

# KEEP IN TOUCH

# Newsletter No.9

17th August 2020



Charlie Mackesy, artist of The Horse and His Boy

## First Day Back

Dear friends,

As you will know, we've decided to hold two trial services on 23rd and 30th August, both at 9.30am, in All Saints' Church. So, the 23rd will be a historic day, our 'first day back' after over five months of a kind of exile.

I am sure that this first physical meeting together of All Saints Church since March will be significant.

Because of COVID, it will have to be very different from the way things have been previously. I have worked with the Churchwardens to put in place all the necessary practical arrangements. Signs will indicate seating and enable 2 metre social distancing; face coverings will be worn; the service will be a said Common Worship, bread-only, communion, with no singing; stringent hygiene procedures will be in place to keep everyone safe.

We realise that quite a number of you will stay at home to protect yourselves and your household. Services will continue to be recorded and put online. We are doing all we can to ensure that we remain a united church where everyone is remembered and included.

As I look forward to the 23rd, a number of things are particularly important.

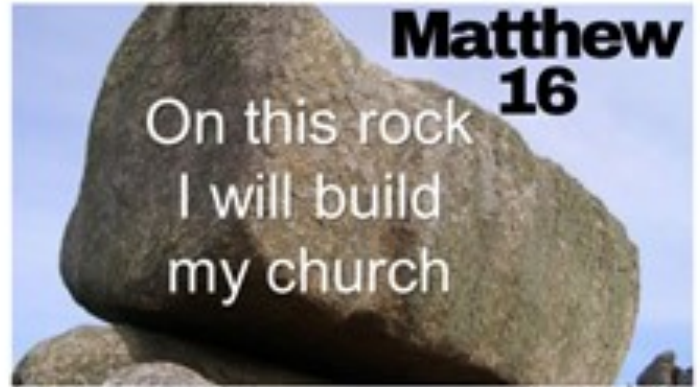
Firstly, we meet together to encourage one another as disciples of Jesus Christ. Hebrews 10:25 says, "Let us not give meeting together... but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day of the Lord getting nearer". Our meeting together has a purpose: that we build one another up in the faith. God strengthens us when we devote ourselves to worshipping together.

**And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.**



*"Let us encourage one another"*

Secondly, we meet to pray together. We are the church of Jesus Christ, who said, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). It will be very special to say the words of the Lord's Prayer together in the same place. God is OUR Father; together we worship and hallow his name; we ask that his will be done, and we pray that his kingdom will come.



Thirdly, we meet to listen to the Lord. The COVID pandemic has put a stop to so much of our own human agenda. We must not assume that church life will be the same as before, for it won't be. Therefore it will be important for us to listen together to God, asking for his guidance and inspiration. Our overall mission will not change – Extending God's Welcome to All – but we need to know how we go about it.

Let's be in prayer together as we face the future as the church of Jesus.

With kind regards

***Martin***

*Revd. Canon Martin Greenfield*



# **Formal Business coming up!**

## **All Saints Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

You may recall that in the dim and distant days before lockdown, we planned to hold the All Saints AGM on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April followed by the APCM on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The latter must be held between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> May each year, according to the Church Representation Rules.

In view of the exceptional circumstances this year, Churches have been allowed to delay the APCM but it must be held by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. To fit in with the Diocesan timetable, our meetings will now be held as follows:

- 8.00pm Wed 16<sup>th</sup> September: All Saints Annual General Meeting
- 8.00pm Tues 6<sup>th</sup> October: Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The plan at present is to hold both meetings online given the limitations on large gatherings. The relevant notices will be displayed at the three Churches. Please put the dates in your diaries.

### DCC / PCC representatives

The situation is complicated this year by the restructuring of the Parish, which may or may not be completed by 6<sup>th</sup> October. Once the restructuring has been completed, the new PCC will have 10 elected members. Thus the 4 All Saints' representatives for the existing PCC and 6 members of the All Saints DCC will all "morph" into members of the new PCC. At this point the three existing DCCs will disappear.

The terms of office of 1 PCC member and 4 DCC members will come to an end, so we shall be looking for several nominations. Some existing members might be prepared to stand again.

### Deanery Synod

The terms of office of all 5 Deanery Synod representatives are also coming to an end so we shall have 5 vacancies to fill. Again, some existing members might be willing to continue in office.

### Churchwardens

Churchwardens are elected annually and Lynne Davison will be not be standing again. Anyone interested should complete a nomination form and return it to the Parish Office or to Martin or Jeremy.

## Electoral Roll

We are also required to update the Electoral Roll and the appropriate notices are being displayed. Anyone wishing to be added to the Electoral Roll, should submit an application form either to the Parish Office or to Sue Chillman (1 Southcote Road, Sanderstead, CR2 0EQ) or electronically to [Parish.Office@sanderstead-parish.org.uk](mailto:Parish.Office@sanderstead-parish.org.uk) or to [SueChillman@hotmail.com](mailto:SueChillman@hotmail.com) between Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. The Revised Electoral Roll will go on display for two weeks from 9<sup>th</sup> September. Members of St Antony's and St Edmund's do not need to do anything as they are regarded as part of the combined Roll.

## Parish Directory

We shall also take this opportunity to update the Parish Directory. If you are not currently listed in the Parish Directory and would like to share your contact details with other members of the All Saints' congregation and receive their contact details in exchange, then please complete the relevant form, which is available from the Parish Office and return it to the Parish Office or to Sue Chillman as outlined above.

Note that the Parish Directory is quite separate from the Electoral Roll and you can join the Electoral Roll without being on the Parish Directory. The Parish Directory is only shared in hard copy format.

***Dick Hibberd***, DCC Secretary

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*"Let us encourage one another"*

# 16th Purley (7th Sanderstead All Saints) Scout Group Virtual Camp, 24-26 July



**Jeremy going to the moon to do a reflection at our opening camp fire...**

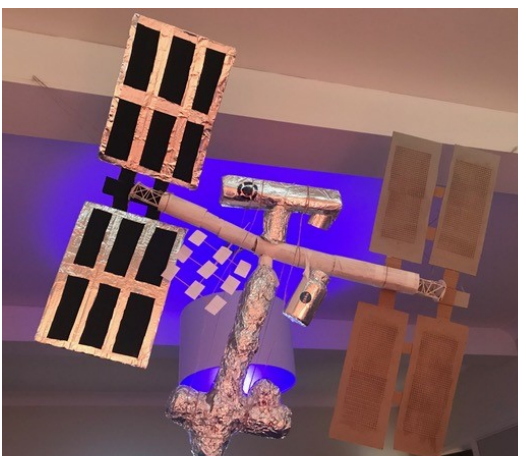
Following on from last time I wrote, we've been carrying on with our programme online, enjoying activities and each other's company, albeit remotely, while making cautious and careful plans for some outdoor activities in the autumn term. The end of July traditionally sees us at Summer Camp, but this year 'plan B' was put into action and we have just enjoyed four days of 'virtual camp' at home, with the theme of 'Explorers'.

Shared activities have included learning to make mug cakes and flapjacks, cooking for our families, entertaining each other at 'campfire', virtual escape rooms, quizzes, 'who done it?' mysteries, building a space station (each Scout making one component to be added together), and of course sleeping in a living room den or a tent in the garden. We even had a visit from Jeremy while he was on a quick trip to the moon.

Best wishes,

**Kate**

Group Scout Leader



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## Update from Pastor Patrick in Kenya

I am pleased to report that Patrick and the girls are being kept safe but he says:

"In Kenya things are very difficult. Mainly, not because of the direct effects of Covid-19, but because of the indirect effects. The loss of income for millions has brought hunger and starvation to very many families. We are thankful to all those who have continued to support us to ensure our girls are well taken care of and do not go hungry.

Some of the girls went to live with their relatives during the pandemic and we were left with 32 girls. In a way it helped as some parents who did not want to see their girls because they refused to get married, now wanted them home because they assumed the Corona disease is in town and they don't want them to die. This situation enabled us to reconcile 28 girls in one go. We have been monitoring all of them to ensure they are not married off during their stay at home and so far, things are OK.

The only problem now is pregnancies. Kenya is recording the highest level of teenage pregnancy ever. The latest reports show that over 100,000 girls will not return when schools open in September due to teenage pregnancies. We have trained our girls to take care of themselves and we are hoping that they will all return. One major problem in Kenya is lack of birth control products in the rural villages because villagers view them as immoral. This means most girls end up engaging in unprotected sex which is one reason HIV cases are high."

For the girls who remain at the safe home, they have been trained in new skills, making carpets and school uniforms. Patrick has set up a small workshop and they are hoping to produce enough school uniforms to open the business by November this year. They have already rented a room and a store which will become the shop within the town.



However, the main problem is seed capital. With this, it is possible that the project could break even by 2022. At the moment they need roughly £9,000 to cover the cost of the material for the uniforms. But including the cost of salaries and the cost of other items they plan to sell - mattresses, shoes, socks - they need to raise another £10,000.



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Patrick says that even a small gift would be appreciated. It costs £4 to produce a pair of shorts or a shirt for a primary school child and £6 for a pair of high school trousers and shirt or a skirt and blouse.

If you feel able to make a gift, please contact Gill Martin on [gillmartin0@gmail.com](mailto:gillmartin0@gmail.com)

**Gill Martin**



In association with



Croydon Refugee Day Centre is a friendly, safe meeting place offering practical assistance to all asylum seekers and refugees.

## Food donations

- tinned tuna
- tinned tomatoes
- tinned fruit

## Clothes donations

- for children: boys' underpants, all ages (new) girls' knickers, all ages (new)
- women's underwear, sizes 10 – 14 (new)
- Trainers

## Baby donations

- Size 1 nappies

## Volunteers

- to help with English Class crèche on a Wednesday morning

Thank you for your help and support.

Posted on: June 26, 2019

Please bring any donations to the All Saints Parish Office (check our website for opening hours).  
Or make contact directly as follows:

[Registered Charity Number No. 1064465]  
West Croydon Baptist Church, Corner of Whitehorse Road & St. James Rd, Croydon  
CR0 2JH, Church Tel No. 020 8689 4527, Mobile: 07796 975886

Dear All,

## FOOD LIST - AUGUST 2020



July's **3,735 meals** for **415 hard-pressed clients and family members** was the sixth highest monthly total since the Food Hub started in 2013. Though less than in the previous four months of the pandemic, it took the overall total for the first seven months of 2020 to **close to 30,000 meals**, just under 600 less than for the whole of 2019.

Once again we warmly thank each and every one of our friends and supporters from the churches, local community, shops and businesses (such as **Yodel** in Mitcham) and very many individuals and families for your continued donations of food and money during this time.

Just this week the head teacher of **Reedham Park School** brought a donation of £200 in coins and notes from the children who had generously voted for their most recent fund raising to come to the Food Hub. (Sadly for the children and staff the school has now closed because of falling pupil numbers and the uncertainties caused by coronavirus.)

Please see attached our **August Food List** with the items we need most this month, including:

● **small 500g bags of sugar** ● **tinned & packet custard** ● **tinned carrots & sweetcorn** ● **tinned & packet potatoes** ● **tins of chicken** ● **jars of peanut butter & meat/fish paste** ● **bottles of squash & cartons of long life fruit juice** ● **tinned fruit** ● **chickpeas & kidney beans** ● **long life whole milk** ● **shampoo** ● **unisex deodorant**.

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

We usually update the food list during each month as new needs arise and then re-post it on the Food Hub's website at [www.purleyfoodhub.net](http://www.purleyfoodhub.net), together with other news and information. In addition, regular updates are posted on **Facebook and Twitter**, and it is always appreciated if you can re-post/re-tweet these to others.

**And finally**, speaking of the **website**, we are currently looking for someone with the skills to make the site more modern and more user friendly, perhaps using Wordpress (at present it is in Joomla). If you or someone you know may be able to help, please do contact me on [steve.purleyfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:steve.purleyfoodhub@gmail.com). Thank you!

With our best wishes and sincere thanks for keeping the Food Hub and clients in your thoughts and prayers and praising God for His mighty provision and blessings.

**Steve**

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# Mission & Ministry Newsletter

## WEB UPDATES

Resources added to the website early August, can be found here [ <https://southwark.anglican.org/cypmm/faith-at-home> ]



**Getting online**

**Emerging from Lockdown**

**Young People**

**Tackling Racism**

**Training**

**Parenting**

**CYP Research**

**Wellbeing, Anxiety, Mental Health & Trauma**

### **Bishop Karowei on Zoom**

If you haven't heard Bishop Karowei and his wife, Mosun, talk about their ministerial journey, you have definitely missed out! Though there is so much more, you can listen here to a snapshot, which is powerful and inspiring.... [https://www.facebook.com/DioLondonCYW/videos/936926436807630/?mc\\_cid=bc3cf3ef84&mc\\_eid=be69ff0549](https://www.facebook.com/DioLondonCYW/videos/936926436807630/?mc_cid=bc3cf3ef84&mc_eid=be69ff0549)

### **Trailing Clouds of Glory 1: Nurturing the spirituality of children**

*Hosted by Ronni Lamont with guest speakers. £15 or £20 to do both courses.*

*Weds evenings: 23 Sept, 30 Sept, 7 Oct, 14 Oct, 21 Oct*

This 5 evening course equips parents and those who work with children or make worship decisions in church leadership to understand, respect and facilitate the spirituality of the young and very young. Sessions include an introduction to children's spirituality, spiritual styles, faith development, additional needs, generational theory and worship. You can continue onto the follow up course: Trailing Clouds of Glory 2 for a reduced price.

### **Trailing Clouds of Glory 2: Nurturing the spirituality of children**

*Hosted by Ronni Lamont. £10 or £20 to do both courses.*

*Weds evenings: 11 Nov, 18 Nov, 25 Nov, 2 Dec*

This 4 evening course is the next stage from course 1. Participants from previous year's course 1 along with those who complete course 1 this year are encouraged to join this one. Sessions include an introduction to faith development (going deeper), growing faith, connecting with the unchurched (including toddler groups) and play, story and spirituality.

**Keli**

*"Let us encourage one another"*

**17 August 1970 - 2020**

**Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary  
to Richard and Judith Shone!**



**Congratulations!! Jolly well done!!**



**Sending much love to you both, from all of us.**

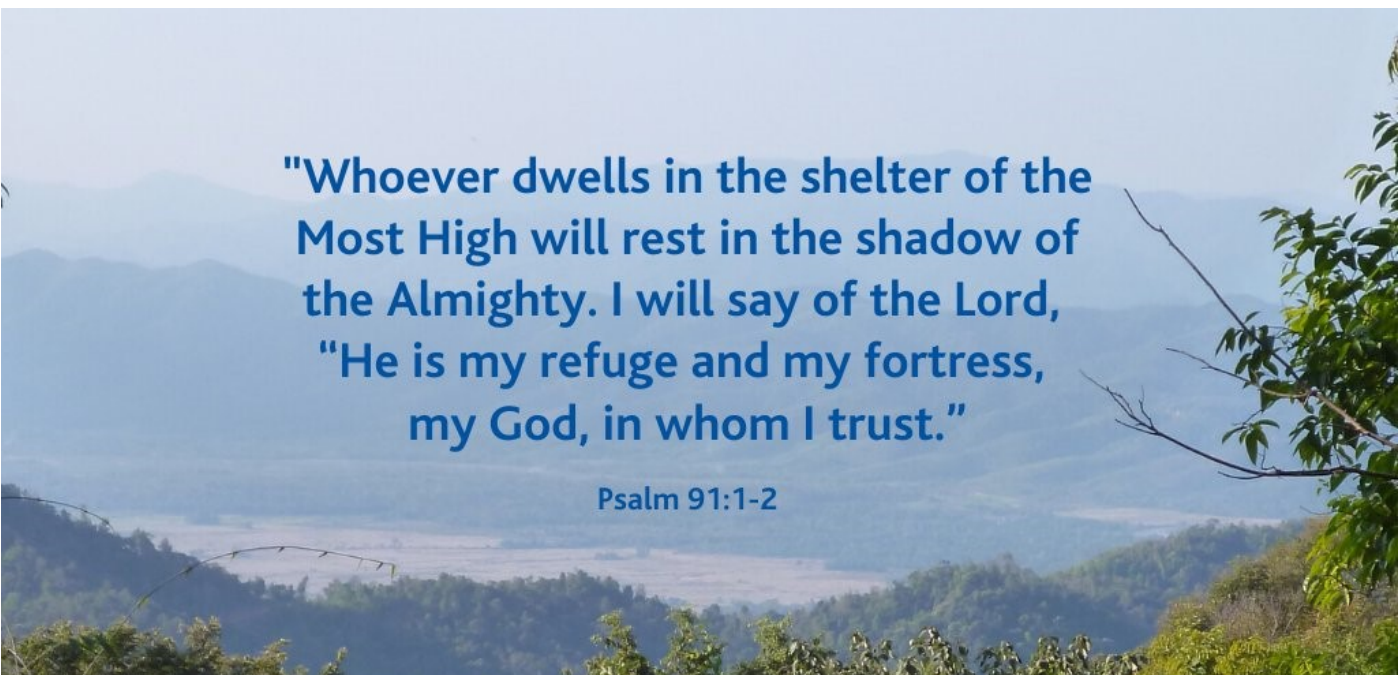
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## **PIED BEAUTY**

Glory be to God for dappled things –  
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;  
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;  
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;  
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;  
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;  
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)  
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;  
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:  
Praise him.

*Gerard Manley Hopkins: Poems and Prose*



**"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the  
Most High will rest in the shadow of  
the Almighty. I will say of the Lord,  
"He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."**

Psalm 91:1-2

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## Winner of the Caption competition

Thank you to everyone who took part; it was fun receiving all the entries. Congratulations to David Chillman.



"Let us encourage one another"



**Shared by Sheila Wilkie**

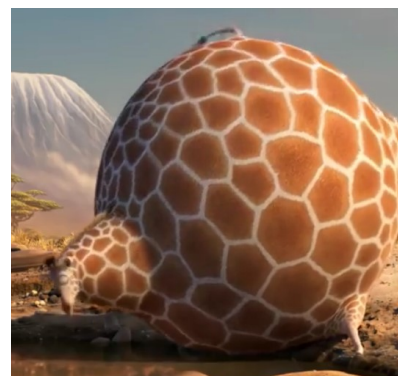


**Shared by Fiona, Lynne's daughter**



**Shared by Sheila Wilkie**

LIFE AFTER QUARANTINE



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

[www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk](http://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk)

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

**Website:**

[www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk](http://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk)

**Phone:**

020 8657 1366

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[rector@sanderstead-parish.org.uk](mailto:rector@sanderstead-parish.org.uk)



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

***Leave home in the sunshine;***

Dance through a meadow— or sit by a stream and just  
Be.

The lilt of the water will gather your worries  
And carry them down to the sea.

*Donald Waters*

***From me to you...***

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