

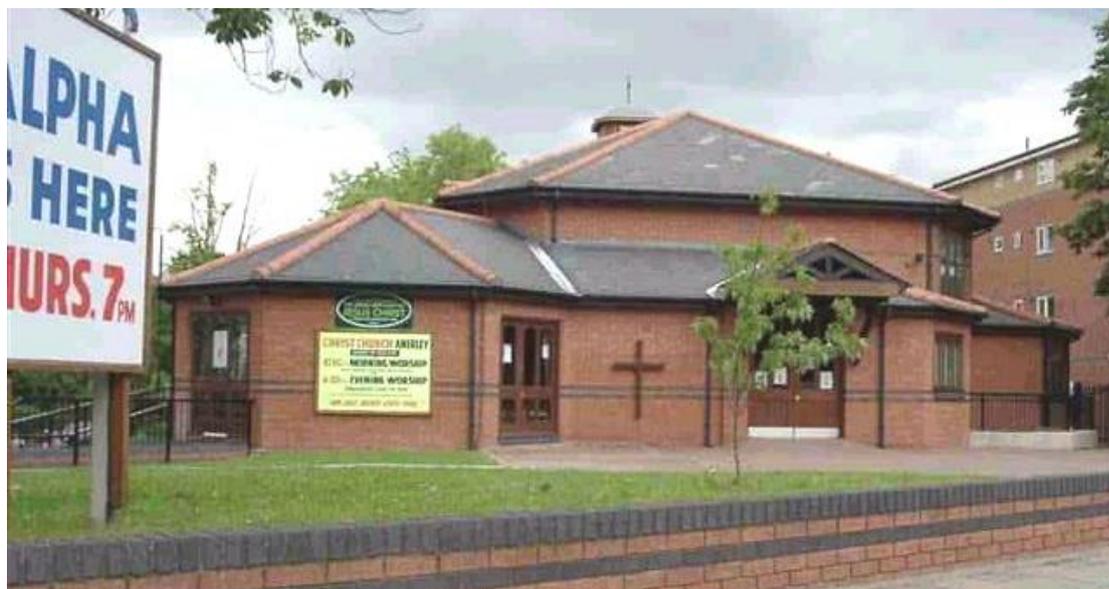


PARISH PROFILE

Overview

Anerley Team Ministry (ATM) consists of two churches, Christ Church, Anerley and St. Paul's, Crystal Palace. Christ Church Anerley is a thriving parish church located in Penge, a challenging and deprived area of south east London. The leadership team is headed by Lead Pastor Rev. Matthew Fitter. Both congregations have a clear vision to share the good news of Jesus through word and action.

Both Christ Church and St. Paul's Church are charismatic, Bible-believing and Jesus-centred Anglican churches which are a part of the New Wine network. We have a diverse congregation consisting of over 25 different nationalities with a high percentage of African and Caribbean ethnicities. As a church we place a strong emphasis on mission and evangelism in our local community and beyond. We are open to the Holy Spirit during worship times which will often lead into times of open prayer, words of knowledge and the prophetic. We seek to encourage and grow in the gifts of the Spirit.



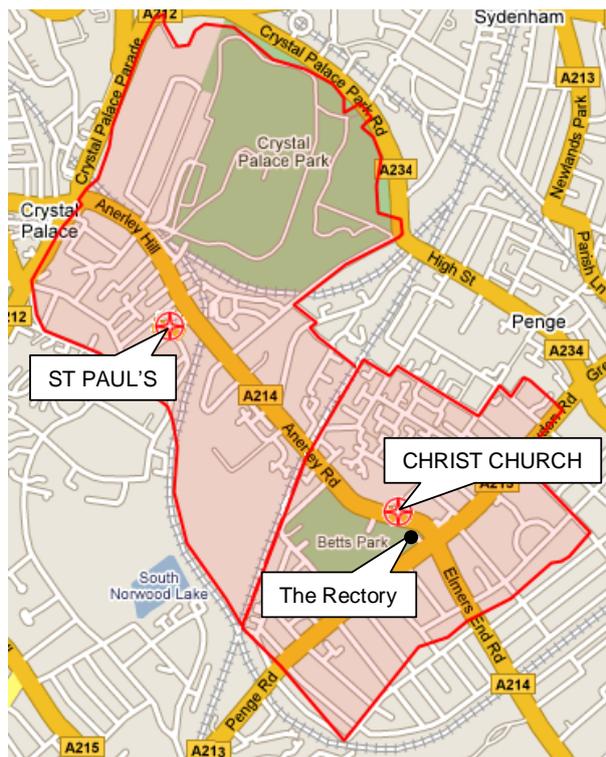
Anerley is a suburb of London in the London Borough of Bromley. Whilst it is an outer London area, it has needs akin to those of an inner-city parish. We are one of the neediest areas within the diocese. The northern end of the Parish has been designated as an urban priority area, being amongst the poorest 10% of the UK, though other parts of the Parish are more affluent.

The Parish has a population of around 17,000. The area is ethnically diverse and has a highly mobile population. The mobility is because the properties are generally stepping stones – there are many Housing Association properties. It also has a large refugee community. Anerley contains the former

site of the 'Crystal Palace', which is now the Crystal Palace Park. This also includes the National Sports Centre.

Road and Rail links are very good – the Parish has two rail stations, Anerley and Crystal Palace, giving excellent access to Central London, Croydon, Bromley and wider parts of Kent. Both stations are also served by the London Overground line. There is also a bus terminus at Crystal Palace.

The parish contains a large state primary school called James Dixon, where the church has good links. This school reflects the variety of the local area, with children speaking 27 different languages.



The Freedom Forum

The Freedom Forum is a new and exciting ministry which began approximately six years ago. It is a Christian ministry based at Christ Church Anerley, which reaches out to ex-offenders who have spent time in prison. There are approximately 30 people who are associated with it. On a typical week, between 15 and 20 ex-prison offenders attend. There is a high Christian content to the Freedom Forum and the majority have become Christians following their involvement with the Freedom Forum and gone on to be baptised as believers. The Freedom Forum consists of a weekly two and a half hour meeting. It begins with a one hour evangelistic Bible study run by committed Christians who are also ex-offenders themselves.

Under the umbrella of the Freedom Forum, Kings Car Wash was set up to provide work skills and experience for reformed ex-offenders to help them begin to integrate back into society and to earn a little pocket money. The leader and helpers are all committed Christians who encourage faith conversations with those taking part. Currently the car wash is open for one day a week.

In response to increasing numbers of teenage gangs and local knife crime incidents, Christ Church Anerley, including members of the Freedom Forum, pioneered the setting up of Kings Boxing to attract young people aged 13-19 years off the street. It comprises a 1.5-hour session each week, with the boxing part being run by a committed Christian who is an England Boxing coach. He is supported by equally committed staff from his gym. The last 10 minutes of every session is used for an ex-offender or other committed Christian to share evangelistically about the difference that only God can make. This activity seeks to proactively deter young people from knife crime.

Prayer

Prayer is an important part of our church activities. Prayer happens in a variety of shapes and forms. Revival prayer has been running at 12 noon for around 45 minutes every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday since 2017. This is a Spirit led prayer meeting where we allow God to lead us in prayer. We pray and intercede for the United Kingdom, for the nations of the world, as well as for our local area and include times of worship as well. This has been a powerhouse for prayer over the last two years. Every two months we also have an 'Open to God' prayer meeting. We begin with a time of worship and then allow the Holy Spirit to guide as to how to pray.

Weekly Activities

At both Christ Church and St.Paul's we have many regular weekly activities and ministries taking place – including coffee shops, parent and toddler groups, a pre-school, a weekly community meal at which we provide a free hot meal for around 60 homeless people, two Food Banks and various evangelistic activities. We have a heart for the poor, needy and marginalised and this is reflected in a number of ministries which operate.

Children and Youth Work

Our children and young people are a priority for us. We employ a full-time Youth Pastor, Roman Naumenko, who leads work with teenagers and young people. Our ministry with children is called Kingdom kids. This operates on a Sunday with a team of committed helpers. We are keen to develop our children's ministry beyond Sundays by making more meaningful contact within our local community.

Westminster Theological Centre

The South London Hub of the Westminster Theological Centre (WTC) is based at Christ Church, Anerley. WTC has pioneered a unique form and model of theological training, offering education that integrates the best of scholarship with the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Students grow in discipleship and mission, whilst studying for a nationally recognised certificate or degree in theology. Our student body is drawn from all walks of life, stretching across generations, denominations and backgrounds. Melissa Hutchings is the Hub Director and is based at Christ Church Anerley.

ATM Mission statement

To be disciples of Jesus and to make disciples of Jesus; serving the people of Anerley and South London in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden...Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

ATM Vision statement

To see God's kingdom advance in the local area, in South London and to the ends of the world, by being an outward looking and servant hearted Christian community committed to prayer and worship, discipleship and evangelism.

Deuteronomy 11:12-15 "It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end. So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today – to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul – then I will send rain on your land in its season..."

ATM Values

Jesus centred

Spirit led and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Bible based

Prayerful

Every member ministry

Shared leadership

Faith-filled

Community focused

Passionate worshippers of God

Passionate witnesses to the good news of Jesus

Ezekiel 34 ministry is at the heart of our community involvement – seeking the lost, bringing back the strays, healing the sick, strengthening the weak and binding up the injured.

More information can be found on our website: www.anerleyteamministry.org.uk