



Introducing Kadia Y. Ly who will be on Placement with us for the rest of September

I am Kadia, a French Senegalese Londoner.

In 2012, I had a miraculous

encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ and on the 8th of July that same year I gave my life to him! Having been raised a Muslim, my parents didn't take the news well, this changed everything and although the road to follow is at times challenging, I can't turn back.

The love, the joy and life I have now are worth everything. Whatever I have lost, I have gained much more.

Being multicultural, I have a keen interest in languages and travel. I love cooking traditional Senegalese dish as well as French dishes to share.

I love water and even though I have no talent for it, I surf, very badly! Books are my escape but I love nothing more in the world than to worship and sing God's praise!

From the Dean of Southwark, the Very Revd Andrew Nunn

The way that people tend to describe events, weather, catastrophes, disasters, as being of 'biblical proportions' is sometimes over played. Biblical proportions tend to be massive. But what we have been witnessing in the last week in Afghanistan has been shockingly massive in its implications, for the world, for that nation and for the lives of so many people. On a macro and a micro level it is of biblical proportions.

As like you, probably, I have been watching the scenes unfolding on the TV news and reading more detail in the newspapers. The scenes of desperation have been agonising, the look of relief on the faces of those who had made it through the crowds and the chaos as they moved single-file into the plane that would fly them to safety were truly heart-warming and tear-jerking. And then the horror wrought by the suicide bomber, secreting themselves in the heart of crowds of already fearful people and letting off a bomb ... words fail me.

An early bit of footage from the week showed some people leaving in their cars and vans, their possessions, hillbilly style, piled in the back, tied down with ropes like dad would have to tie our holiday cases to the roof rack on the car as we headed off on holiday. One family had decided to load their three-piece suite on the back, a prized possession, something to take with them of their old life into their new. But those inching their way forward onto the plane had nothing in their hands, just a bag, just their child, carrying just their hopes. It reminded me so much of the Hebrews leaving slavery in Egypt.

There is a long way to go for the people of Afghanistan, whether they have escaped, whether they have stayed, and a long way for those of us who watch and weep and pray from a distance. But the God of the exodus is with us, the God of the exodus is with them.

Let us pray:

God, as you brought your people to a new land, bring your people to a place of safety today, wherever they travel and from whatever they flee. Amen.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



12th September 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Parish Mass

President, Mtr. Susan * Preacher – John Phillipson

*Isaiah 50.4-9 * Psalm 116.1-8 * James 3.1-12 * Mark 8.27-38*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Thursday 16 th September	<i>Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, 432</i>	Holy Innocents: 10.00am Said Mass
Sunday 19 th September	16 th 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; and the Bishops in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

For Holy Trinity, Redhill Capt Michael Hough (CA) (V); Sarah Alexander (AssocV); Jane Cowan (PTO); Janet Greaves (Reader); Derek Culley (Reader) (PTO); Raymond Nash (Reader) (PTO)

St Bede's Secondary School (Ecumenical (Mixed), Revd Stephen Crabtree (Head); Revd Jennifer Penn (Chaplain)

For the Bishops, priests & people of the Anglican Church of Tanzania

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

For the bereaved: Colin and the Smith family; Pat and the Kiley family; Sharon, Stephen and the Hoilett family.

For the recently departed: Sally Smith, Charles Kiley, Mervis Hoilett.

Years mind.

A reminder that this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning takes place in the Hall on Friday, 24th September from 9am -1.30pm. Please see Marcia for more information.

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM Psalm 116:1-8

R *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. **R**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion. **R**

The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low and he helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well. **R**

For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R**

SECOND READING James 3:1-12

A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.