



EMANCIPATION DAY 2021

Commemorated throughout the former British Colonies, **August 1st 1834** marks the end of slavery in the British Empire.

The British like other colonial powers had allowed the widespread practice of slavery to take place during the time of expansion to the new world.

In 1772, the ruling in the case of Somerset v Stewart determined that slavery was unsupported by the common law in England and Wales. While the ruling was not clear on the situation in other parts of the Empire, this case was seen as a key turning point in the change towards emancipation.

Slavery was finally abolished throughout the British Empire by the Slavery Abolition Act 1833, which came into effect on August 1st 1834.

The territories controlled at that time by the East India Company, Ceylon (modern-day Sri Lanka) and St. Helen's were excluded. Slavery was not abolished in these regions until 1843.

On March 24th 2021, the House of Commons voted unanimously to officially designate August 1st Emancipation Day.

In the USA, formal slavery was legal until 1865 in most of the area that is now the United States. Many slaves were of African origin and many slave owners were of European descent, although some other groups also had slaves. By 1860, there were about four million slaves in the United States.

On April 16, 1862, Abraham Lincoln, the then US president, signed the Compensated Emancipation Act, which freed more than 3000 slaves in the District of Columbia. However, slavery did not officially end in the rest of the United States until after the American Civil War, which lasted from 1861 until 1865.

The 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution formally ended slavery in the US. It was proposed on January 31, 1865 and ratified by 30 of the then 36 states in the same year – **Mississippi only ratified it in 1995.**

Slavery and the racial divisions, upon which it was based, have had and continue to have, huge implications for individuals and American society as a whole.

Emancipation Day in Washington DC marks the anniversary of the signing of the Compensated Emancipation Act. On January 4, 2005, legislation was signed to make Emancipation Day an official public holiday in the District of Columbia. Elsewhere in the United States, the emancipation of slaves is celebrated in Florida (May 20), Puerto Rico (March 22) and Texas (June 19).

Following the death of George Floyd on May 25th 2020, there is a new consciousness born of peaceful protests for justice across the United States, the UK and in about 20 other countries.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



1st August 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

Emancipation Day

10.00am Parish Mass

President and Preacher, Mother Roxanne

*Exodus 16.2-4,9-15 * Psalm 78.23-29 * Ephesians 4.1-16 * John 6.24-35*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Thursday 5 th August	Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642	10.00am Said Mass at Holy Innocents
Sunday 8 th August	Tenth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP Mass 10am Parish Mass with Fr. Tom Hurcombe, President and Preacher

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.

RICHMOND & BARNES DEANERY The Deanery follows the south bank of the Thames from Hammersmith Bridge to Ham. It has many highly prosperous areas alongside areas of deprivation, which are often unnoticed. The Deanery includes three Team Ministries and one ecumenical covenant; and there are four Church of England schools.

For Richmond & Barnes Deanery Alex Barrow (AD); Marian Mollett (LC); Nicholas Roberts (PTO) Richmond upon Thames WelCare

For the Bishops, priests & people of the Church of the Province of South East Asia

For the sick – Alec, Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Amanda, Rose, Caroline, Sigi, Michael, Anecka, Monica, Shirley, Lynn, Rosemary, Joanne, Melanie, Ronald, Faye, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Akos, Peggy, Rudolph, Stephanie, Pamela, Barry.

For the bereaved – the Desire family, Keith and the Bradshaw family.

For the recently departed – Jim Desire, Sheila Bradshaw.

Those anniversaries of death occurring at this time.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your
grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 Exodus 16:2-4. 9-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

PSALM Psalm 78:23-29

R *The Lord gave them grain from heaven.*

The Lord commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven.

He rained down manna upon them to eat
and gave them grain from heaven.
So mortals ate the bread of angels;
he provided for them food enough. **R**

He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
And led out the south wind by his might.
He rained down flesh upon them like dust
and winged birds like the sand of the sea. **R**

He let it fall in the midst of their camp
and round about their dwellings.
So they ate and were well filled,
for he gave them what they craved. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes

the body's growth in building itself up in love.

GOSPEL John 6:24-35

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

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table
of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language to share in the eternal
banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.