

Introduction to the Season



The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

*Triumphant in his glory now,
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.
(Fulbert of Chartres)*

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls 'this most joyful period' (*laetissimum spatium*). It is sometimes also called 'Great Sunday'.

In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fundraising at St Mark: *As there isn't a Summer Fair in the Park this year, we have come up with an alternative idea. For the next two weeks, there will be two tables with items of glassware for your perusal and purchase. They were previously loved by someone else - they now need a good home and we need the money for remedial work on our School Room - monies from purchases you make will be gratefully received and of course, much appreciated.*

7th May after the 10am Mass – Bring 'n Share lunch, St Mark's Church Hall in celebration of the coronation of King Charles III on 6th May.

St Mark's APCM - 30th April during the Parish Mass. Please join us in the Hall afterwards for drinks and nibbles, at no cost to you as we say **Thank you!**

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



9th April 2023

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

EASTER DAY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10.00am Parish Mass (both Churches)

*Jeremiah 31.1-6 * Psalm 118 * Acts 10.34-43 * Matthew 28.1-10*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

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 the Bishops in this diocese - Christopher, Karowei, Rosemarie and Martin.

For the Bishops, clergy and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe; **for** the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

For St Paul, Clapham Jonathan Boardman (Vicar); Rosemary Palmer (Reader) Heathbrook Primary School

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, Kieran, Neil, Deanne and Kay.

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

For the recently departed – Fidelia Onyiaike and Eunice Shepherd. **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.