

Harvest Thanksgiving Festival is a modern addition to the church calendar. Its origins are usually traced to the adaptation in 1843 of Lammas Day by the Revd R. S. Hawker, a parish priest in Cornwall. He chose the first Sunday in October as a Christian response to coincide with the traditional but largely secular 'harvest home' celebration, but there is some evidence to suggest that a thanksgiving for the harvest was already a relatively widespread practice. An annual church celebration of the harvest certainly established itself rapidly with great popularity and was first recognized officially in the Church of England in 1862. Since then, many local traditions for the celebration have developed.

A Collect for Black History Month



Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.

May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, 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. Amen.

AFTER THE FLOOD - As part of BHM, the Church of England provides a unique opportunity for its members, individually and collectively, to watch *After the Flood: The Church, Slavery and Reconciliation*. This 67-minute documentary shows how the 18th century Church became embroiled in chattel slavery. We discover how the Church justified its involvement in the trade and its lasting impact. In conclusion, it explores biblical principles for racial reconciliation in our churches today. Watch at vimeo.com/churchofengland/bhm2023

8-14 October 2023 is Prisons Week which encourages prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prisons staff and all those who care. Starting today, Diocesan colleagues will be sharing special prayers each day on our social media over the course of this week.

14th October, 10am-4pm, St Luke's Woodside, A Quiet Day conducted by Brother Mike, SSF. **Everyone is invited to attend.**

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



8th October 2023

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL and TRINITY 18

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10.00am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Isaiah 5.1-7 * Psalm 80.9-17 * Philippians 3.4b-14 * Matthew 21.33-46*

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.

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 Diocese of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

For all to be Admitted and Licensed as Readers and Commissioned as SPAs.

St George the Martyr with St Alphege and St Jude, Southwark. Vacant (Rector); Robert Slater-Carr (Asst. Curate); David Pape (Asst. Priest).

St Jude's Primary School.

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

The bereaved – the Appiah and Gaisey families.

The recently departed – George Kojo Appiah. **Years Mind.**

£319.57 total raised at this year's **MacMillan Coffee Morning and Plants sale** on 29th September last.

Huge thank you to Marcia and her team, plus Rod for all their hard work in raising funds for this very worthy cause. Those who haven't had a chance to contribute can do so after today's Mass. All donations welcome!

Next Fundraiser is the Christmas Fayre, on 3rd December, in St Mark's Church Hall.