

# ST. ANSELM

## Proclaiming Christ in Hayes

### A New Beginning

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:18-19)

We must be very grateful to God for bringing us into the New Year, and we must continue to pray for His continuous protection and guidance in this fresh year. It is not everything we were happy with in the previous year, but it is worth

noting that we had some happy moments.

God is saying in Isaiah 43:18-19 above that we should not dwell on the past because he is doing a new thing and that the new thing cannot be understood because He is going to make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

God is telling us that regardless of the mistakes we may have made last year, He will not look at those because they are past; instead, he will do something new in our lives. Every missing piece of the jigsaw will be replaced and fixed in its proper place.

God has begun something new in everybody and will see it to its perfect end. It is



OK to be discouraged at certain times, but we must always know that He is with us, and all we need to do is believe in him and stay focused.

Philippians 1:6 says, “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” God is the creator; everything he does is for our good, and everything we can do or achieve is through His Spirit. So, let us allow him to make things new in our lives this year.

Fr. Josiah

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*Please let us know of illness or other need as soon as possible.*

### Prayer focus

For the parish of St. Anselm and for its future under a new parish priest.

For Fr. Matthew and his family as they prepare to move in March.

### Worship focus

The Voice of God calling us to play a specific role in the assembly is a call that must not be taken lightly.

What is God calling you to do in the church?

## This Sunday

### Sunday 14th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ●

10am - Parish Mass

11:30 - 12:30 - Sunday School

*Divine Office Psalter Week 2, Year B(II)*



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## Keep in Touch Notices

Thursday Fun and Fellowship is back after the Christmas break and we will be meeting on Thursday 18th January in the Church Hall from 7pm to 8:30pm.

If you would like to read at Church on Sunday Mornings please be in touch with Susan Chick. We've loved hearing from new people and hearing new languages. There is a rota on the display board at the back of church to sign up.

We would like to improve the participation of children and young people in church activities so If you've got ideas on what we can do to encourage children to be fuller members of our family, please be in touch with Fr. Josiah or Susan Chick.

**Please support the church generously through your giving at [www.stanselm.co.uk/giving](http://www.stanselm.co.uk/giving)**

## Years Mind

- 15th - Harriet Attwood, George Lipscomb
- 17th - Olive Hudson, Alan Ernest Hurst (2017)
- 18th - William Duckitt, Damien Grove, George Challis
- 19th - Robert Arthur Botley, Daphne de Gale (2017)
- 21st - Violet Hall, Edward

## Pray This Week For

Wayne Campbell, Mavis & Daniel Sibley, June Boughton, Verity, Laura & her twins, Deborah Annabelle Potts, Susannah Mansa, Omeeta Dunrad, Elijah, Julie, Oliver Joseph, Khuan, Linda, Carmen Artrey, Rajkaran, Permit, Freya, Naveed and Cynthia

### Monday 15th January

Monday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

*Prayer focus: Our online family*

### Tuesday 16th January

Tuesday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

*Prayer focus: For all religious*

### Wednesday 17th January

**Saint Antony, Abbot** ○

[Offices said privately]

*Prayer focus: For Charity*

### Thursday 18th January

Thursday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

5pm - Evening Prayer

*Prayer focus: New Christians*

### Friday 19th January

Friday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time ●

9:45 - Morning Prayer | 10am - Mass

*Prayer focus: Struggling Mothers & Fathers*

### Saturday 20th January

Saturday of Week 2 in Ordinary Time ●

[Offices said privately]

*Prayer focus: Priests & Bishops of the Society*

### Sunday 21st January

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Sunday of The Word of God) ●

10am - Parish Mass

*Divine Office Psalter Week 3, Year B(II)*