

# All Saints' Church Sanderstead

Sunday 12 July 2020

*Extending God's Welcome to All.  
Committed to Grow – in Discipleship,  
Service and Numbers.*

## Parish Praise



*Welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ!*

*During this pandemic we are continuing to worship together - though not physically in the church building. Our risen Lord Jesus calls us to worship him, and we gladly do so this morning.*

*The theme today is: The Seed and the Sower.*

*Links to songs and hymns are shown in this service sheet. Please do not hesitate to contact Canon Martin Greenfield or Revd Jeremy Groombridge if you would like to learn more about the Christian faith - contact details are on our website:*

<https://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/>

### OPENING HYMN

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4O9kw3cILpg>

#### **O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

[cont.]

See all your sins on Jesus laid:  
The Lamb of God was slain,  
His soul was once an offering made  
For every soul of man.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come,  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honours of Thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**PSALM 119: 105-112**

*(We say this Psalm together, pausing briefly at the end of each first line)*

**Your word is a lantern to my feet ●  
and a light upon my path.**

**I have sworn and will fulfil it, ●  
to keep your righteous judgements.**

**I am troubled above measure; ●  
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.**

**Accept the freewill offering of my mouth, O Lord, ●  
and teach me your judgements.**

**My soul is ever in my hand, ●  
yet I do not forget your law.**

**The wicked have laid a snare for me, ●  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

**Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever; ●  
for they are the very joy of my heart.**

**I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes: ●  
always, even to the end.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever  
Amen.**

<b>PRAYER OF PENITENCE</b>
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May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,  
and your salvation according to your word:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
and a light to my path:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,  
for your law is my delight:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**COLLECT**

*(Special Prayer) for sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**POEM: "The Sower"**

by Victor Marie Hugo

*Sitting in a porchway cool,  
Fades the ruddy sunlight fast,  
Twilight hastens on to rule--  
Working hours are wellnigh past*

*Shadows shoot across the lands;  
But one sower lingers still,  
Old, in rags, he patient stands,--  
Looking on, I feel a thrill.*

*Black and high his silhouette  
Dominates the furrows deep!  
Now to sow the task is set,  
Soon shall come a time to reap.*

*Marches he along the plain,  
To and fro, and scatters wide  
From his hands the precious grain;  
Moody, I, to see him stride.*

*Darkness deepens. Gone the light.  
Now his gestures to mine eyes  
Are august; and strange--his height  
Seems to touch the starry skies.*

**READING: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - A NEW START:**

Introducing Chris Newman, our new Children and Families Pastor

**SERMON:** Revd Canon Martin Greenfield

**DECLARING OUR FAITH:**

*We say together the following*

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

followed by the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are Yours  
now and for ever.  
AMEN**

## CONCLUDING BLESSING

Lord, You are ever among us.

**Open our eyes to Your presence**

May we proclaim Your goodness

**and show forth your glory in our lives**

God, who ever comes to you, draw you to His love, draw you to His light, draw you to Himself; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCBjxVP6GWE>

**LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS, Lord of all joy,**  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-1953)