



Yesterday was Earth Day as well as the 30th anniversary of Stephen Lawrence Day.

Earth Day is all about raising awareness and taking action to

protect our planet. Our Diocese hosted an **Eco Church Celebration** to celebrate the growth of the Eco Church awards scheme which **makes clear that the 5th Mark of Anglican Mission is a thriving area of missional activity in our churches.**

There were inspiring speakers and workshops on managing buildings, community engagement and managing church land. The day ended with a service of thanksgiving led by Bishop Martin Gainsborough, of Kingston, followed by a free lunch.



The Racial Justice Unit of the Church of England has released this prayer to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Stephen Lawrence Day.

Almighty God, the source of all hope and justice, Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ brought us good news of love offering equality and inclusion of all, You call us to radical action and not just empty words, To stand-up against racism and all forms of discrimination against all our brothers and sisters. On this the 30th Anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence,

We pray for the family and friends of Stephen who still experience his loss,

We ask for forgiveness when we close our eyes, ears, and hearts to the injustices of those around us,

We call on those in authority to act against institutional racism that is part of everyday life and afflicts too many people of Global Majority Heritage,

We ask you to continue to bless the work of the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation

That keeps his memory and legacy alive.

God of grace, mercy, and love,

Move us to neighbourly love to all those who are hurt, angry and feel abandoned,

Release us from our self-centredness so we can help heal a world in pain,

Let us, your Church, speak out against discrimination against all those you created and love,

May our voices amplify the shouts for justice and equality for all.

We ask this in the name of the God of love, justice, and mercy who calls us to share peace, freedom, and liberty with all. Amen.

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Next Sunday, 30th April – St Mark’s APCM – please take home a copy of the ‘Reports’ Booklet for your perusal before the meeting. Please also remain or drinks and nibbles after the Service.

Check out glassware on sale today!

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



23rd April 2023

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER & ST. GEORGE'S DAY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10.00am Parish Mass (both Churches)

*Acts 2.14a, 36-41 * Psalm 116 * 1Peter 1.17-23 * Luke 24.13-35*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

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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; **and in The Church of the Province of Uganda.**

St Leonard, Streatham Anna Norman-Walker (R); Haley Argles-Grant (AsstC); Neil Dawson (PTO); Stephen Hance (PTO); Richard Jenkins (PTO); David Tomlinson (PTO); Eileen Turner (PTO); Marion Gray (Reader) (PTO); Oona Emerson (SPA) St Leonard CofE (JM & I) School

Bishop's House is in this parish; pray for those who work there supporting Bishop Christopher in his ministry.

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. **The bereaved** – the Onyiaike, Irono, Shepherd and Taylor families.

For the recently departed – Fidelia Onyiaike, Eunice Shepherd and Daphne Taylor. **Years Mind.**

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

7th May, 7pm, St Mildred's Church (Bingham Road, Addiscombe) – **BBCF's concert** in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

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8th May Big Picnic in **Parkhill Park** hosted by Faiths Together in Croydon (FTiC).