

National Day of Reflection

Tuesday, 23rd March is the first anniversary of the first UK lockdown and will be a National Day of Reflection, when the nation is invited to **pause for one minute at midday**, pray and reflect on the year that has passed. It is also a day to stand together, in whatever way you feel able, with those who are bereaved.

Praying on a day of reflection (from the Dean)

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages.
From the Easter Vigil, Common Worship

God of all that has been, that is, that is to come
as we reflect on the year that has past,
those we have lost, those we have missed,
the contact not made, the hopes dashed,
new things discovered, new opportunities seized,
new love embraced,
we thank you that you have been with us
and brought us to this day.
Stay with us as we step into your future
with faith and hope and love
and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Bishop's Lent Call continues
(<https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/>)

The theme this year is food insecurity and our focus is on food banks in the Diocese and projects in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. For very understandable reasons, last year's Lent Call only produced enough to support the small number of identified special projects, for which Bishop Christopher is grateful. However, we were not able to give to our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe. Please give some thought as to how best to give generously to support food insecure families living in Southwark and also in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem.

Please consider making a thank offering - for example, those receiving their vaccination might be encouraged to donate to the Lent Call once they've had it or in retrospect. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

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Today, Passiontide begins when reflections turn to Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and his passion there. As the **clocks spring forward next Sunday**, we celebrate **Palm Sunday** with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We have already recorded **the Liturgy of the Palms** with which we will begin the Service next Sunday, so please arrive early so we could begin promptly at 10am, then go smoothly into the **Liturgy of Palm Sunday**.

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In the absence of income from the Church Hall and in order to boost its finances, **St Mark** has now introduced a **#GiveLent** campaign. While the name speaks for itself, you are invited to add money (real or IOU) to a jar during Lent and at Easter, donate said sum to St Mark via the Donate Page on the website, where it can be Gift Aided, so the church can receive the maximum from your contributions! **Happy Giving!**
Remember God loves a cheerful giver.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



21st March 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne Eversley
Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent
(Passiontide begins)**

10.00am Parish Mass

President and Preacher, Mother Roxanne

*Jeremiah 31.31-34 * Psalm 51.1-12 * Hebrews 5.5-10 * John 12.20-33*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Mon. – Sat. 22 nd -27 th March	Week 5 #LiveLent	12noon online only Daily Reflections
Tuesday, 23 rd March	Feria	6pm Adult Lent Group IV via Zoom 8pm - HI PCC
Wednesday 24 th March	++ Oscar Romero, Martyr, 1980	2.00pm - St Mark's PCC
Thursday, 25 th March	The Annunciation	10.00am Mass at Holy Innocents
Sunday, 28 th March	Palm Sunday	8.00am BCP Mass 10.00am Parish Mass

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or Mobile 07723 038215 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays; or Mother Susan (07890 780572) on Fridays.
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For your prayers: *Archbishops* Justin and Stephen; *Bishops* Christopher, Jonathan, Richard and Karowei in this Diocese; and the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe.

For Deptford Deanery, Vacant (AD); Sheridan James (Asst. AD); Colin Plant (LC)

For Bishops, priests & people of the Church of England.

For the sick – Enid, Alec, Una, Claude & Richard, Helen, Linda, Jennifer and Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Vera, Barry & Valerie, Sheila, Andrew (Scorgie), Rose, Allison, Caroline, Gillian, Donald & Sigi, Anecka, Monica, Dennis and Rosemary.

For the bereaved – the Davies, Aberdeen, Webley, Caines, Harris, Allen, Muanza and Etienne families. **For the recently departed** – Olu Aberdeen, Len Webley, Norman Caines, Michael Rennie, Linton Allen, Fernando Muanza, William Etienne. **Years Mind.**

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A reminder to follow the COVID-19 guidelines for public worship – please wear a mask unless exempt, hand sanitise as you enter the Church, register your presence either through your NHS APP or by adding your name and contact number to the Register, maintain your distance while at Church and please **leave** the building **directly** after the Mass concludes.

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
 who by the death and resurrection of
 your Son Jesus Christ
 delivered and saved the world:
 grant that by faith in him who
 suffered on the cross
 we may triumph in the power of his
 victory;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM

Either Psalm 51:1-12

R *A clean heart create in me, O God.*

Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your loving-kindness;
 in your great compassion blot out my
 offences.
 Wash me through and through from
 my wickedness
 and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.
 Against you only have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight.
 And so you are justified when you
 speak
 and upright in your judgement. **R**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my
 birth,
 a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep
 within me,
 and will make me understand wisdom
 secretly. **R**

Purge me from my sin and I shall be
 pure;
 wash me and I shall be clean indeed.
 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
 that the body you have broken may
 rejoice. **R**

Hide your face from my sins
 and blot out all my iniquities.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence
 and take not your holy Spirit from me. **R**

Or Psalm 119:9-16

R *O Lord, how I love your law.*

How shall the young cleanse their way?
 By keeping to your words.
 With my whole heart I seek you;
 let me not stray from your
 commandments. **R**

I treasure your promise in my heart,
 that I may not sin against you.
 Blessed are you, O Lord;
 instruct me in your statutes. **R**

With my lips will I recite
 all the judgements of your mouth.
 I have taken greater delight in the
 way of your decrees
 than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments
 and give attention to your ways.
 My delight is in your statutes;
 I will not forget your word. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned

obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us
 that what we do for the least of our
 brothers and sisters
 we do also for you;
 give us the will to be the servant of
 others
 as you were the servant of all,
 and gave up your life and died for us,
 but are alive and reign, now and for
 ever.