



Today is **Trinity Sunday**, the only Sunday in the church year that focuses exclusively on a doctrine of the church. Instead of trying to explain one God in three Persons, here's how our trinitarian congregation ought to look – like one that is called and sent by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the good

news of Jesus Christ, in word and deed for the sake of the world God created and loves so much. It's one that sees itself called into mission by the Trinitarian God it confesses.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28.19-20)

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Living in Love and Faith (LLF): a message from the Bishops of the Diocese of Southwark

This year the Church is inviting us all to join in the Living in Love and Faith project which focuses on questions about sexuality, gender and relationships such as:

- how do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ?
- what does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

We are all invited into a process of learning, reflecting, speaking and listening, which we hope will deepen our understanding of the faith we share, and strengthen us as the body of Christ together, united in one mission which is expressed through our diversity.

We would therefore encourage PCCs and congregations to reflect together as to how they might take up this invitation, which is for the whole Church. Lay leadership is as important as lay participation if the LLF project is to go deep in the life of the Church.

The national team is providing an online ‘taster day’ for us on Saturday 26 June, 2pm – 5.30pm, which will give everyone a chance to engage and to learn.

We are intending to round off our learning in November with a Diocese-wide event. Resources are also under development to make LLF more accessible for young people in our schools and congregations.

To sign up for the taster afternoon, which will be on Zoom, please e-mail Zoe Skilton on zoe.skilton@southwark.anglican.org

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A reminder that under the Step 3 easement of COVID-19 restrictions, face masks are still required to be worn at church unless exempt, there is still **no congregational singing** and we are still encouraged to **leave the church directly** after the Parish Mass. Please remember to register your attendance and use the hand sanitisers provided. We await the Govt's announcement of further 'easements' from 21st June.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



30th May 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

Trinity Sunday

10.00am Parish Mass & APCM

President and Preacher, Mother Roxanne

*Isaiah 6.1-8 * Psalm 29 * Romans 8.12-17 * John 3.1-17*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Thursday 3 rd June	Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)	10.00am Said Mass at Holy Innocents 8.00pm Choral Mass St John the Evangelist Upper Norwood
Sunday 6 th June	Frist Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP Mass 10am Parish Mass and 60 th wedding anniversary Blessing

CHURCH NOTICES

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

mtrroxanne@gmail.com She is not available on Mondays or Mother Susan (07890 780572) 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 John, West Wickham** Jon Ward (R); Richard Ford (PTO); Sally Munns (Reader); Sybil Andrew (SPA); Penny Seabrook (SPA)

For the Bishops, priests & people of the Anglican Church in Mexico.

For the sick – Enid, Alec, Richard, Helen & Peter, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Sheila & Amanda, Rose, Allison, Caroline, Gillian, Sigi, Anecka, Monica, Shirley, Lynn, Dennis, Rosemary, CP, Joanne, Melanie, Ronald, Faye, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Akos, Peggy, Rudolph and Shirley.

For the bereaved – Doris and the Lawrence family; the Johnson and Franklin families.

For the recently departed – Murphy Lawrence, John Johnson; and **Years Mind**.

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A copy of the Southwark Diocesan ANTI-RACISM CHARTER is at the back of the church for your perusal. It can also be downloaded from:

<https://southwark.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Southwark-Anti-Racism-Charter-1.pdf>

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal
Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty
to worship the Unity;
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended
from all adversities;
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 6:1-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

PSALM Psalm 29

R *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

or

R *In God's temple all cry "Glory!"*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we

know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love;
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.