

Today, Mother Susan is celebrating 15 years of ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests in the Church of God.

Here's a brief autobiography of her vocational journey. "I moved to St Mark's parish over 40 years ago. For a long time I worshipped at St Luke, Woodside where I was actively involved and set up Christmas at Woodside. I felt the need for a "gap" year, after which I landed at St John the Evangelist, Upper Norwood. Around the time of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, I was so inspired by the preaching about the dreadful event that I vowed to answer God's call to take up Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA) ministry. At that time the training was very radical! I also began my long relationship with the Association for Pastoral Care in Mental Health (APCMH) which endures to this day. I met Fred and he asked "Why aren't you attending your parish church?" So we came to St Mark's and were married by Fr Philip Thrower in October 1994. I was commissioned as a SPA in 1996.

But God was persistent in calling, and after the long and complicated discernment process, and to cut a long story short, I began my ordination training in 2003. I was deaconed in 2006 at Croydon Minster, and a year later in 2007 at Michaelmas, priested in Southwark Cathedral - a grand affair I understand, although we candidates saw nothing of it. My darling daughter and her family travelled up from Basingstoke very early in the morning to be at both services.

My discernment journey towards becoming a Franciscan was perhaps the toughest call but it wouldn't let me go, and I was fully professed as a Tertiary in October 2020, in St Mark's Church."

Mother Susan, TSSF, SCP

The Diocesan **Black History Month** celebrations began at Southwark Cathedral yesterday with a joyful Eucharist of Thanksgiving followed by Workshops.

Today, St Mark begins her month-long celebration of **170 years of dedication** (on 13th October 1852).

On **Sunday 16th October, Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon** (recently retired from his role as Secretary General of the Anglican Communion) will be presiding and preaching for us.

There will be items on sale, including, key rings, bookmarks, notebooks, tote bags and pencils. A Souvenir edition of the Parish magazine will also be available at £5 each; there will be a display of historical documents relating to St. Mark's Church.

We still aim to record some intergenerational stories capturing the experiences of parishioners in this parish church over the years. **Watch this space!**

Confirmation Class concludes here at St Mark, on Wednesday 5th October at 6pm. **First Communion Classes** also continue up to the children's Admittance to First Communion on the Feast of Christ the King, 20th November 2022, during the 10am Parish Mass.

Harvest Supper and Festival here at St Mark – on Friday, 7th October in the Church Hall (*Supper*); and on Sunday 9th October, 10am *Harvest Festival* Mass.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



2nd October 2022

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8am and 10am Parish Mass

President and Preacher, Mother Susan

*Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 * Psalm 37.1-9 * 2 Timothy 1.1-14 * Luke 17.5-10*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Today we pray for **Chloe, Leyre, Kimberley, Isaiah and Jeremiah**, all of whom will be **Confirmed** during this evening's Service at St Luke's, Woodside by Bishop David Atkinson. Also this morning before their Confirmation and First Communion, **Kimberley & Leyre; Aisha, Alana & Isabella** will be **baptised** during the Service.

Until further notice, both Parishes will continue to meet at Saint Mark at 8am and 10am Mass on Sundays; and at Holy Innocents on Thursdays for the 10am Mass.

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available (except on Mondays) on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com

Mother Susan, on 07890 780572 or email fs.kiley@btinternet.com (not available on Fridays).

To hire the Church Halls, please call:

Jan on 020 8653 0447 for St Mark; and Annette on 020 8771 5779 for Holy Innocents.

We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen.

For the Bishops in this Diocese, Christopher, Richard, Karowei and Rosemarie. **For the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe, their clergy and people.**

Season of Creation - St Agnes, Kennington Park Vacant (V), Kennington Park Academy.

For the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Muyinga, The Anglican Church of Burundi.

For the sick – Claude & Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Rose, Caroline, Sigi, Anecka, Lynn, Ronald, Tommy, Ena, Rudolph, Pamela, Barry, Dennis, Linda, David, Adrian, Jacqueline, Colin (Castle), Carmen, Annetta, Fay, Marina, Pauline (Riches).

The bereaved – Peggy, Michael and the Messer family; and the Bartlett family.

The recently departed – Carol Messer and Alec Bartlett CA.

Anniversaries of death which occur at this time.