

From Bishop Christopher:

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the death of **The Rt. Revd. Dr. Karowei Dorgu, Bishop of Woolwich**. On Friday 8 September, Bishop Karowei died peacefully in the presence of his family at King's College Hospital, after a long struggle with his health.

There will be a time for proper tributes to be paid in due course – but for now I wish to convey my deepest sympathy to his wife Mosun, son Timi, twin sister Collette and the whole family.

I express my gratitude for Bishop Karowei's friendship and inspirational ministry - latterly as Bishop of Woolwich - where he brought much joy in his passion for the Gospel and loving encouragement to all whom he encountered.

It was a privilege to join the family at his bedside and anoint him in his last hours, and I am grateful that the Archbishop of Canterbury came to pray with the family. We have lost a dear friend, brother and colleague and we will miss him greatly. I commend Bishop Karowei and his family to your prayers. May he rest in peace.

I commend the following prayer, written by the Very Revd Andrew Nunn, for use in parishes (today):

Loving God, who brings us to birth, holds us in life and takes us through death to new life in you; embrace our brother Karowei, your child and servant, our brother and bishop, who has died in you and lives for your eternity.

Comfort his family, especially Mosun, Timi and his twin sister Collette; hold us in our grief and give us thankful hearts that we have known and loved one who followed you with humble thankfulness and a generous spirit and showed us the pilgrim path to heaven which he now treads with Jesus Christ, your risen Son, Our Lord. Amen.

Details of Bishop Karowei's funeral will be shared with you all in due course. In the meantime, please continue to hold Mosun, Timi, Collette and all who grieve for him in your prayers.

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Today, directly after the 10am Parish Mass, St. Mark's Church Hall, Fundraising Breakfast (English or Caribbean) **£5** eat-in or takeaway.
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Next Saturday, 16th September, 10.30am-12.30pm, Holy Innocents - Coffee Morning
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Mother Jean Yearwood celebrates her 15th anniversary as a priest with a Parish Pilgrimage to Chichester on Saturday, 23rd September 2023 - Adults £20, Children £10. Please let Mother Roxanne/Father Sam know, if you wish to attend.
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14th October, 10am-4pm, St Luke's Woodside, Quiet Day conducted by Brother Mike, SSF – please let Mother Susan know if you're interested.
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7th October, 6.30pm - Joint Harvest Supper @St Mark's Church Hall.

8th October, 10am Parish Mass and Harvest Festival at both Churches.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



10th September 2023

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10.00am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Ezekiel 33.7-11 * Psalm 119.33-40 * Romans 13.8-14 * Matthew 18.15-20*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is usually available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or at mtrroxanne@gmail.com but N/A on Mondays. Mother Susan is contactable on 07890 780572; and she's not available on Fridays.
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We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese - Christopher, Rosemarie and Martin.

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

For **MERSTHAM & GATTON TEAM MINISTRY** Nigel Griffiths (Team Rector); Vacant (Team Vicar); Christiana Agwuegbo (Reader) **St Katharine and The Epiphany, Merstham All Saints, South Merstham** Susan Clarke (SPA) **St Andrew, Gatton**

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

The bereaved – the Dorgu, Henry & Dempster, Prince, Appiah and Gaisey families.

The recently departed – the Rt. Revd. Dr. Karowei Dorgu – Bishop of Woolwich, Mrs Gee Henry, Alison Prince and George Kojo Appiah. **Years Mind.**
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This year's Croydon North Deanery Confirmation will take place at St. Mark's Church 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 13th September** and will conclude on Wednesday 27th September. For those who wish to be confirmed but are unable to meet on Wednesdays, then please let Mother Roxanne know and she will be able to make alternative arrangements to meet.