

The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2023

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.

In 2023, **the theme is "mental health & well-being"**, and we are featuring projects that help with access to medical care both here and in our Link Diocese of Jerusalem.

Access to food is a common theme too, as worry about being able to feed the family leads to enormous stress, so we feature foodbanks here and nutritional gardens in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

Many too need support to deal with the pressures of life and we are asked also to support projects to facilitate well-being, by developing strategies to cope with the stress and mental illness caused by our modern world.

You can find more information on this year's projects and how to donate at, <https://youtu.be/pzrfqf6Q3vw>
As we spend time in prayer and contemplation this Lent, we hope that you will feel able to generously support the projects we have chosen this year.

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New Director of Communications
Anna Drew has been appointed as the new Director of Communications for the Diocese of Southwark. She will also be the

Bishop of Southwark's Press Officer.

She joins us from the Diocese of Canterbury where she has been Director of Communications for the last seven years. As well as this experience from another Diocese she also brings experience from previous posts in the Methodist Church of Great Britain, including the role of Lead Media Officer. She will take up her role on 17 April 2023.

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Many thanks to Amarachi, Angelica, Gabriel and Emmanuel for attending the Croydon Citizens

Listening Event for young people, held at Woodside Baptist Church on Shrove Tuesday evening.

The Mayor, local Councillors and the Police were all in attendance, together with young people from 'Public Spirit', schools and other youth organisations.

St Mark's young people did very well in reporting on the findings from their 'Tables' as they engaged the Council & Police in strategic development for keeping our young people safe here in Croydon.

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Today, directly after the 10am Mass at St Mark, there will be a Pancakes Brunch in the Church Hall – please support this fundraiser, generously.

At the end of March, on Sunday 26th directly after the 10am Mass, St Mark's Spring Fair 2023 will take place in the Church Hall.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



26th February 2023

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (both Parishes)

*Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 * Psalm 32 * Romans 5.12-19 * Matthew 4.1-11*

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 Martin.

For the Bishops, clergy and people in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe; and

for the Bishops, priests, deacons and people of the Diocese of The Scottish Episcopal Church.

For St. Edward the Confessor, Mottingham

Catherine Shelley (Vicar) (Area Dean); Katie Kelly (Pioneer Asst. Curate); Anne Hoad (PTO); Pat Dockree (SPA); Ruth Slater (SPA)

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

For the bereaved – the Onyiaike, Irono and Eckhardt families.

For the recently departed – Fidelia Onyiaike and Rachel Eckhardt. **Years Mind.**

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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; Jars of pasta sauce; Packets of pasta; Tinned meals; 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.

Please take home a copy of this quarter's Parish Magazine.