

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in the house – be they biological fathers, step fathers, grand-fathers, god-fathers, or mothers who are fathers too, due to the loss of their partners.

Many Congratulations! Every blessing as you celebrate the day within the COVID-19 guidelines.

Changes to the Children's centres in Croydon

Croydon council are currently out to consultation regarding the proposed children's centre delivery model, the consultation has been extended and will now be open until midnight on 20 June 2021 and can be found at croydon.gov.uk/ccconsultation.

They would like to ensure that as many families are reached as possible, as well as practitioners who work in partnership with centres.

The review has shown they need to hear from residents that live in the **North of the borough** as well as **younger parents** (18-30).

Most of the respondents they have currently are female, we hope to reach **fathers** who might use, or intend to use services.

If it is possible to raise the profile of the consultation within your community and share with your networks to ensure families are aware and have the opportunity to respond, it would be appreciated.

If families require any support they can contact croydonbeststart@croydon.gov.uk and they will get in touch.

Penny Smith-Orr
Chair, Faiths Together in Croydon

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



20th June 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

Third Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Parish Mass

President, Mother Susan * Preacher, Mother Roxanne

*Job 38.1-11 * Psalm 107 * 2Corinthians 6.1-13 * Mark 4.35-41*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Thursday 24 th June	<i>The Birth of John the Baptist</i>	10am Said Mass at Holy Innocents
Sunday 27 th June	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP Mass 10am Parish Mass

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.

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 the Battersea Deanery** Richard Taylor (AD); Ruth Turner (AsstAD); Peter Wolstenholme (LC). **World Refugee Day.** **For Bishops, priests & people of the Church of North India (United).**

For the sick – Enid, Alec, Richard, Helen & Peter, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Sheila & Amanda, Rose, Allison, Caroline, Gillian, Sigi, Michael, Anecka, Monica, Shirley, Lynn, Dennis, Rosemary, Joanne, Melanie, Ronald, Faye, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Richard, Cyril, Akos, Peggy, Rudolph, Shirley, Stephanie, Leslyn. **For the bereaved** – Doris and the Lawrence family; the Johnson and Franklin families, the Gadishaw, Harman and Hackshaw families. **For the recently departed** – Murphy Lawrence, Joan Johnson, Hannah Gadishaw, Henry Harman, Peter Hackshaw; and **Years Mind.**

The Bridge Newspaper can be accessed via this link: <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/the-bridge-newspaper/>

You may have heard the News that the Prime Minister has delayed the 'Step 4 easement' of COVID-19 restrictions. As a result, everything remains the same, except that for weddings like Funerals, the number of guests will be seated according to the capacity of the venue while maintaining social distancing.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts whereby we call you
Father:

give us grace to dedicate our
freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be
brought to the glorious liberty of
the children of God;

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 Job 38:1-11

A reading from the book of Job.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? – when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'"

PSALM Psalm 107:1-3. 23-32

R Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

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Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south. **R**

Some went down to the sea in ships
and plied their trade in deep waters;
They beheld the works of the Lord
and his wonders in the deep.

Then he spoke and a stormy wind
arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea. **R**

They mounted up to the heavens
and fell back to the depths;
their hearts melted because of their peril.

They reeled and staggered like drunkards
and were at their wits' end.
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress. **R**

He stilled the storm to a whisper
and quieted the waves of the sea.
Then were they glad because of the calm,
and he brought them to the harbour they were bound for. **R**

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people
and praise him in the council of the elders. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the

power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

GOSPEL Mark 4:35-end

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

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.