

Bishop Christopher has called us to pray for the people of Ukraine and for peace, using the prayer below, written by the Dean (of Southwark):

**Praying for the people of Ukraine**

*The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. (Psalm 29.10)*

God of strength and peace, send your blessing on the people of Ukraine. Sustain them in their struggles, hold them in their fear, protect them from all danger and be for them the hope they desire; for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

Bishop Christopher says: "This act of aggression impacts very harmfully on a free, democratic European state and on all the nations of Europe. I exhort you to pray for peace with justice for the people of Ukraine."

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York in their joint statement have said: "The horrific and unprovoked attack on Ukraine is an act of great evil. Placing our trust in Jesus Christ, the author of peace, we pray for an urgent ceasefire and a withdrawal of Russian forces. We call for a public decision to choose the way of peace and an international conference to secure long term agreements for stability and lasting peace."

The Bishop in Europe, The Rt. Revd. Robert Innes, is co-ordinating an hour of prayer at **6.00pm on Shrove Tuesday** which may be joined on YouTube. Details will be circulated when we have them. In addition, the Archbishops have commended Pope Francis's call for a day of **fasting and prayer on Ash Wednesday**, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

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**The young people from Year 7 upwards** are invited to attend and participate in the Croydon North Deanery initiative – **Public Spirit Listening Dinner**, at 5.30pm, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at St Stephen's Church Hall, Warwick Road, CR7 7NH. *Parents and Carers of the young people are also welcome to attend.*

The aim is for young people to share their views and experiences in order to shape the priorities for the work of **Public Spirit**, eat and socialise together. The young people are encouraged to get involved so as to put their Christian faith into positive action. *More info from Ann Squirrel, as soon as it's available.*

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**The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, next Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.** There will be two opportunities here at St Mark's church for Ashing, i.e., being marked in ash with the sign of the cross on one's forehead. *Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross.*

**1.20pm Collective Worship for St Mark's School**  
**8pm at the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday**

Look forward to seeing you at one of these Services.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



**27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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

**The Sunday Next before Lent**  
**10.00am Parish Mass & Holy Baptism**

**President, Mother Susan \* Preacher, Mother Roxanne**  
*Exodus 34.29-35 \* Psalm 99 \* 2Cor.3.12-4.2 \* Luke 9.28-36*

Access online worship via  
[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Today, we welcome Sharon Hunt who will be on placement with us for the next 6 weeks, continuing her discernment of God's call to ordained ministry. We also especially welcome the family and friends of Stephanie, Romari, Ava and Reuben who are to be baptised during the Parish Mass today.**

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

**Pastoral Care:** Mother Roxanne is available (except on Mondays) on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or [mtrroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtrroxanne@gmail.com) Mother Susan (07890 780572 [fs.kiley@btinternet.com](mailto: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.  
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**We pray:** for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; Bishops Christopher, Jonathan, Richard and Karowei in this Diocese; and the Bishops in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

**For All Saints, New Eltham** Annette Rose (V); Rita Mather (Reader) (PTO).

**For the Bishops, priests & people of the Anglican Church of Kenya.**

**For the sick:** Claude & Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Amanda, Rose, Caroline, Sigi, Anecka, Lynn, Ronald, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Peggy, Rudolph, Stephanie, Pamela, Barry, Dennis, Linda, David, Oslene, Anthony, Adrian, Barbara, Jacqueline, Pauline, Anne, Mark.

**For the bereaved:** the Fodor, Naldrett, Shaw and Afare families; Justine, Bridgette and the Gibbs family.

**For the recently departed:** Akos Fodor, Hilda Naldrett, Ben Shaw, Stephen Afare, Maria Amelia Gibbs. **Years Mind/** those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer  
with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from  
glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Exodus 34:29-end

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## PSALM Psalm 99

**R** *Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God.*

The Lord is king; let the people tremble;  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.  
The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is high above all peoples.  
Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;  
he is the Holy One. **R**

"O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."  
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and fall down before his footstool;  
he is the Holy One. **R**

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,  
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.  
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his testimonies  
and the decree that he gave them. **R**

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds."  
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. **R**

## SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

## GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face

changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. [On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing.]

## POST COMMUNION

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.