

Sanderstead Team Newsletter

June 2017

Welcome to the Sanderstead Team Newsletter! This is your newsletter, so do send us your news and anything you would like us all to know. The newsletter will continue to be published for the first Sunday of every month, and items need to be with Alice the Monday of that week. alice@sanderstead-parish.org.uk

Martin writes ...

An End to War

Colin Scott was a much-loved Sanderstead Team Rector (1977-84) who then served as suffragan bishop of Hulme in the Diocese of Manchester. I know he was much-loved because you have spoken of him to me. I came upon his name again recently when reading in the Church Times; and there I learned that he strongly supported non-violence and was an active member of the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship. In March this year, Dr Alan Storkey gave the first '*Colin Scott Memorial Lecture*'; the Church Times (13 April, Comment) provides an edited version that is fascinating and convincing – which is why I'm highlighting it for you all now.

An End to War? Most of the West, our own government included, signs up to the mantra that evil can only be defeated by weapons and war. Indeed warfare is even labelled as 'patriotic'. But Christians need to challenge this hope placed in weapons; for, observably, weapons and wars do not work. In the 20th century, wars killed 200 million and injured many more. Through wars, millions of people are displaced. *'No-one can now win a war because it destroys all sides'*.

Faith in weapons of war is ruthlessly encouraged by Arms manufacturers, who of course have a vested interest in promoting violence. Using skilled manipulation they groom, bribe and scare politicians into believing in war; and thus they make a fortune out of death and destruction. We need to challenge all aspects of 'militarism' – the faith that only war and violence can solve our problems: they do not, and they depend on maintaining an illusion, the illusion that there is no alternative. Of course there is! It's time for our world population to *'wake up to the fact that militarism is the biggest failed experiment on the planet'*. Let us then shout and push for peace; for it is peace alone that promotes all forms of good among humankind (just think about it). Weapons and war ought to have been banished long ago; only the Arms companies have prevented this. On top of everything, militarism is responsible for between 5 – 10% of all carbon dioxide emissions, thus heating the planet.

So, can we put an end to war? We nearly did at the 1932 Geneva Disarmament Conference, when US President Hoover recommended a cut of one third in all weapons immediately. Most countries were for it, but the Arms companies made sure that it stalled and Hitler came to power. Dr Storkey says we can do better; and if governments won't, the people must push for it. After World War II, General Eisenhower said, *"I believe that the people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than any governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of their way and let them have it"*.

The article concludes: *"Most world leaders have said that they are in favour of multilateral disarmament. They just do not do it, because the arms establishment rules it out. Yet it can be done. It requires us, as children of God, to manufacture peace"*.

I agree wholeheartedly. Do you? Do our politicians? Which of them promotes pacifism in their manifesto?

Introducing Will Cookson ...

Will Cookson is coming to preach at All Saints' at both 8.30am and 10am on 18 June. Will is the Dean of Fresh Expressions for Southwark Diocese, and ran the mission shaped ministry course that some of our members completed last year. Until earlier this year, when he took up the position of Dean of Fresh Expressions on a full time basis, Will was the minister of Springfield Church in Wallington, itself a fresh expression of church.

There is often some confusion as to what a fresh expression of Church is. It is a new worshipping community that comes about through reaching out to those who are not currently or have never part of a church. A fresh expression of Church needs to be both missional, reaching those who are not yet Christian, and ecclesial, forming a new expression of Church. So, setting up a congregation that meets the needs of the people of an estate is a fresh expression of Church, creating a neo-monastic community for spiritual seekers is a fresh expression of Church, a Messy Church that is aimed at being an ecclesial expression of Church and not a bridge is a fresh expression of Church. Family Fun Hour is an example of a fresh expression of church.

We look forward to hearing what Will has to say to us on 18th June.



St Antony's



Wentworth Way

Hamsey Green

(CR2 9ET)

Community Day

Celebrating

60 years

2nd July 2017

2.00-5.30pm

Come and help us celebrate with dance & karate displays, bouncy castle, face painting, cream teas & refreshments.

And it's free!!!



Contact Rev. Susan Atkinson-Jones
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Thy Kingdom Come



The Archbishop of Canterbury has called the whole Anglican Communion to prayer for the ten days between Ascension Day on 25th May and Pentecost on 4th June. All Saints Church will be open for prayer from Thursday 25th May to Thursday 8th June from 10am to 5pm and on Wednesday 31st May and Sundays 28th May, 4th June from 7pm to 9pm. Prayer stations on the theme "Thy Kingdom Come" will be set up in church. Please do come along.

www.thykingdomcome.global

Children's Society Fashion Show & Sale - Thursday June 22nd 2017

Our annual Ploughman's Lunch, Fashion Show and Sale, with clothes from Travelling Trends, will be held at All Saints' Church hall at 12.30pm on Thursday, June 22nd. After lunch, which includes a glass of wine, the fashion show will feature a wide range of attractive classical and fashionable ladies' clothes to suit most ages and sizes. The clothes displayed will then be available for at least 50 per cent less than their typical retail price.

Please ask your local Children's Society representative for tickets (price £12 and must be purchased in advance to help us cater) or contact Rachel Chadd, 020 8668 6769 rwchadd@gmail.com

In support of



**The
Children's
Society**

FAMILY FUN HOUR



Come and join us for our Summer Picnic on the afternoon of July 16th!

We'll play games and eat together.

More details to come ...

Progress on 53 Glebe Hyrst

A new home for Martin and Emma.

At the April meeting of All Saints District Church Council, concern was expressed at the slow movement in organising the work required to adapt 53 Glebe Hyrst; after all the house was purchased back in July last year. DCC asked Mike Fixter to see if he could help the Property department in any way.

Following that meeting, you will be pleased to read that the builders actually began the work about three weeks ago, and are really getting on with it. As I write, there is still a fair amount to do, but the builders are hoping to complete it all on schedule. I can't tell you when all will be ready for us to move; but we are still hoping it will be before my sabbatical starts in September. Thank you from both of us for all your support and encouragement.

Sanderstead Bible Week

14 – 18 August this year, at All Saints. I'm glad to let you know that the programme of speakers is now complete, and they are all very talented.

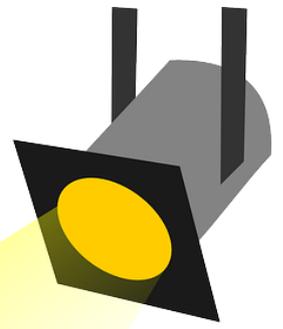
In the afternoons at 3pm, we have Rev Dr Simon Stocks on 'God's Word in the Psalms':

| DAY | SCRIPTURE | THEME | SPEAKER |
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| Monday | Psalms 19 | Looking Good | Rev Dr Simon Stocks |
| Tuesday | Psalms 51 | Looking Back | Rev Dr Simon Stocks |
| Wednesday | Psalms 13 | Looking Down | Rev Dr Simon Stocks |
| Thursday | Psalms 67 | Looking Up | Rev Dr Simon Stocks |
| Friday | Psalms 105 | Looking Over | Rev Dr Simon Stocks |

And in the evenings at 8pm we have as our theme, 'AMAZING GRACE':

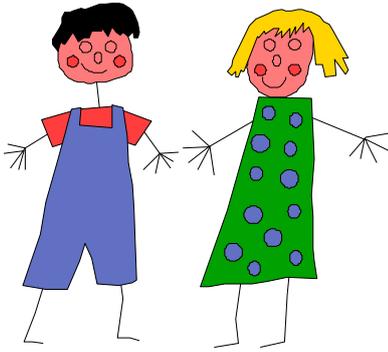
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| Monday | John 9:1-12, 18-25 | Saved by God's Grace (was blind but now I see) | Canon Martin Greenfield |
| Tuesday | Ephesians 1:1-14 | Grace from first to last (how precious did that grace appear) | Canon Trevor Mapstone |
| Wednesday | 1 Peter 1:1-12 | Grace in sufferings (through many dangers, toils and snares) | Canon Dr Sue Clarke |
| Thursday | Romans 5:1-11 | Confidence in God's Grace (his word my hope secures) | Rev Peter Irwin-Clark |
| Friday | Romans 8:28-39 | Grace for eternity (we've no less days to sing God's praise) | Ven Chris Skilton |

Spotlight on ...



Each month, we'd like to shine spotlight on one of the things we do in the parish.

It could be a group that meets regularly, or a particular person. Alice would love to hear from you if you would like your group or congregation to be featured here in future.



... All Saints' Toddler Groups

What are the All Saints' Toddler Groups?

The Toddler Groups are open to all young families on Tuesday and Friday mornings in the church halls.
At least 50-60 families come each week to our Toddler Groups.

Is there a chance to talk with young families?

Yes, young parents often need an understanding ear, particularly when little one is going through a difficult patch.

Is more help needed from All Saints' congregation?

Yes, very much so. Toys need to be mended, cleaned, put out and put away. Refreshments need to be bought, served, washed up and put away.

Would it be good to have an activity table?

Yes, but with present levels of volunteers this is not possible.

Do the Groups cost the Church anything?

No, in fact since November 2010 the groups have given £17,500 to the Church Hall fund and £5,500 to local charities.

Why do so few of these families come to Church on Sundays?

They meet very few All Saints people and a handbill advertising an activity in Church is not the same as hearing about it from lots of people. Some do come to Family Fun Hour, and consider this monthly service to be their church.

Thank Heavens for the wonderful volunteers that do come.... please do consider whether you could get to know these young families and show what a friendly and loving place All Saints' is perhaps they will then come and join us on a Sunday?

Give it a go!!! Speak to Jeremy.



Around and About Sanderstead ...



Croydon Episcopal Area Lay Conference 2017 'Serve, Enable, Lead: Resourcing Discipleship & Lay Leadership' Sat 10th June 10am - 4pm, St. Bede's School, Carlton Rd, Redhill. Are you keen to see your church develop and grow? Are you looking for ways to deepen your Christian life? This day is for you! This conference will gather together people from across the parishes of the Croydon Episcopal Area to reflect on what it means to be part of a growing and healthy church. The day will include a keynote address, workshops, worship and time to meet and talk with others. The cost for the day is £15 per person including refreshments and a hot lunch.

Quiet Day Saturday June 10th, 10am to 4pm, Wychcroft House, Bletchingley, RH1 4NE 'Come to the table' led by Chris Chapman. Again and again in the bible, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a feast. God seeks us out and invites us to sit with him at table. This day will help us become more aware of how God is with us, whether our life at this point is smooth or hard. God's presence begins to heal our wounds and draw us into life. Through the day there will be a balance of input and quiet spaces for personal reflection and prayer. Cost: £35 including full lunch and refreshments. Allergies/special diets catered for please advise when booking. wychcroft@southwark.anglican.org or call on 01883 743041.

Hard Questions A series of discussions hosted by St Swithun's and St Mark's Purley.

How inclusive should we be? - 7.30pm, 11th June at St Swithun's Purley, Rev Len Abrams describes a personal journey to a new understanding of God's inclusive grace, irrespective of sexual orientation.

How do you live with depression? - 7.30pm, 2nd July at St Mark's Purley, Personal experiences of living with crippling clinical depression, with clinical psychologist Dr Paula Redmond.

Are you at risk of Compassion Fatigue? - 7.30pm, 13th August at St Swithun's Purley, Vicarious Trauma can threaten all who care for others, from aid workers to family carers, with clinical psychologist Dr Paula Redmond.

Our Kind of Swing Enjoy the music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Ted Heath. Featuring the BIG BAND SOUND of the Nigel Garrard Orchestra. Fri 9th June at Warlingham Rugby Football Club, Limpsfield Road. Concert starts at 8pm, doors open 7.30pm. Tickets £15 must be booked in advance 01883 819 087.

Join Croydon's inter-faith bike ride and big picnic in the park this summer This year the Council are supporting a special Big Get Together event on Sunday 9 July 2017 to show that we #WeStandTogether. This ride through Croydon visits our diverse sites of worship before joining a dedicated Big Get Together picnic in the park. Everyone is welcome to take part in the interfaith bike ride and to join the interfaith picnic which runs from 2-5pm at Parkhill Recreation ground.

10am - Starting point for Group A: Croydon Arena, SE25 4QL for a route safety briefing

10:30am - Starting point for Group B: Boxpark, CR0 1LD, Dingwall Road side

11:20am - arrive at Gurdwara (Siri Guru Singh Sabha), CR0 2BU

12:30pm - arrive at Synagogue, CR0 8YX

1:30pm – arrive at Park Hill Recreation Ground, Fairfield Road, for the Big Get Together interfaith picnic

5pm - picnic ends

Places on the ride can be reserved via:

www.eventbrite.co.uk or www.faithstogetherincroydon.org.uk

Summer Jazz Concert

At Hever Castle

Saturday 3rd June 2017

Featuring

Raul D'Oliveira and the JetStream Jazz Big Band

For more details and tickets:
www.heverfestival.co.uk

Box Office:
01732 866114

Earlybird tickets available
from the 1st March-30th April

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Access to the grounds from 6:30pm
Open Air Concert begins at 8:00pm.

Martin's Sabbatical

In the April Newsletter I let you know that the bishop has granted me a three month period of sabbatical. I have been in contact with the Diocese of Europe, whose bishop always has vacancies for priests willing to do 'locum chaplaincies'. Sometimes, a permanent chaplain needs holiday cover; other times, there is an interregnum; some chaplaincies are seasonal, e.g. in some popular resorts.

When I was speaking with them on the 'phone the other day, I was offered quite a wide choice, including: Crete, Izmir, Bonn / Cologne, Marseilles, Pau and Versailles. As I write, we haven't yet decided!

Otherwise, I intend to do some study in the Old Testament, especially on what the people were hoping for from God at the time of Jesus. As I asked last time, Emma and I will be grateful for your prayers for the Lord's guidance for this time.

All this will give Jeremy the opportunity to 'step up' and be 'in charge' for a few months. I'm sure you will support and encourage him.

What's on in June

Please look at the website for regular Sunday services www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk

| WHEN? | WHERE? | WHAT? |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 2nd, 10am-12pm | All Saints' Halls | Coffee Pot, All welcome for coffee, cakes and company. |
| 2nd, 10am-12pm, 2pm-5pm | 20 Lower Barn Road | Coffee Morning / Afternoon Tea raising money for Croydon Youth Counselling Service. |
| 4th, 11.15am | All Saints' Car Park | Plant Sale in aid of St Christopher's Hospice |
| 4th, 3pm | All Saints' Halls | Handbell Concert |
| 10th, 12.30pm | Sanderstead Gruffy | Gruffy Fayre |
| 16th, 10am-12pm | All Saints' Halls | Coffee Pot, All welcome for coffee, cakes and company. |
| 25th, 3pm | All Saints' Halls | Family Fun Hour |
| 25th, 6pm | All Saints' | Fresh Encounters. |
| 24th, 9-10am | All Saints' | Prayer Meeting |
| 30th, 10am-12pm | All Saints' Halls | Coffee Pot, All welcome for coffee, cakes and company. |

Rector's Diary.

26 May – 10 June. On holiday. Emma and I will spend a week at our small house in Stamford; then a week with some family members at a cottage near the coast in Dorset.

27 June I'll be on a Clergy Quiet Day at Wychcroft, on 'mindfulness'.

28 June We may (possibly) go to Oxfordshire to support a friend who is to be licensed to a vicar's post near Chipping Camden.

Future Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 2nd July will be a Community Celebration for St Antony's 60th Anniversary 2-5.30pm

Family Fun Hour will celebrate with a picnic and games on the afternoon of 16th July.

Fresh Encounters will be on 23rd July, 6pm.

August 14th—18th, God's Word For Today—Sanderstead Bible Week (afternoons and evenings)

Sunday 17 September Bishop Jonathan will be presiding and preaching at an 11am Holy Communion Service to celebrate the 60 years of St Antony's.