

Passiontide begins today and ends on the evening of Easter Eve. **Purple** (the Lenten array) remains throughout this week and changes to **red** for Holy Week. All crucifixes, crosses and images are covered in veils until the end of the celebration of the Lord's passion on Good Friday. This veiling is associated with John's Gospel (chapter 8), in which Jesus "hid himself" from the people. ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.' ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

7th April – Final Lent Study Group on Zoom
(Link will be circulated on Thursday).

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday – it's St Mark's Easter Fair directly after the Parish Mass (11.15am to 1pm) – there's still time to bring in your donations of easter eggs and raffle prizes, plus other goodies for sale. **We need volunteers to set up on Saturday 9th** – please let Jan, Cicelyn, Donald or Simon know if you're able to help on this occasion.

5th June – we propose to celebrate the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a Street Party** incorporating St Mark's Church and Hall, the School yard, Coventry Road, John Street and St Marks Road. We have delivered letters to the residents of Coventry and St Marks Roads; and John Street as we need support from at least 70% of them before we can apply for the permission from Croydon Council to close Coventry Road for the day.

We plan to start the celebrations with an outdoor Mass at 10am in the hope that the neighbours will join us as we kick off the party in style.

3rd July – South Norwood Community Fair (SNCF) in the Recreation Park.

13th October - on this day, **St Mark's Church** celebrates its **170th anniversary** of dedication. The Teams are hoping to produce a few anniversary items for sale, including a glossy magazine, mugs, tea towels. There are other events planned as we hear from parishioners 'old and young' about their experiences of belonging to St Mark.

Each Sunday in October will be one of celebration as we mark this occasion, beginning with **Mother Susan's 15th anniversary of Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests on 2nd October during the 10am Mass.**

Restoring the Chalice - at the Chrism Eucharist on Maundy Thursday (14th April), at Southwark Cathedral, the Common Cup will be restored to the faithful gathered there in the Mother Church of this Diocese. *In this regard and for us here in this United Benefice, please let me know if you are now ready to receive the Common Cup or wine by intinction (the priest dips the bread in the wine and put it in your hand) or indeed continue receive in one kind (bread). If you agree to receiving in both kinds, we can start at our Maundy Thursday 8pm Mass or on Easter Day. I await your feedback. Thank you, Mtr. Roxanne*

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



3rd April 2022

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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8am and 10am Parish Mass

President, Mtr. Roxanne * Preacher, Sharon Hunt

*Isaiah 43.16-21 * Psalm 126 * Philippians 3.4b-14 * John 12.1-8*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

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
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 (currently in hospital), Richard and Karwei **and for the appointment of the new Bishop of Croydon;** **for** the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe, their clergy and people.

Prayer for Repentance

For St Matthew w St Jude, Brixton Stephen Sichel (V); Alice Hole (HonC); Sarah Corlett (Reader)
St Judes' CofE (JM & I) School

For Southwark Diocesan Spiritual Formation

For the Bishops, priests & people of The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

For the sick – Claude & Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, 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 and Karen. **The bereaved:** the Afare, Kiley and Carbert families; Eileen, Dominic and the Tomes family.

The recently departed: Stephen Afare, Jean Kiley, Amanda Carbert, Alan Tomes. **Years Mind.**

As we continue to pray for the government and people of Ukraine and Russia, a reminder that donations for Ukraine can be made online at DEC.org.uk

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 Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

PSALM Psalm 126

R *The Lord has done great things for us
 and we are glad indeed.*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
 then were we like those who dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 and our tongue with shouts of joy. **R**
 Then they said among the nations,
 "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us,
 and we are glad indeed. **R**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
 like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears
 will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping,
 carrying the seed,
 will come again with joy,
 shouldering their sheaves. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it

my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL John 12:1-8

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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.