

Proud to be, is the national theme for **Black History Month (BHM) 2021**. As we celebrate BHM this October, let us use the wonderful opportunities provided to be part of the national celebrations and events, to honour the too-often unheralded accomplishments of Black Britons in every area of endeavour, throughout our history.



One of the world's most prolific collectors of Jamaican Art is Jamaican Cultural Activist London-based, **Theresa Roberts**. On Friday, she opened her private residence at Cadogan Square, London to launch Black History Month 2021 with an exclusive private viewing of 15 pieces of art from 11 Jamaican artists based in Jamaica, the USA and the UK.

Leading the stunning array of Jamaican Art, embodying 'The Rise and Rise of Jamaica' is Jamaican-born David Neita, who by day, works as a human rights lawyer and 'by night', he's a poet and artist.

The politically active David Neita will be preaching for us here at St Mark on 17th October as we celebrate Black History Month in this Benefice. Some of you would have been present at our recent MacMillan Coffee Morning when David presented two of his poems.

The above painting by David is entitled **We Belong**. As this Private Exhibition took place two days ago, this art collection will be on view in the Black History Month Magazine accessed via the link below.

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/black-history-month-magazines/>

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Thank you to all who worked hard to make The MacMillan Coffee Morning such a success. The event has raised **a grand total of £481.64**

Please talk to Marcia if you feel able to add £18.36 which will bring the total up to a rounded £500.

The MacMillan nurses and those who benefit, thank you.

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Thank you to those who were able to attend yesterday's Diocesan Black History Month Thanksgiving Day with Celebratory Eucharist and Workshops.

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Dates for your Diaries

Next Saturday, 9th October from 6pm, 'Bring 'n Share' Harvest Supper for both Parishes in St Mark's Hall. Please bring food and drink to share but also, feel free not to share on this occasion, if you're not minded so to do.

Sunday, 10th October at 10am - Harvest Festival Mass for both parishes at St Mark – please bring no-perishable donations which we will take to Croydon Refugee Centre.

Saturday, 23rd October - COP Pilgrimage to Southwark Cathedral, leaving St. John's Upper Norwood at 11am. The 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) takes place at the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) in Glasgow from 31 October – 12 November 2021.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



3rd October 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Parish Mass

President, Mtr Susan Preacher, Cicelyn Hinds

Genesis 2.18-24 * Psalm 8 * Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12 * Mark 10.2-16

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Thursday 7 th October	Feria (Local Elections)	Holy Innocents: 10.00am Said Mass
Sunday 10 th October	Trinity 19 and Harvest Festival	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.

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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 St Paul, Lorrimore Square, Newington John Carruthers (V); St Paul's Primary School (JM&I&N)

For the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Gambia — The Church of the Province of West Africa.

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

For the bereaved: Pat and the Kiley family; Dawn, Alicia and the Carter family; Beverley, Nathan and the Brown family; the Eckherdt family, Pauline Domingo and the Blackwood family.

For the recently departed: Charles Kiley, Kevin Carter, Olive Brown, Noel Eckherdt, Miriam Blackwood. **Years mind.**

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The Prime Minister introduces BHM: For countless generations, people of African and Caribbean descent have been shaping our nation's story, making a huge difference to our national and cultural life and helping to make Britain a better place to be. It is this contribution of black British people that I am proud to be celebrating **Black History Month** this October. That contribution is overwhelmingly apparent today in the energy, talent and dedication of business leaders, lawyers, academics, musicians, artists and many more.....

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your
commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

PSALM Psalm 8

R *How exalted is your name in all the world!*

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them?

mere human beings, that you should seek them out? **R**

You have made them little lower than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and honour.
You give them mastery over the works of your hands;
and put all things under their feet, **R**

All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor,
how exalted is your name in all the world! **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who

are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. Jesus said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.