

The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, offers this message for the season of Easter

My brothers and sisters, Christ is Risen! The whole world is filled with joy as it is brought to new birth in her Risen Lord. We have so much to give thanks for - and so much to look forward to because of what Christ has accomplished.

And yet despite his Victory over death there is great suffering in our world which yearns for full restoration in Christ. In Gaza, in Ukraine, and in other parts of the world, women and children bear the full violence of war. We all face the challenge of environmental justice, and what diminishes one person made in the image of God diminishes us all.

As we live the Risen life with renewed purpose and vigour, I encourage you to not to be anxious. Anxiousness reduces our capacity for joy and our commitment to justice. It eats away at our hope and coarsens our love. Anxiety undermines community. An anxious person is, paradoxically, not humble, and an anxious Church cannot be truly hospitable.

In his letter to the Philippians, St Paul instructs us to let our gentleness be known to everyone and teaches us that the Lord is near. If we live anxiously we shall miss Christ in our neighbour, and we shall lose him in our hearts. And if we leave gentleness behind, we can be sure that anxiety has a hold of us.

My brothers and sisters, let us walk this Eastertide with the Risen Christ who makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. For he will provide, and with him we need fear no ill.

May God bless you and all those you love this joyful season.

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Are you election ready? The London Mayoral elections will take place on 2 of May 2024 and the General elections must happen by 28 January 2025.

To vote in the London Mayoral Election you need to register by 16 April 2024. You can register here: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

On the day you vote you will need to present one form of photo ID. It must be the original and not a copy, but even if it has expired it can still be used if it still looks like you. Acceptable forms of photo ID include:

- Passport or Driving Licence
- Concessionary photo card e.g. Freedom Pass
- Biometric immigration document or Identity card with PASS mark\*\*\*

If you do not have a photo ID you can apply for a FREE Voter Authority Certificate. This doesn't have an expiry date so is worth applying for if needed for future use.

A full list of permitted ID can be found at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Vicar: Vacant

Priest (PTO): Revd. Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley, TSSF, SCP

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

Acts 4.32-35 \* Psalm 133 \* 1 John 1.1-2.2 \* John 20.19-end

Today we welcome **Father Charlie Bell** at the 8.00am and **Father Olukayode Oyebo** at the 10.00am at St Mark (he is from St Laurence, Catford)

Access online worship via

[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Pastoral Care:** for enquiries regarding baptism, confirmation, weddings, blessings, house blessings, renewal of marriage vows, thanksgiving for the birth of a child, to make your confession, or to request a home or hospital visit, please contact Mother Susan 07890 780572, [fs.kiley@btinternet.com](mailto:fs.kiley@btinternet.com) or Cicelyn Hinds 07484 677951. Please note that Mother Susan's day off is Friday.

The Benefice is now in vacancy. For Parish matters, please contact in the first instance, the respective church wardens, St Mark – Donald Ferguson ([mr.dferguson@hotmail.com](mailto:mr.dferguson@hotmail.com)) Holy Innocents – [Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk](mailto:Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk)

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**We pray:** for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie and Martin. **For** the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and The Episcopal Anglican Province of Alexandria

**For Holy Spirit, Clapham** Ruth Burge-Thomas (Vicar) Caroline Clarke (Public Preacher License) and **World Health Day**

**For the sick** – Abdul, Sharon, Marina, Richard, Alec, Malik, Simon, Caroline, Susan, Kay, Sacha, Mei, Abraham, Marlise and Amanda.

**The bereaved**

**The recently departed and those whose Years Mind falls at this time**