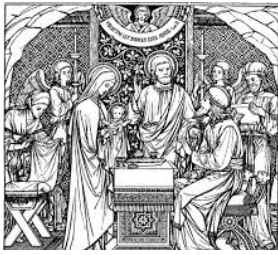


**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
**(Yoruba) Eku Odun Tuntun!**  
**(Fante) Mema Wo Afenhyia Pa!**  
**(French) Bonne Année!**

**The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**



The celebration of this scriptural festival marks three events: **firstly**, the naming of the infant; **secondly**, the sign of the covenant between God and Abraham 'and his children for ever', thus Christ's

keeping of the Law; and **thirdly**, traditionally the first shedding of the Christ's blood. The most significant of these in the gospels is the name itself, which means 'Yahweh saves' and so is linked to the question asked by Moses of God: "What is your name?" "I am who I am," was the reply, thus the significance of Jesus's words: "Before Abraham was, I am."

This feast has been observed in the church since at least the sixth century.

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**Thank you** for providing sandwiches (and other items) to Nightwatch during November and December – we concluded last Friday.

**If you were still able to provide items from the list below to Nightwatch, they can be dropped off any Sunday after 8.30pm to Friends Meeting House, 60 Park Lane, Croydon CR0 1JE:**

- Meat soup (they have loads of veg)
- Jars of pasta sauce (they give out a lot of pasta in the grocery bags they distribute)
- Packets of pasta
- Tinned meals (meatballs, pies, spaghetti bolognese)
- Pot noodles
- Individual care packages typically including a few masks, hand gel, soap, deodorant
- Pack of tissues
- Fruit (on the evening you're making sandwiches)
- Drinks - water or cans

They are also grateful for donations of blankets and sleeping bags in good used condition all year round. Also coats, hats, scarves, gloves and new underwear.

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**St Mark's 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - please do continue to peruse the exhibition of 'historical documents' and as well as the items for sale in the display cabinet, especially the **Anniversary magazine at the bargain price of £5.**

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We would be grateful if a few of you adult male parishioners who live close to St. Mark's church, might be willing to lock up the Hall at 11pm when there are 'late' party bookings. As we begin the new year, Jan and Cicelyn are no longer able to do so. These late bookings aren't frequent but we may have to refuse them if we're unable to find volunteers to lock up afterwards. So, please pray about it and let Donald, Simon, Cicelyn or Jan know if you feel you may be able to help in this way. **Thank you very much!**

**Welcome to the United Benefice of South Norwood Holy Innocents and St. Mark**

*Sharing God's grace and love in our community*



**1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

**Vicar:** The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley  
**Asst. Priest:** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley  
**Reader:** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

**The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

**8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)**

**10am Parish Mass (both Parishes)**

*Numbers 6.22-27 \* Psalm 8 \* Galatians 4.4-7 \* Luke 2.15-21*

**Access online worship via**

[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Pastoral Care:** *Mother Roxanne is on holiday for the next two Sundays. In her absence and should you need to, please direct enquiries to the Churchwardens (Donald – 07904 226264, Laurél – 07904 237272 or John – 07455 599909), Cicelyn – 07484 677951 or Mother Susan - 07890 780572, noting she is not available on Fridays.*

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**At the beginning of this new year, we hold in our prayers** Archbishops Justin and Stephen; our Bishops in this diocese - Christopher, Rosemarie, Karowei and Bishop Designate of Kingston, Martin Gainsborough; **our Archdeacons, our Diocesan Secretary, Ruth Martin and her Deputy, Jackie Pontin.**

**We pray too for** the Bishops in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe, their clergy and people.

**For** the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (the Anglican Church of Mexico).

**For Dulwich Deanery** Gill O'Neill (Area Dean) and Sandra Potter (Lay Chair).

**For the sick** – Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Rose, Caroline, Susan, Pauline, Sigi, Marie-Gabrielle, Colin (Castle), Carmen, Rodney, Marina, Karen, Linda, Fred and Fr. Tom Hurcombe.

**The bereaved** – the Onyiaike, Irono and Maginley families. **The recently departed** – Fidelia Onyiaike and Elecia Maginley. **Years Mind.**

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Next week, 8<sup>th</sup> January at the 10am Mass, on the Feast of the Epiphany, the Area Dean, Mtr Joyce Forbes will be providing cover (Preside, Gospel, Preach) at St. Mark; while at the same time at Holy Innocents, Mtr Jean Yearwood will preside with Cicelyn, reading the Gospel and Preaching. Please remember to take home a piece of chalk to bless your homes on the Feast of the Epiphany.

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10am Mass, Fr John Pritchard (St John's Upper Norwood) will Preside and Preach at St Mark while Mother Susan will do the same at Holy Innocents.