

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas) commonly called
The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin**



The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas and continued through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, now

comes to an end today with our celebration of the *Feast of the Presentation or Candlemas (the true date being Feb. 2nd).*

The child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognized by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering - the Incarnation is directed to the Passion and Simeon's final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter (which begin with Lent on Ash Wednesday, which falls this year on February 22nd).

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After 8 years, our **Diocesan Secretary, Ruth Martin**, will be retiring from her post in the summer. The role includes being the Chief Executive Officer of the Diocesan Board of Finance, the Secretary to the governance of the Diocese through Diocesan Synod and also the Chief Operating Officer of the Diocese.

Ruth had been signposted to the vacancy by her local priest. If anyone of you in our worshipping communities, who may have the skills and experience needed for this role, please contact David Loft, Director of HR for further details david.loft@southwark.anglican.org

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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:

Tinned 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; Drinks - water or cans; blankets and sleeping bags, coats, hats, scarves, gloves and new underwear.



All are invited to join Peter, Jen, Stephanie, Ben and their families to pay their respects and say goodbye to Helen Forrest on:

Thursday 2nd February 2023

A funeral service will be held at 12pm at:
St. Mark's Church, Albert Road, South Norwood, SE25 4JE

All Helen's friends and colleagues are invited to a celebration of her life from 1pm at:
Shirley Park Golf Club, 194 Addiscombe Road, Croydon, CR0 5DR

The family will join the celebration after attending a ceremony at Beckenham Crematorium at 1:15pm.
Anyone wishing to join us there will be very welcome.

Please note that we have decided to have family flowers only for the funeral.

Helen would have done anything to make sure everyone enjoyed her party and would have hated for the food to run low. To help us ensure that we can cater for all please can you contact Jen with an indication of whether you may join the celebration by Friday 27th January

Many thanks,
Peter, Jen, Stephanie & Ben



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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



29th January 2023

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

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (both Parishes)

Malachi 3.1-5 * Psalm 24 * Hebrews 2.14-19 * Luke 2.22-40

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or

mtrroxanne@gmail.com N/A on Mondays; Mother Susan is contactable on 07890 780572, N/A on Fridays.

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We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for our Bishops in this diocese - Christopher, Rosemarie, Karowei and Bishop Designate of Kingston, Martin Gainsborough.

For all the Churchwardens in the Diocese.

For **The United Benefice of St James & St Anne, Bermondsey: St Anne w St Augustine, Bermondsey** Gary Jenkins (Vicar) (Area Dean); Paul Warren (Urban Missioner); Adrian Greenwood (Reader); Penny Molyneux (Reader).

St James w Christ Church & St Crispin, Bermondsey The Salmon Centre; St James Primary School.

For the Bishops, clergy and people in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe. For the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Church of Pakistan (United); and for the Bishops, priests, deacons and people of the Diocese of Pennsylvania - The Episcopal Church (Province III)

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

For the bereaved – the Onyiaike, Irono, Maginley, Forrest, McKellar, Mullings, Korsah, Simpson and Gaisey families.

For the recently departed – Fidelia Onyiaike, Elecia Maginley, Helen Forrest, Karen Mullings, Elizabeth Korsah and Sabinah Simpson. **Years Mind.**

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News from Croydon North Deanery: Fr. Derrick Thompson from St Paul's Thornton Heath will be moving to The Richmond Charities as Chaplain; while Fr. James Njue from St. Jude with St. Aidan will be moving to Gloucester. On Thursday 9th February at 7.30pm, Fr. Tomos Reed will be licensed to Holy Saviour Croydon.