



A prayer for this summer of sport, especially for today's 2023 Women's World Cup Finals

For all who compete in sport, in all their competitiveness, Lord God, grant them steel; for all who referee sport, in all their impartiality, Lord God, grant them good judgment; for all who watch sport, in all their enthusiasm, Lord God, grant them consideration; for all who know they ought to do more sport, in all our lack of fitness, Lord God, grant us motivation. And so may our lives, body and soul, be full of praise to you. Amen.

Many moons ago, around the year 2002, I embarked on a programme of study which begun with what I referred to then as 'a dipping of the toe in the waters of theology'. It was:

The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship which I'm delighted to recommend even today. This season's Course begins in September. It is a ten-month course exploring the Christian faith. There are modules about the Bible, being Anglican, what Christians believe, living as a follower of Jesus Christ, and putting your future into God's hands. **It is for anybody who wants to be more confident about their faith, or begin to explore whether God is calling them to a ministry.**

You can take the course either in person at Trinity House (Borough High Street, London SE1 1HW) or online, and there are evening or morning groups. The cost is £220, but no one is ever prevented from taking the course because of the expense.

For further details and instructions for how to apply, contact bishopscertificate@southwark.anglican.org

27th August after Parish Mass – Summer BBQ at the Vicarage. We will be saying farewell to Dr. Andrew Storey who's retiring from Holy Innocents after 15 years as Organist; and we will also be wishing a Happy 94th Birthday to Una MacDonald, also from Holy Innocents.

10th September after Parish Mass – £5 Fundraising Breakfast (English or Caribbean) eat-in or takeaway, at St. Mark's Church Hall – for more details, please see Margaret Hall and/or Curlette.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



20th August 2023

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley
Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley
Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10.00am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Isaiah 56.1,6-8 * Psalm 67 * Romans 11.1-2,29-32 * Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Today, at St. Mark, we welcome as our President, Mother Jean Yearwood (from Woodside, St. Luke); with Cicelyn as our Preacher. Mother Roxanne is Presiding and Preaching at Norbury, St. Philip.

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or at mtrroxanne@gmail.com She's N/A on Mondays; Mother Susan is contactable on 07890 780572; and she's not available on Fridays.

We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese - Christopher, Karowei, Rosemarie and Martin.

For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe; **and** of the Church of England.

SOUTH BEDDINGTON & ROUNDSHAW St. Paul, Wallington (Roundshaw) Bernie Excell (Vicar) Wilson's School (Voluntary Aided Secondary).

For the sick – Richard, Jennifer & Reuben, Rose, Caroline, Susan, Pauline and Mick, Sigi, Marie-Gabrielle, Colin (Castle), Carmen, Rodney, Marina, Linda, Fred, Peter, Kay, Everard, Simon and Naomi.

The bereaved – the Hammilton, Henry & Dempster, Prince and Mohabir families.

The recently departed – Ulric Hammilton, Mrs Gee Henry, Alison Prince and Homawattie Mohabir.

Years Mind.

This year's Croydon North Deanery Confirmation will take place at St. Mark at 5pm on Sunday 1st October.

In this regard and for those aged 11 and upwards, who wish to be confirmed, please note that **Confirmation Classes continue at 6pm on Wednesday 23rd August** and conclude on Wednesday 27th September.

If you wish to be confirmed but are unable to meet on Wednesdays, then please let Mother Roxanne know so she can make an alternative arrangement for you.