Debs Fidler

If you have any questions before registering please contact Carolyn at <u>carolyn.south@keswickministries.org</u> or 017687 80075.









Please look at the website for regular Sunday services:

www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
T4U All are welcome (first Monday of the month)	Mon 3 February, 2.30pm	St. Antony's Church
February Midweek Communion All welcome for a short communion service.	Thurs 6 February 12.30pm-1pm	All Saints' Church St. Catherine's Aisle
Coffee Pot Coffee, tea, cakes and company. (Page 20)	Fri 7 February 10am—12pm	All Saints' Church Hall
Family Fun Lots crafts, stories, singing and more. (<i>Page 20</i>)	Sun 9 February 3pm	All Saints' Church Halls
St. Edmund's Celebration Service of its past—and future (<i>Page 8</i>)	Sun 16 February 3pm	St. Edmund's Church
T4U All are welcome (third Monday of the month)	Mon 17 February, 2.30pm	St. Antony's Church
Langley Oaks Holy Communion Short Communion service and some singing.	Tues 18 February 4pm	2 Langley Oaks Ave, CR2 8DH
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REFLECTIONS The depth of God's love seen in the shape of the Cross (page 15)	Sun 23 February 6pm	All Saints' Church
Ash Wednesday Holy Communion services	Wed 26 February, 10am and 8pm	All Saints' Church
Monthly Prayer Meeting All welcome. Come along.	Sat 29 February 9-10am	All Saints' Church, St. Catherine's Aisle

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Parish Sanderstead All Saints' St Antony's St Edmund's Sanderstead Team Ministry