



On Sunday 4 February, **The Revd Canon Roxanne F. Eversley** was installed as Canon Librarian and commissioned as the first Dean of Cultural Diversity by The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun at Southwark Cathedral.

BISHOP’S LENT CALL FOR 2024

Each year, the Bishop’s Lent Call raises funds for local community projects in Southwark and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem, as well as calling parishes to a time of prayer and contemplation. Further information to follow from the Diocese about the charities and on how to donate.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
11th FEBRUARY 2024

Racial Justice Sunday is for all churches to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for the gifts and beauty of human diversity, and to commit to end racism and acts of discrimination. Racial Justice Sunday is an ecumenical observance which began in 1995 in Britain and Ireland. The catalyst for this observation was the murder of Stephen Lawrence, a Black teenager in South London, on 22 April 1993.

The gospel calls all Christians continually to confront the idolatry of racism and the evils in our world and to proclaim justice and mercy as we seek to walk with our God (Micah 6:8). Our worship unites us to Christ, transforms us in Word and Sacrament, and sends us out into the world to uphold the dignity of all in Christ.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lent is fast approaching, and our **Mass for Ash Wednesday** with the Imposition of Ashes, will be held at St Mark’s Church on **14th February** at 8 pm.

Our Lent Study Group will be commencing **Wednesday 21st February**, more information to follow about the course and the timing. Please see Mother Susan.

Give Lent – St Mark’s Church is launching a Stewardship Campaign during this Lent. This morning Gabby Parikh will be telling us more about this initiative and how each one of us can take part. We hope this is an opportunity to enable the church to grow and develop during this time of interregnum.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



11th February 2024

Vicar: Vacant

Priest (PTO): Revd. Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley, TSSF, SCP

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*2 Kings 2.1-12 * Psalm 50 1-6 * 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 * Mark 9.2-9*

*Today at Holy Innocents we welcome **Mother Jean Yearwood, SCP**, who will be presiding, and **Cicelyn Hinds** will be preaching.*

*At St Mark, we welcome out preacher **Gabby Parikh** from Trinity House. **Gabby** is the Director of Finance and Giving.*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: Funerals, baptisms, weddings, please contact Mother Susan 07890 780572, fs.kiley@btinternet.com or Cicelyn Hinds 07484 677951. Please note that Mother Susan’s day off is Friday.

The Benefice is now in vacancy. For Parish matters, please contact in the first instance, the respective church wardens, St Mark – Donald Ferguson (mr.dferguson@hotmail.com) Holy Innocents – John Gaisey (johngaisey1975@gmail.com) and Laurél Hird (lhird@btinternet.com)

We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie and Martin. **For** the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and *The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan*.

Pray for **St Michael & All Angels, Blackheath** Trevor Kemp (Vicar), Adam Scott (PTO), John Clark (Reader) (PTO) and Carolyn Watkins (PTO).

For the sick – Marina, Richard, Alec, Malik, Simon, Curlette, Caroline, Susan, Norman, Kay and Sacha.

The bereaved – Sarah and the Cromwell-Price family.

The recently departed – Kyria Cromwell whose funeral is Friday 16th February at 10.15 am. **Years Mind**