

KEEP IN TOUCH Newsletter

November 2020

*“Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.*



*Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.”*

Psalm 90:1,2

Rev Jeremy Groombridge writes,

So the long, dark evenings are with us again and perhaps we feel low as we look ahead to the next few months with a degree of trepidation. It's understandable, and certainly a feeling expressed by the Psalmist, in Psalm 42, when he uttered: "Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?"

Externally, circumstances were negative and oppressing. He himself is depressed and full of turmoil. He feels forgotten. He looks back on good times, when he enjoyed worshipping God with others, and longs for a return to the days when he could join the people in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise.

Sounds familiar? It certainly resonates with our present situation, doesn't it! But read on, for this is how he continues: "For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..." Remember, this Psalm would have been used in public worship, and sung. It is entitled a *Maskil* which means there's an element of instruction and wisdom about it. You see, the Psalmist has an important message to convey - he is refusing to surrender to discouragement and despair. Rather, despite his struggle, he is keeping true to hope in God and allowing God to shape his emotions, affirming God's sovereign love throughout everything that he is experiencing.



This week, Sandra and I paid another visit to the RHS garden at Wisley. We happened to visit on one of the sunny autumn days, and were overwhelmed by the sheer beauty of the trees and shrubs in all their autumn glory. What better affirmation could there be of the great faithfulness of our God, in whom there is no shadow of turning, and to whom the seasons "join with all nature in manifold witness, to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love."

We've enjoyed a wonderful autumn so far, haven't we! Our harvest was especially colourful this year, and I was especially blessed when a friend of ours wrote a lovely, evocative poem to sum up the wonder of our God who maintains all the intricate balances and cycles of nature and bestows so many wonderful gifts upon us. I have included it in this Newsletter, because it seems good to share it (courtesy of Kevin Tarrant).



"For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..."

During these difficult days, let's continue to look after one another, serve our local community, and give honour and glory to God in everything we do and say!



Jeremy

Harvest's Miracle

A little black packet, hard and dry, apparently dead,
Needing the right conditions for the show to go ahead,
Creation's incredible storehouse of clever tricks,
Hidden in the earth with her heavenly scripts.
She's required to warm up before her grand opening,
Together with a good drink of water helps the focusing.
Having taken her fill, and completely satisfied,
Her cells swollen and enzymes put on override,
It is goodbye to the pre-performance suspense,
Countdown to germination, it can now commence.

With everything ready, God crafts her roots to sprout,
Always downwards the clever little things breakout,
Searching out water to facilitate the next act,
Which is to support the shoot to make its tract.
The shoot will always head straight to the surface,
With one aim to commence the terrestrial circus.
Once out into the lights, a visible show begins,
She grows fast and sprouts leaves like multiple limbs,
Her leaves are filled with chlorophyll to supply power,
Her growth continues and is crowned with a flower.

On the show goes with repeated flowers on display,
And eventually a bush, laden with a fruit buffet.
So from a tiny unassuming seed's opening scene,
God's production of bounty fit for the canteen.
The final act is rather clever, God covers everything,
Inside the discarded fruit, seeds are developing,
And so next year's crop is divinely planned ahead,
Our maker will ensure we have our table spread.
Let us acknowledge his amazing workmanship,
With heartfelt gratitude and our sincere worship.

Kevin Tarrant, October 2020

Norman Caskey RIP

It is with great shock and sadness that we have to let you know that Norman Caskey passed away early Tuesday morning, 27th October. His funeral will be held on Wednesday 18th November at 12 noon in All Saints Church to be followed by committal at Croydon Crematorium. Attendance is strictly limited by Government rules, and spaces will be kept first of all for the immediate family. Call the Parish Office nearer the time if you would like to attend.

Martin

Croydon Churches Floating shelter

The Croydon Churches floating shelter will not be providing the normal 14 beds accommodation for rough sleepers from the 1st of November till the end of March 2021.

This is because of Covid-19. The government has said it is not safe for individuals to stay in dormitory style accommodation.

It is with great sadness that we can not provide a night shelter this winter as we have provided one every year since 2004. Our first duty is the Safety of our guests and volunteers

CCFS are exploring other ways to support rough sleepers.

Best wishes,

John Broom (*Chair Croydon churches floating shelter*)

Operating Safely at All Saints

As one of our first tasks as your new churchwardens, Sue and I are reviewing the latest guidelines both from the Government and the Church of England on how we can safely operate under the latest rules issued.

Lynne Davison and her team have done a great job thus far, but the rules have been updated again recently especially as we are now in the high risk tier. We will be reviewing all the relevant guidance and updating the Risk Assessment with any recommendations in order that we can continue to reduce the risk to all of us as we meet for our services.

With best wishes to all,

Mike Fixter
Sue Thomas

Churchwardens

Children's Society Christmas Cards

This year, as it's not possible for us to have a stall selling cards in church, we have instead brochures of the cards available. Both Sue Chillman and Jean Kelly would be happy to give you a brochure. Any cards ordered can be delivered to your home if needed.

In common with other charities, money raised from fundraising this year has seen a significant drop and sadly many disadvantaged children have suffered disproportionately because of the pandemic putting increased demands on the Children's Society so any purchase you make will be much appreciated.

Please phone either Sue on 020 8657 7397 or Jean on 020 8657 2147 if you would like a brochure.

Many thanks,
Sue and Jean



Christmas
Cards

The
Children's
Society

Stewardship Envelopes for 20-21

Because of the issues with Covid and church services these will be delivered to home addresses during November. They will not be left at the back of church for collection.

Thanks,
David Courtney

A note from Lynne...

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for the wonderful words of thanks that have been written and expressed verbally to me at the end of my term of office as Church Warden. It is all very uplifting. Thank you also for the gifts I received from All Saints I shall be spending the voucher shortly and have in mind buying a crystal vase which will be a constant reminder of my four and half years as your Church Warden.

I really enjoyed being your Church Warden and am grateful for all the help I received from yourselves. I am sure you will give Mike and Sue, our new Church Wardens, the same help and assistance.

With Love to you all,
Lynne



"For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..."

Slow-growing fruit. Take the long view...

From Andrew and Maria, a Mission Partner couple with Church Mission Society, working in Argentina. They are seeking justice and land rights for indigenous peoples, and settling of environmental conflicts.

They write:

For those whose missional calling is to Bible Translation and environmental advocacy and action, results only become clear over long periods of time. If we just look at what we have done recently, especially bearing in mind recent travel restrictions, it would be easy to despair. We get the sense we are doing nothing. Yet, looking back over 30 years of service it is abundantly clear that the fruits of our service, combined with that of many other people and organisations, tend to come over the long haul.

For example, some time ago we spent 4 years in Honduras. Our mission was to establish and develop a programme that would enable indigenous communities to secure legal rights to their ancestral lands and forests. We did what we could, but no land titles had been acquired by the time we left. Unbeknown to us, and some 23 years later, those claims we helped start resulted in the Honduran state ceding communal land titles to more than 10,000 square kilometres of jungle-covered territory in the region of La Moskitia. Some of our work even contributed to the creation of the Patuca National Park (3,700 sq kms), something we did not consider even in our wildest dreams at the time!

A similar pattern has just occurred in Argentina. A struggle for indigenous land rights is only now yielding results after more than 50 years. This process, which began with initial land surveys conducted by Bishop Pat Harris and Kevin Bewley and was often led by Anglican missionaries, has just recently yielded a high-profile ruling by the inter-American Court of Human Rights. This puts significant pressure on the Argentine state to provide not only land titles but also ensure the ecological restitution of forests degraded by cattle and illegal lumber extraction.

Bible Translation is another of those tasks that requires a commitment to the long-term. My grandfather started to translate portions of the Bible into Toba back in the late 1930s. Here again these efforts, with support from missionary organisations, have yielded significant fruit only after decades of effort. The New Testament has been translated into Toba and Chorote, and the whole Bible into Wichi. Interestingly the work around these tasks, which in the case of the Toba translation of the Old Testament is still ongoing, has also served to strengthen the recognition of indigenous languages and cultural identity within national society.

So, as we pray and seek God's kingdom, let us continue to do the little we can; for we know that if we do it for Christ, everything counts.



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

St Paul wrote, at Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

Martin

"For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..."

The Gospel Online

Dear friends in Sanderstead,

We continue to live in very difficult, challenging times; none of us is completely sure what lies ahead. So I do hope and pray that you all are able to hold on to faith in God, and find encouragement in conversations with friends and family, in personal bible reading and in prayer. The words of the well-known chorus are true: ***He's got the whole world in his hands.*** He really does. I am grateful to you all for supporting one another through phone calls and in other practical ways. Please do let me or Sandra Groombridge know if we can provide further support. Thank you.

Because of the COVID crisis, All Saints has been providing a lot of worship resources online, via the internet. We are now using technology far more than ever before, and are planning to extend what we offer. We are currently working on having wi-fi installed in the Church so we can 'live-stream' to worship services in church, to those who are staying at home. Many thanks to Tony Robinson and all on the tech team.

On the subject of the gospel online, I commend this article about Rev Chris Lee, the 'viral vicar of Instagram', as it shows how the gospel of Jesus is being communicated to a wider audience in a medium that connects with people of little or no Christian background.

<https://www.missionsweek.org.uk/the-viral-vicar-of-instagram>

Since COVID, there has been an increased interest in the UK in exploring spirituality and faith. The church is moving into the digital age in order to help our nation to connect with God. There are so many ways to share the life and love of God with others.

Thank you for your prayers. Let's continue to pray for one another and for the people of Sanderstead, particularly for our schools, businesses and neighbourhood groups.

With best wishes,

Martin

Please do let us know if we can provide further support:

020 8657 1366 [Rev Canon Martin Greenfield]

020 8668 7795 [Sandra Groombridge, Pastoral Assistant]

Happy 80th birthday, Marc Smith!

Born 3 October 1940



Sending you greetings and love from all of us.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you still feel unable to come to 'socially distanced church' on a Sunday at 09.30 am, the Services are now being recorded 'Live' for you to watch from the comfort of your home – sadly only if you have internet connection either at home, or on a mobile phone or tablet device (iPad or similar).

If you have internet you can watch on a mobile phone, tablet device or even on your TV. You will need a 'Smart TV' but it's an experience worth a try!

You can find the recorded Service generally by late afternoon on a Sunday on www.youtube.com on the Sanderstead Parish Channel; or via the link on the Sanderstead Parish website www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk; select Worship from the drop down menu, then Video Services and then 'read more'.

If you don't have internet, BUT you do have a DVD Player at home – then let me or Rosanne know if you would like a DVD version of the Service and I will see what I can do. [I haven't ever recorded to DVD, so no promises, but prepared to give it a go!]

TONY ROBINSON

"For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..."

Reedham Children's Trust- Croydon's oldest Children's charity

"A good education is a fortune a child can never spend"

Reverend Andrew Reed.

Reedham Children's Trust exists to promote the wellbeing and educational advancement of vulnerable children and young people in our society. Founded in 1844 by the Reverend Dr Andrew Reed, one of the great Victorian philanthropists, the Asylum for Fatherless Children opened in temporary accommodation in Richmond until the construction of The Reedham Orphanage near Purley was finished in 1858. In 1950 the orphanage became a school and continued until its closure in January 1980. The building was demolished, and the land sold to fund what is now the Reedham Children's Trust; today the office of the Trust is actually housed in the original entrance lodge to the orphanage.

To this day we aim to be as inclusive and innovative as our founder. Through long and short-term interventions we provide practical and motivational support in schools and communities, reducing the obstacles faced by vulnerable children and young people to enable them to gain the education, stability, resilience, skills and self-belief to fulfil their potential.

Our primary focus is within the London Borough of Croydon.

Our long-term project 'Achieving More' provides targeted early-intervention support to disadvantaged children and young people aged 4-16 and their families across Croydon, to address their risk of failing to access or progress in education. We work in partnership with schools to identify the pupils and families who would benefit the most from our high level of intensive support.

We support children like Kelly. Kelly was tired and distant in class. Upon visiting Mum at home, it became apparent why. For the last two years Kelly and her Mum had been sharing a single room in a shared property. There were issues with the heating and in the winter the room had become cold and damp. Mum said that the damp and cramped conditions had caused both her and Kelly to become ill. Their living conditions were impacting all parts of their lives, their physical and mental health, Kelly's education, her ability to make friends and mum's work. We are now working with Kelly and her Mum to find a suitable home and support Kelly in her studies at school.

We also provide places in modern nurturing boarding schools, when it is not feasible for the child to stay and study at home.

On a short-term basis, we offer a range of tutoring, mentoring and revision-based support.

This Christmas, Reedham Children's Trust will continue their annual Toy and Food (voucher) drive. You can support by donating a present at Centrale or Whitgift shopping centres - or you can donate directly. Text: Reedham £10 (or other £ value) to 70085, send a cheque to 23 Old Lodge Lane, Purley, Surrey, CR8 4DJ or to donate online - and for more information - please visit www.reedhamchildrenstrust.org.uk/christmas2020

Jessica Ritchie at Reedham

Sponsored by Jeremy Groombridge

A letter to the Parishes from Christopher, Bishop of Southwark



The Diocese of
Southwark

Dear Colleagues,

27 October 2020

I am delighted to be able to share some good news with you. The Archbishops' Council has awarded the Diocese of Southwark a £600,000 sustainability funding grant to help us with the consequences of COVID. We are very grateful to the Archbishops' Council for this grant especially as it is given to us partly in recognition of the fact that our Diocesan finances are effectively managed. It also takes into account that, as we are a more recently founded Diocese, we have fewer historical resources compared to many other Dioceses. The Archbishops' Council, therefore, recognised that we did not in consequence have the same options to generate funds when COVID-19 struck.

Although we have been affected by reduced investment and fee income and faced restrictions on property rentals our parishes have been magnificent in the way that they have honoured their PSF pledges throughout the current year and this is what has impressed the Church Commissioners. **I wish, therefore, to send my personal thanks and appreciation to all our parishes in acknowledgment of the way you have held faith with the wider Diocesan family and worked so hard to maintain regular PSF payments even when experiencing financial difficulties. I know that the cessation of hall hire income has had a significant impact on parish income as well as the reductions in giving from parishioners when they were furloughed or without income.**

Since the introduction of Parish Support Fund, five years ago, parishes have maintained a magnificent pattern of fulfilling their pledges - over 99% in each of the last four years. At the moment of writing, even in this very challenging year, our parishes have given sacrificially and held faith with the Parish Support Fund and have maintained a rate of giving which means we have collected nearly 97% of what was pledged. That is truly magnificent and I am very grateful to you all. The Church Commissioners have given us this grant in recognition that our shortfall this year is as a result of COVID-19 and in reducing our deficit this will help us all. As a Diocese we have also taken action and reduced our core costs by a similar amount, which also helps to alleviate our deficit. We are looking forward to the future and strengthening our partnership working together.

We do need very much to remain vigilant as we prepare the budget for 2021, as we know it will not be an easy year either. Our capacity to fund mission and ministry across the Diocese will, as always, very much depend on the level of PSF pledges and giving; but my purpose in writing to you now is simply to express gratitude in the context of this good news.

With my thanks for our partnership in the Gospel, together with my prayers and blessing.

The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun
Bishop of Southwark

"For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..."



ADVENTure Online 2020 - Christmas around the World

Mike, Anne, Chris and Jeremy are putting this together with the sterling contributions of members of All Saints, the community and local churches. At time of writing we have all the Advent 'doors' filled with 5-minute videos of how Christmas is celebrated in many countries around the world – and even one splendid completed film sent in to us. People have come up with many and varied ideas of how to showcase a specific aspect of their chosen country. We are also delighted that the countries chosen reach so many places around the globe.

So where are we now? As the deadline passes for people to volunteer to showcase a country, we move on to those people filming and uploading their work. This is as easy as falling off a log for some, but for others it is a journey into the deep magic of another planet. Even though we can help with providing ideas, continuity and editing, Covid is giving us a glorious opportunity to explore a remote world of socially (and every other method of) distanced instruction.

Then Jeremy is writing a 2-minute optional addition at the touch of a button, where he is narrating news of the Christian Advent. Chris's part comes at the nail-biting end with continuity links to each country's video, dropping in a daily quiz question and the final uploading of ADVENTure Online. In addition, he has made a wonderful display for the churchyard with different pieces for visitors to see each day, should they happen to pass that way. In fact, we are hoping that many people of all ages will choose to do just that and so make Christmas, and the Advent run up to it, a genuinely joyous event worth celebrating.

So we are not there yet, but heading towards it at speed – Godspeed...

Anne Fixter

"For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..."

All Saints' Church Part-time Caretaker and Groundskeeper



Ben Coburn writes:

I started working at All Saints' around 15 years ago. I was the 'live in' Caretaker and stayed as such for 6 years. I thoroughly enjoyed the role but having started a family, felt it was right to have a change and so left to start a new job in Coulsdon. We still kept in contact with the church and had our son, Roman, christened there and attended family services when we could. In 2016, we were fortunate enough to purchase a flat and move back to Sanderstead and in 2017, our daughter, Evelyn (also christened at the Church in November 2019), was born.

After Jenna, my soon to be wife, had finished her maternity leave and after much deliberation, we decided it made financial sense for Jenna to go back to work and for me to leave my job and to take on childcare for a while. This was a priceless time for me and I really enjoyed spending time with my children. On 6th October 2018 we got married at All Saints' Church and had our reception in the Hall. On 8th October 2018, I started back Caretaking at the church halls on a part time basis which fitted in perfectly with childcare. It was great to be back working there and seeing all the Hall users again. I would mainly come in the evenings and weekends to clean the halls and make sure they were ready for the hall users the following day.



"For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..."

It soon came to light that the Church were considering changing their Grounds Maintenance contractors, so I set about getting quotes from some companies I knew. I cannot remember the exact day I had the epiphany, but I remember being in Sanderstead Rec with my daughter and looking up at the clear blue sky as the sun was beaming down on me and I kid you not, a thought literally popped into my head of me taking on the grounds maintenance myself. I rang my Dad and asked him what he thought, and he believed it was a great idea. That day I went back and emailed Lynne Davison my suggestion and was overjoyed when she came back and said the church committee were interested. Since then I have been in charge of looking after the grounds at All Saints' and love it. I must however say I did not quite realise the expanse of the lower graveyard though!



Luckily, I have been able to offer work to my sister and to the son of a friend of mine which has been very helpful over the summer – particularly when cutting the long Addington Road hedge. Also, with the halls being closed for a period due to Covid-19, I was able to transfer my caretaking hours there over to the gardening.



With me taking on the grounds, I decided to start my own gardening business which I have called 'Coburn's of Sanderstead'. I had a friend design me a logo and had some clothing made up. I figured looking professional would give the impression that I am professional! This has been great fun for me, as it is not something I ever fathomed I would do. My goal next year is to further my gardening knowledge, expand my customer base and to hopefully get a van as the constant use of the family car is taking its toll on its interior!

I love working at All Saints' and believe I will always be affiliated with it in one way or another. Thank you to everyone for making it such an enjoyable place to work.

Ben



Men's Group update

Once the first lockdown was eased, we tentatively started our Wednesday walks again, this time concentrating on local walks to minimise the need for any car sharing. We have of course been pleased to do our bit to support the local hostelrys, particularly when the Government was encouraging us to "eat out to help out"!

Not surprisingly, several stalwarts have chosen not to re-start yet as they continue to shield as much as possible, but we've been delighted to welcome several new walkers and the average number of walkers each week has actually increased slightly. Perhaps the best news though is that several ladies have worked out that they really are welcome at Men's Group events and are walking with us regularly.

With the recent Tier 2 restrictions, we shall be walking in groups of not more than 6 and not visiting pubs unless the weather happens to be pleasant enough to sit outside. Our walks are generally around 5 miles but we take it slowly, particularly if there are any hills involved.



Providing that Government guidelines permit, we shall continue walking and new walkers (ladies or gents) will be very welcome, just have a word with Dick or Tony or e-mail mensgroup@sanderstead-parish.org.uk to receive details of the walk each week. Good company is guaranteed, occasionally including Emus and Alpacas, just a few miles away from All

"For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..."

We've also arranged one other event in the coming weeks as follows:

Explore Windsor Castle: Zoom talk from Andy Warde 7.30 pm Thursday 19th November

Following the success of last year's talk, Andy has again kindly volunteered to give us an illustrated talk entitled "Explore Windsor Castle".

Windsor Castle dominates the skyline as you leave London on the M4 motorway. This eleventh century castle is a fortress and a palace, used by royalty over many generations and its name was adopted for the current royal family, the House of Windsor. Andrew will guide us round the castle in this virtual tour where we'll discover a king who was '... given to fleshy wantonness'; hear how Caesar annoyed the Kaiser and see a doll's house so perfectly detailed it has readable books and a flushable toilet. It will be the next best thing to actually going on a visit to Windsor, this way we'll avoid the crowds and the long shuffle through the security!

The talk will be delivered online using Zoom. If you would be interested in dialling in to Andy's talk, then please contact any one of us or e-mail the men's group as above. The talk will last for about 45 minutes with time for questions afterwards. There will be no charge but if you feel like putting a modest donation into the collection plate one Sunday, I'm sure that Michael Turner would be very pleased!

Finally of course, you all know that ladies are very welcome at every Men's Group event!!

Dick Hibberd, Tony Robinson, David Chillman

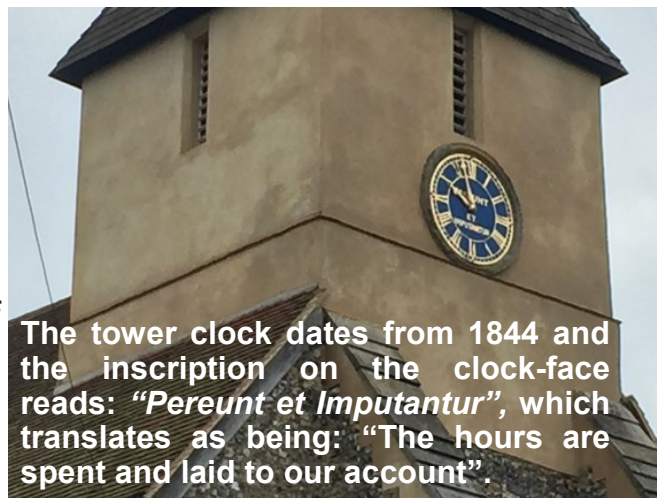


"For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..."

Generous Donation by the Late Valerie Cackowski Restores All Saints' Church Clock to Full Working Order

Not long into "Lockdown" the clock in the tower of our Grade 1 Listed church broke-down and its faithful chimes have not been heard for some six months.

Gillett & Johnston installed a new motor & gearbox at the beginning of October 2020, and this essential replacement works costing £2,881 has been paid for by a donation from the Settlement of the late Mrs Valerie Cackowski.



The tower clock dates from 1844 and the inscription on the clock-face reads: "Pereunt et Imputantur", which translates as being: "The hours are spent and laid to our account".



The clock mechanism seen within its housing in the tower

– a view looking up the spire.

The new motor is seen at the bottom of this picture.

Valerie's son Sebastian has told us that *"All Saints Church is Valerie's spiritual home because of the historical links to family and her childhood growing-up in Sanderstead. The ashes of her Mother and Father are buried next to the large Yew tree that grows at the entrance."*

Valerie and her mother, Evelyn were known for their joyful singing each possessing boundless enthusiasm. All Saints' Church hosted the wedding of Valerie and Richard and the happy christening of their son, Sebastian.

The teachings of Jesus Christ and the comfort of prayer remained a deep resonating constant with Valerie through her life. Val would have been delighted to aid the repair of the steeple clock".

This photograph shows Valerie (on the right in yellow) with her son Sebastian at his Christening.

Kevin Wright
Churchwarden



PARISH OF SANDERSTEAD

Services of Worship to end of 2020

NOVEMBER

1	<i>All Saints</i>	9.30am 4pm	Holy Communion with choir Memorial Service (All Saints)
8	<i>Remembrance</i>	10.30 10.30	Remembrance Service Children's Service in Church Hall
Thursday 12 th		12.30pm	Midweek Holy Communion (All Saints)
15		9.30am	Holy Communion with choir
22	<i>Christ the King</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion with choir
Thursday 26 th		2.30pm	Midweek Holy Communion at St Antony's Wentworth Way
29	<i>Advent</i>	9.30am	Light in the Darkness

DECEMBER

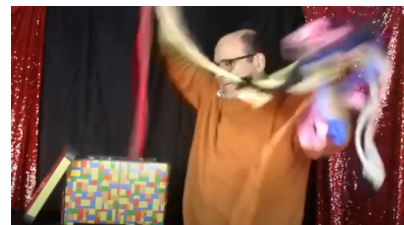
6		9.30am	Holy Communion with choir
Thursday 10 th		12.30pm	Midweek Holy Communion
13		9.30am	Christingle Service
18	<i>Friday</i>	7.00pm	Candlelit Carol Service at St Antony's Wentworth Way
20		9.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion with choir Candlelit Carol Service
24	<i>Christmas eve</i>	5pm 11.30pm	Crib Service Midnight Holy Communion
25	<i>Christmas Day</i>	9.30am	Christmas Holy Communion at St Antony's Wentworth Way
27	<i>Sunday after Christmas</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion, in Church Hall.

Sign up now for November Sunday services here...<https://www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk/> or by calling the Parish Office.

And look out for the December Sunday and Christmas services sign ups nearer the end of November.

"For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..."

FAMILY FUN MAGIC SHOW video...



Enjoy this Light Party video...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7Q3end3Kk>

Hope to see you soon,

Chris Newman & The Children's Team

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

No bookings, just turn up.

- Midweek HC at **All Saints**: Thurs 12 November, **12.30pm** (and on subsequent 2nd Thursdays).
- Midweek HC at **St. Antony's**: Thurs 26 November at **2.30pm** (and on subsequent 4th Thursdays).

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2020

All being well, and barring any further Covid restrictions, we are planning to go ahead with a service on Remembrance Sunday. The service will be at **10.30am** on 8th November, and will be recorded for those unable to join us physically. **There will be a simultaneous service for children in the church hall led by Chris Newman.** This year, the adults will *not* be gathering by the War Memorial, but silence and an act of remembrance will take place as close to 11am as we can manage.



CHRISTINGLE 2020

Again, subject to any further restrictions, we will also be running a Christingle service. This will take place on 13th December at **9.30am**. As well as running the service from the church, we will live-stream so that everyone can take part from home if they wish. We will provide a list of the components needed to make a Christingle, and those who wish to collect some of these components in the week before will be able to collect them from the Parish Office (although everyone will need to provide their own orange!). Again, if you would like to attend in person, places will be limited (first come, first served) and you will need to register beforehand. Donations to the Children's Society Charity No. 221124 will be welcome and can be made via All Saints PCC.



For all Sunday services, please sign up as places will be limited. Register by midday on the preceding Thursday either online via our website or call the Parish Office.

Grandpa's Face

A little girl was sitting next to her grandfather as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up and touch his wrinkled cheek. She touched her own cheek after she touched his.

After a little while of thinking she asked, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

He looked at her and said, "Yes, sweetheart, God made me a long time ago."

She paused for a few seconds and then asked, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

He replied, "Yes, indeed pumpkin, God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she whispered to him, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

Shared by Mary Courtney

I really want to know what this squirrel is annoyed at...



Shared by Sheila Wilkie

Caption Competition

The winner is Tony Robinson!!



'First in the queue for next Sunday's Service!'

Shared by Mary Courtney



So today, in church,
a guy in a dress tried to drown me

And, I kid you not,
my family just stood there
taking pictures!

liturgy.co.nz

"For I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God..."

The Church building and Church Halls are up and running!

Please go to our website for all church services and updates, and to Sign-up for Sunday services.

www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Or call the Parish Office on 020 8657 0665.



Face masks

I am making face masks to raise some much needed funds for All Saints' Church. I have made some festive (Christmas) masks but I am happy to make plain/flowery etc ones also. There are 2 sizes, Large and medium, I will make masks for children to order. I am suggesting a donation of £4 for each mask. If you don't have cash you can donate via the church website using the donate button.

The masks will be on sale on Sunday mornings when I am at church, or you can contact me on 07940 594464 or email judithofsanderstead@gmail.com

Judith Robinson



From me to you...

As and when you can, continue to send your articles, news, thoughts, to me.

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
Email: admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

