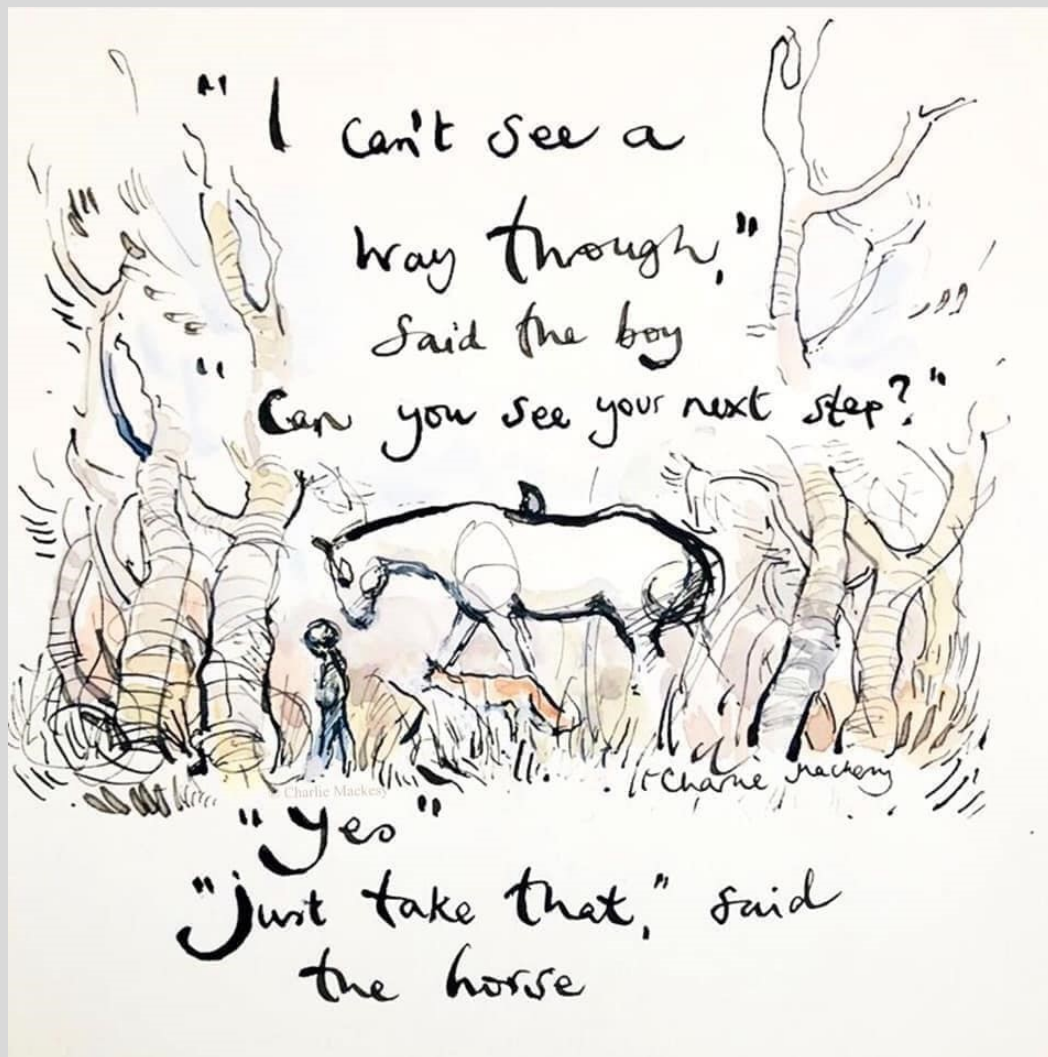


KEEP IN TOUCH

Newsletter No.8

14th July 2020



Charlie Mackesy, artist of the horse and his boy

No immediate return to Church...

Dear friends,

At the Church Council this week there was general consensus not to rush to open the church for public worship in the immediate future. Whilst the C of E has given permission for us to do so when we are ready, the emphasis has been on permission rather than prescription. Few churches in this area will be opening before September. Safety is of paramount importance, and while the virus is still very much present and the risk of infection so serious, we will not jeopardise the health of our community.

We recognise that a small number of our people are very keen to resume services as soon as possible but I must stress three very important points:

Firstly, that we will not simply be picking up where we left off in March. Whatever we do will be limited in accordance with government and national church rules and regulations. So, for example, there will be no singing; any communion will be offered in one form only (bread, no wine), social distancing will be strictly observed and rigorous cleaning protocols will be introduced. This means that the previous pattern and format of services has effectively been suspended indefinitely.

We must also remember that All Saints is committed to making children and families our priority and we will need to reflect this in the future planning of our services. Our new Children and Families Pastor, Chris Newman, will be involved in future service planning.

Secondly, we will not conduct public worship in the church unless and until we are satisfied that it is safe to do so. We must recognise that large numbers of our congregation will remain shielded - they simply do not feel safe to go outside or into a public building. They are telling us in large numbers that, for the time being, our recorded services meet their needs.

A suggestion has been made that we should test the viability of live-streaming a service from the church but to do this effectively we would need a WiFi signal. We may trial that in the next month with a very small invited congregation - perhaps half a

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dozen for Morning Prayer. Depending on the outcome of that trial we may then progress to trialling a live-streamed service for a slightly larger congregation. We need also to know that we have sufficient people with the technical skills to sustain this.

Thirdly, whilst some may be keen to attend a physical church service, many more are not and I want to avoid creating two distinct churches in which some feel a sense of disadvantage and feel neglected. We remain one church and when we gather we do so as the body of Christ in union together with Him and with each other. St Paul wrote, at Ephesians 4:3, *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit... There is one body.* If we were to have a small number meeting physically in the church, others remaining on-line and some not able to do either, that would not be conducive to gathering as a body - which is what church is all about. Whilst recognising that some kind of "virtual" services will probably be with us for quite a while longer, the ideal should be that as many as possible should meet in church - but only when we feel safe to do so. During August, however, we will trial "Sunday morning coffee" by Zoom. More information on this will follow.

In response to this letter, please go to Survey Monkey to answer some simple questions (one person per household) so that we can gauge people's thoughts, and continue to make preparations and plans. The information you give is anonymous...

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JW5MVT2>

Please continue to pass this information on to those who are not on the internet so that everyone is included.

With love and prayers to all,

Martin

Revd. Canon Martin Greenfield

The Diocese of Southwark

On July 3rd the Bishops of Southwark Diocese sent out this letter to the clergy, and asked that it be communicated to congregations. So we are including it here.

Feast of St Thomas the Apostle, 2020

Clergy Well-Being and the Reopening of Church Buildings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are immensely grateful to you all for the efforts that have been made, and the imagination and creativity that have been shown, in sustaining the worshipping life of our parishes. This has taken a great many different forms, and we know that it has been welcomed and valued by congregations, as well as giving glory to God.

Now we are moving into a phase where we can once again, step by step, open our church buildings for worship. This is a cause of rejoicing, but we want to say clearly that whilst some parishes will be ready to re-start public worship in the coming days, we fully realise that for others it will of necessity be a longer journey to reopening. Above all, our commitment is to ensure that our churches re-open as safely as possible.

We are encouraging Clergy to factor in the need to take annual leave and consider directing congregations to online alternatives should they decide to take their leave before reopening for worship. We would encourage Deaneries to work together and co-ordinate the worship that is available both online and in churches over this period. To help with this, the Archdeacons will be making available a series of online sermons which they hope will be a useful resource for parishes during the summer.

In deciding when to reopen churches, Clergy well-being is an important factor as we know that in order to minister to others we have to allow God and his people to minister to us. Let us be not anxious. Ministry is a marathon and not a sprint. Congregations have, during the weeks of lockdown, been loyal and supportive, and with the creativity shown in providing online worship so widely new worshippers have been drawn in. The Church of England is not going away.

We are particularly grateful to Churchwardens and we express thanks and appreciation for all that has been done to sustain parish life and ministry through this time – and we are mindful of the burdens borne by all our Church Officers, not least those whose churches are in vacancy. Please take good care of yourselves as we now look to the next stage of recovery, though our worship will look very different from what we are accustomed to.

We would be very glad if, this Sunday, Wardens could read this letter to congregations through whatever medium you are currently using for worship, if at all possible, and also please circulate it widely.

With thanks for our partnership in the Gospel

The Bishops of the Diocese



Church Finances

Like many other organisations, All Saints has suffered a significant reduction in income during the lockdown, primarily through the loss of hall lettings and from the lack of collections while services have been held online. This is likely to continue for some time.

Although we have taken advantage of some assistance available from the Government, we are likely to face a reduction in income around £50,000 this year. The Finance Group has therefore been asked to accelerate the Pledge 21 campaign which we hope to launch at the end of this month.

In the meantime, as our online services attract a number of views from outside the Parish, we have also updated the home page of our website to include a large blue button which will enable people to make donations by debit or credit card. Feel free to check it out on the website!

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

More details to follow shortly.

The Finance Group



The beautiful clock in our church tower...

The beautiful clock in our church tower stopped last month, and it has been found that the motor has failed.

The cost of a replacement one will be £1,122.96 including VAT. During lockdown we have not benefited from your generosity in the weekly plate giving so I am making an appeal for contributions towards this cost. We would be ever so grateful, as many people look to it for comfort, and it is so sad to see its hands stuck at the 12 position.

Donations can be made by cheque marked 'Clock' on the reverse or electronically by bank transfer to: Sanderstead All Saints PCC, Sort code: 55-70-30 Account no: 34786996 and please confirm by email to: Allsaints.treasurer@sanderstead-parish.org.uk so I know who to thank.

Michael

Hon. Treasurer
Sanderstead All Saints PCC

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit...

Hello Sanderstead!

Warm greetings from the whole Newman family; we are thrilled to be coming to serve your Parish through all of the exciting ministry that God has for us to share.



Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit...



I am Chris and have the pleasure of being your newly appointed Children and Families Pastor, I have been a Christian since 1989 and I have been married to my lovely wife Sam for most of that time. I have a background in business but in 2013 I felt called to study Applied Theology at Moorlands Bible College. For the last five years I have served the six churches of the Ringwood Benefice in Hampshire in a couple of roles, my most recent being Families Minister. I love finding creative ways to serve Jesus and share the Gospel, as the picture of me with my puppets may demonstrate! I also enjoy singing and playing the guitar.

Sam and I have six children and five grandchildren, only our sons Nathan and Stanley and our daughter Lois will be coming with us, they are pictured with us at Disneyland Paris from 2018, some growing has occurred since then, but I love the photo.

We can't wait to get to know you all properly, which may take a while due to social distancing, but we thank you for the love and kindness we have already been shown since my appointment has been made.

Love and blessings,

Chris Newman

Brenda Lloyd, much loved member of St. Edmund's

Brenda Lloyd, who died recently, was a much loved member of St Edmund's congregation and more recently, of All Saints. Brenda had attended St Edmund's for well over thirty years and during that time contributed hugely to the life of the church and the community.

Those of you who knew Brenda will know what a warm, generous, caring woman she was, and how hugely talented in so many ways. Brenda was a very accomplished needle woman and one of her lasting contributions was organising the production of cross stitch kneelers by the congregation for St Edmund's and the design of the kneelers at the communion rail.

Thinking back over the years at St Edmund's – to the autumn fairs when Brenda and her close friend, Olive, ran a wonderful Cake and Produce stall for many years, baking many delicious cakes which sold out so quickly; to the main festivals of the church's year when Brenda would always help to make the church beautiful with wonderful flower arrangements; to all the behind the scenes things which need doing, it is striking how much Brenda was involved in all of them. We have so much to thank her for – and so many good memories of having fun times together.

Above all that though, Brenda worked hard to ensure that St Edmund's was a community church, she loved children and helped set up and run Scallywags, a preschool group, which is still in existence. I know many young mums found Brenda helpful and supportive. Later in life, she took responsibility for St Edmund's lunch club, and her husband Don helped transport lunch club members to St Edmund's. Brenda and Don were a brilliant team, Brenda supporting Don when he was Churchwarden and when he was Treasurer.



Brenda really made the most of life – creating a loving home for her family, contributing generously of her time and enjoying life to the full with Don – going to the theatre, gardening, sewing, being a good friend to many, enjoying her family. She will be very much missed.

In her latter years Brenda suffered from Parkinson's, and her family have asked that donations in her memory should be made via justgiving for research to fund a cure. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Brenda-Lloyd

A memorial service will be held for Brenda when it is possible.

Sue Wragg

St. ANTONY'S CHURCH NEWS

What is happening at St. Antony's? Not a lot! Now that lockdown is easing, I am trying to think of ways to get back in touch with friends and members of the clubs etc that were using our hall.

At the moment, as the Pre-school are in the premises, we are not allowed access! So I thought, let's meet OUTSIDE!

The Women's Group (WSG) have started meeting every other week in the church garden, social distancing. Nick puts chairs and tables out for us which is lovely, and we bring our own packed lunch.

T4U has also started meeting in the church garden every other week — we enjoy chatting together, and so far the weather has been good.

Just a start!

Have a good summer everyone, and keep safe.

Barbara Webster-Dudley

Sculptures created by St. Antony's Caretaker...



Latest sculpture,
made from clay



And these two have been
carved from stone.

Created by Nick Webster

To our faithful All Saints COFFEE POT FRIENDS...

C is for **Communication and Chat and Christ**

O is for **Opportunity**

F is for **Friendship and Faith**

F is for **Fun and laughter when we meet**

E is for **Expectation**

E is for **Empathy**

P is for **People we have not seen for a while**

O is for, **"OH I miss my special cakes!"**

T is for **Trust that things will get better.**

Jill, Maria and Margaret are missing your company and the happy atmosphere that we all try to create. We haven't forgotten you, and as Vera Lynn sang, *"We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, but I am sure we'll meet again some sunny day."*

Jill has taken some lovely photos on her walks which we'd like to share with you, and hope you enjoy seeing them.

The Coffee Pot Team wish you well and we look forward to seeing and serving you once more.

Jill, Maria and Margaret



**Rainbow
Tree at
Selsdon
Bird
Sanctuary**



**LOVE, made from broken
branches on Addington Hills**

The kindness of friends



Anonymous

CONGRATULATIONS
to Jeremy Groombridge
on passing your
MA successfully.



Sharing my surprise present

A parcel delivered a little while ago contained ten splendid sunflowers; an unexpected gift from my eldest grand-daughter who lives in Bristol. Two vases of bright yellow which will give pleasure for quite some time.

One reaction: how much I'd like to be able to share this pleasure! We're all missing time with family and friends to share new presents – big and small. If you're passing by no.8, knock on the window – and enjoy!



Pat Seely

A couple of plaques ...

Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today, will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.

St. Francis de Sales

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see.

George Herbert

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

Compline

The plaque on the left, I had in my kitchen for several years and found helpful. On the back I had written:-

St Francis de Sales 1567-1622
French Roman Catholic Saint
Born in Savoy
Became Bishop of Geneva 1602

Shared by Sally Nicolas

The Diocese of Southwark

The Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Committee (MEACC)

This **Saturday, 18th July**, there will be a Zoom meeting of the Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Committee (MEACC).

The role of MEACC is to ensure that equality of opportunity is fully reflected in and forms an integral part of all structures and processes within Southwark Diocese and that the concerns of minority ethnic Anglicans are addressed and acted upon.

If you are interested, go to:

<https://southwark.anglican.org/help/minority-ethnic-anglican-concerns>.

CORONAVIRUS POEM Written by my friend, **Gael**

What is happening to all of us here?
Filled with anxiety and moments of fear
With illness unknown and germs running free
We quaver with questions and no answers we see.
We talk to each other two metres apart
And look all around with a quivering heart.
Spring flowers are growing, and colour abounds,
And birds and small creatures are heard by their sounds.
We cannot stand and look at Nature,
Or forage in the ground for creatures,
We look through doors with limited view
To see how far we can reach to you,
But positive thoughts we must obey,
And answer the questions why we must stay,
To work out in our minds that the rules are there
To give us time to stand and stare!

This poem is written by a friend, who is going through a considerable difficult time, and suffering with the onslaught of Vascular Dementia. She wrote this poem for her MaCarthy & Stone Home, but she is honoured to share it with us.

Shared by Margaret Quiney

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[From the Church of England website]

Dear All,

FOOD LIST - JULY 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 14 priority items:

- Tins of Cooked Meat - e.g. Chicken
- Tinned Ready Meat Meals
- Tinned Fruit
- Custard - Packets of Instant
- Tins of Rice Pudding
- Jars of Jam and Honey
- Children's chocolate treats
- Potatoes - Tinned and Packet
- Bottles of squash and cartons of long life fruit juice
- Shower Gel
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Rolls

Please consider sending the food list on to family, friends and others you know who might be able, safely, to bring donations on **Wednesday and Saturday mornings, 10.00am-12.00noon, at Purley United Reformed Church** next to Purley Hospital - to the door at the end of the roadway along the left side of the church building.

CAP

And finally, CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Croydon South is offering free CAP Money online courses, run by volunteers from the local churches, to anyone impacted by coronavirus and concerned about money who wishes to budget better (flyer attached). If you know someone who would be interested, please ask them to email capcroydonsouth@gmail.com with their mobile number, then one of the CAP Money coaches will call them and book them on to a course.

CAP Money Course

A free course to help with managing your money.

Our Money Coaches are planning free online courses over 3 sessions plus 1:1 support.

If interested please contact capcroydonsouth@gmail.com



budget. save. spend

With our ever-grateful thanks and best wishes as always,
Steve

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Mission & Ministry Newsletter

July 2020: Part 1

As we begin to think about opening our churches, I would like to pose this question: How are you and your church leaders listening to young people as we come out of lockdown? Rather than churches making decisions on their behalf, I encourage you to be asking young people questions about how they see things and what they would feel comfortable with, moving forward. So do check in with your young people. Check out the 'Highlights' section for more on emerging from lockdown. All of our resources for this time can be found on our website.... <https://southwark.anglican.org/cypmm/faith-at-home/>



Thank you for all you do to **walk, welcome** and **grow** your mission and ministry amongst children and young people.

Keli

Clerk to the Governors, Archbishop Tenison's School Required from September 2020

There is a vacancy for the Clerk of Governors at Archbishop Tenison's School.

The last few clerks have been from local churches and it is always great to have someone who is very much aligned with the Christian ethos of the school.

The post is ideal for someone who is looking for some part time work with a fair amount of it (apart from the meetings themselves) flexible to fit around their own availability.

The post is advertised on the school website at <https://www.archten.croydon.sch.uk/vacancies> and I have attached the advert.

Many thanks

Richard Mash (Chair of Governors)

Email: richard@mashes.co.uk

**Deadline for applications is 10am on
Friday 4th September 2020**

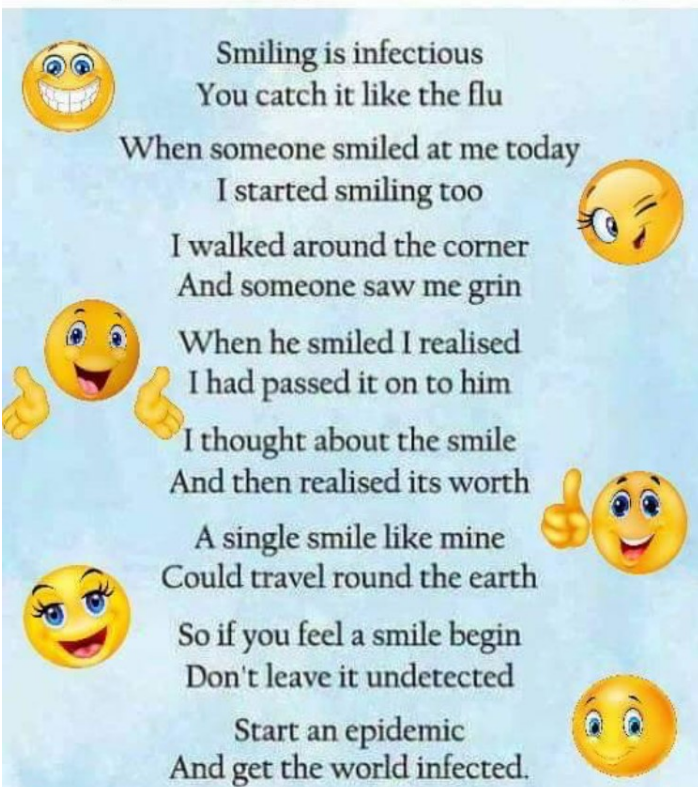


Caption Competition

This is Winnie and Mabel Groombridge. They have been misbehaving and were being shouted at.

Send your captions to admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk by 1st August PRIZE: flowers or chocolate (you choose)

What a great poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling



Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too
I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him
I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth
So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.

I need one of those long hugs where you kinda forget whatever else is happening around you for a minute.



Shared by Sheila Wilkie

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit...

**Dear Lord,
Please don't let Brussel Sprouts
be a part of the cure of Covid-19 Virus.**



**Swimming Pools will reopen on
the 4th July. Due to continuing
Social Distancing rules, there will
be no water in lanes
1,3 and 5**

Shared by Sheila Wilkie



Shared by Sheila Wilkie



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Please go to our website for all church services and updates...

www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Although the church building is closed for Sunday Worship, the Church of Jesus Christ is very much alive.

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***Martin Greenfield, Rector
Sanderstead Parish***

From me to you...

As and when you can, continue to send your articles, news, thoughts, to: admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Keep In Touch newsletters will be published periodically, when we have enough material.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Rosanne Morris

Rector's Admin Assistant
Tel: 020 8657 0665

