

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE and beyond

Southwark Diocesan Conference 2022  
(#SDC2022) 1-3 September 2022  
Hold These Dates!

**From Bishop Christopher:** I am delighted to invite you to participate in our mixed-mode Southwark Diocesan Conference 2022 to celebrate our partnership in the Gospel for the people and communities of South London and East Surrey. Our theme is **Christ-centred and outward-focused**. This Diocesan Conference marks another stage on the journey we make together by gathering those in licensed ministry - lay and ordained - and those who share leadership in mission and pastoral witness in other capacities.

As we emerge from the worst effects of the pandemic I hope it will be an opportunity for thanksgiving, worship, hospitality, learning, and the encouragement of meeting together.

The event is non-residential over three days at Bacon's College, Rotherhithe. Much of the conference will be streamed online in order to make the programme a resource to parishes and communities – I hope you will encourage partners in the Gospel to join us. The 2022 Southwark Diocesan Conference is funded largely by the Dartmouth Trust so will not be a burden on parishes. All you need to do now is to save these dates and look out for further information in different media in due course.

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A reminder that due to the continued restrictions, Bishop Christopher's 2020 Instrument that gave permission for Incumbents or Area Deans to swear in Churchwardens will also apply in 2021. This means that the Archdeacon's Visitation Service, where Churchwardens are sworn in their role for the coming year, will not be held again this year. Here in this United Benefice, we will swear in our churchwardens at the first PCC meeting following each APCM, using the recommended prayers /commissioning words together with the Churchwarden's Declaration which must be made before taking office. We aim to swear in our PCC members and sidespersons at the same meeting.

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**The May 2021 edition of The Bridge** is now available to read and download from [southwark.anglican.org/thebridge](https://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge)

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The Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce has published its report proposing a suite of changes to begin bringing about a change of culture in the life of the Church of England. **From Lament to Action** can be read here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/news-releases/lament-action-archbishops-anti-racism-taskforce-calls-urgent-changes>

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**Thy Kingdom Come** is here, the global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day (13 May) and Pentecost (23 May) for more people to come to know Jesus.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



**9<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Vicar:** The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

**Asst. Priest:** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

**Reader:** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**10.00am Parish Mass & APCM**

**President – Mother Roxanne**

**Preacher - the Ven. Dr. Rosemarie Mallett, Archd. of Croydon**

Acts 10.44-end \* Psalm 98 \* 1John 5.1-6 \* John 15.9-17

Access online worship via

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

### **This week's diary**

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	ASCENSION DAY	<b>10.00am</b> Mass at Holy Innocents <b>8.00pm</b> Mass at St. John, Upper Norwood
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	<b>8am</b> BCP Mass <b>10am</b> Parish Mass

### **CHURCH NOTICES**

**Pastoral Care:** Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or

[mtrroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtrroxanne@gmail.com) Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays.

Mother Susan (07890 780572) not available on Fridays.

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**We pray:** for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; Bishops Christopher, Jonathan, Richard and Karowei in this Diocese; the Bishops in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe. **For** St Peter & St Paul, Mitcham - David Pennells (V) (AsstAD); Jackie Cockfield (AsstP); **For** the Bishops, priests and people of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

**For the sick –** Enid, Alec, Richard, Helen, Jennifer and Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Vera, Barry & Valerie, Sheila, Rose, Allison, Caroline, Gillian, Donald & Sigi, Anecka, Monica, Shirley, Lynn, Dennis, Rosemary, CP, Joanne, Melanie, Ronald, Faye, Tommy, Ena and Adeline. **For the bereaved; the recently departed; Years Mind.**

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COVID-19 guidelines for public worship remain in place – please wear a mask unless exempt, hand sanitise, register your presence either through your NHS COVID-19 APP or by adding your name and contact number to the Register, maintain your distance and please remember there's still **no congregational singing**. Lastly, please **leave the church directly** after the Parish Mass.

**Nothing will change before 17<sup>th</sup> May**

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A reminder that a copy of the Diocesan ANTI-RACISM CHARTER is at the back of the church for your perusal.

## COLLECT

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the  
power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom  
of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has  
recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us  
he may raise us to eternal joy;  
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

(Alternative readings)

*The reading from Acts must be read as either the First or Second Reading.*

Either **Acts 10:44-end**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Or **Isaiah 55:1-11**

## PSALM Psalm 98

**R** *The Lord has made known his  
victory  
in the sight of the nations.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
With his right hand and his holy  
arm  
has he won for himself the victory. **R**

The Lord has made known his  
victory;  
his righteousness has he openly  
shown  
in the sight of the nations.  
He remembers his mercy and  
faithfulness  
to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have  
seen  
the victory of our God. **R**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you  
lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of  
song.  
With trumpets and the sound of  
the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the  
Lord. **R**

Let the sea make a noise and all  
that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell  
therein.  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy  
before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the  
world,  
and the peoples with equity. **R**

## SECOND READING

(Alternative readings)

Either **1 John 5:1-6**

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith, Who is it that

conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Or **Acts 10:44-end**

## GOSPEL John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

## POST COMMUNION

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the  
water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of  
goodness,  
through him who is alive and  
reigns, now and for ever