

Parish Support Fund news from the Diocesan Secretary, Ruth Martin

Thank you for your sustained generosity to the Parish Support Fund which has enabled continued strong collection rates rising to more than 98% in March and April.

As we think ahead to 2022, please could I ask you to include the discussion of your 2022 pledge as an agenda item at your PCC meetings in the months of July, August or September. We will be sending out the 2022 Parish Support Fund material digitally at the beginning of July and asking parishes to send in their pledges by Wednesday 15 September. We appreciate that this will be a tight deadline and financial forward planning may be difficult for you but we hope by then there may be a better sense of how your finances may look for 2022 with rentals, etc. restarted. Equally, without your pledges, it will be difficult for us to enable the budget to be presented and discussed by the governance committees ahead of Diocesan Synod. We will be asking you to submit your pledges online, as last year.

If you have any questions please contact Gabby Parikh, our Head of Giving on gabby.parikh@southwark.anglican.org or your Archdeacon. Thank you again for enabling us to continue to resource our Diocese's mission and ministry through your Parish Support Fund pledge donations.

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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

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



6th June 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

First Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Parish Mass

President, Mother Roxanne Preacher, Cicelyn Hinds

*Genesis 3.8-15 * Psalm 130 * 2Corinthians 4.13-5.1 * Mark 3.20-end*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Tuesday 8 th June	Thomas Ken, 1711	8pm PCC at Holy Innocents
Thursday 10 th June	Feria	10am Said Mass at Holy Innocents
Sunday 13 th June	Second Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP Mass 10am Parish Mass

CHURCH NOTICES

Today, we extend a warm welcome to the family and friends of our dear parishioners David and Norma McKnight, with whom we are all celebrating their Diamond wedding anniversary - 60 years of marriage! What a blessing! We give thanks and praise to God for them and for the blessing of their children Leonard, Donovan, David, Michael, Paul and their families.

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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 Paul, Kingston Hill** Adam Rylett (V); Fiona de Quidt (AsstP); Lesley Bell (Reader); Dale Kirk (Reader) St Paul's School, Kingston.

For the Bishops, priests and people of the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

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, the Harman and Gadishaw families. **For the recently departed** – Murphy Lawrence, Joan Johnson, Henry Harman, Hannah Gadishaw; and **Years Mind**.

COLLECT

O God,
the strength of all those who put their
trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of
our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your
commandments
we may please you both in will and
deed;
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 Genesis 3:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The man and the woman heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

PSALM Psalm 130

R *With the Lord there is mercy
and plenteous redemption.*

Out of the depths have I called to you,
O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of
my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done
amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?
For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared. **R**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for
him;
in his word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night-watch for the
morning,
more than the night-watch for the
morning. **R**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;
With him there is plenteous
redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all
their sins. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

*A reading from the second letter of
Paul to the Corinthians.*

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – "I believed, and so I spoke" – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

GOSPEL Mark 3:20-end

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

The crowd came together again, so
that Jesus and his companions could
not even eat. When his family heard
it, they went out to restrain him, for

people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" – for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in
faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.