



**Bible Sunday** is about celebrating the Holy Scriptures. It's a powerful reminder that God's word changes lives and God's promises

remain true. 2Timothy 3.16-17 reminds us that "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."

It finds its origins, when in 1545, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cronli declared **the first Sunday of December as Bible Sunday**. He appealed to all the churches to observe Bible Sunday with prayers and offering, so that the money collected can be used for Bible Translation, production and distribution.

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Thank you to all those who were able to participate in yesterday's **COP26 Prayer Vigil at Southwark Cathedral**.

As world leaders prepare to meet in Glasgow for the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November, **What is it and how is the Anglican Communion responding?**

It's the 154 signatory nations who seek scientific advice and, through regular meetings, introduce policy to allow ecosystems to adapt to a changing climate, to take measures to secure the global food supply, and make future economic growth sustainable.

As a web of communities, reaching from the financial heights of New York and London to the villages of Fiji in the Pacific, **the Anglican Communion** touches those with the most influence over the climate crisis and those powerless in the face of it.

As it represents people in over 165 countries the Anglican Communion has been given observer status, giving it the opportunity to advocate for its members in the UN negotiations themselves.

It has also participated in several joint declarations over the last month, raising awareness that care for creation is a vital part of a Christian life.

Archbishop Justin, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis **signed a joint declaration** about care for creation and the poorest people in the world. This is the first time ever that the heads of the three largest Christian denominations, who count nearly two billion members between them, have collaborated on any statement, and shows the seriousness with which Christianity takes the climate crisis.

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**Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.**, during our 10.00am Parish Mass, we will celebrate **All Saints** and in the evening (Livestreamed), in place of the 6pm Evening Prayer, we will **Commemorate the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)** with a particular emphasis on those whom we lost during the past 20 months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

*Sharing God's grace and love in our community*



**24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Vicar:** The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

**Asst. Priest:** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

**Reader:** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

**Bible Sunday  
Last Sunday after Trinity**

**10.00am Parish Mass**

**President and Preacher, Mother Susan**

*Isaiah 55.1-11 \* Psalm 119.7-14 \* 2Timothy 3.14-4.5 \* John 5.36-47*

**Access online worship via**

[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

## **This week's diary**

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Simon and Jude, Apostles</b>	<b>Holy Innocents: 10.00am</b> Said Mass
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>All Saints</b>	<b>8am</b> BCP Mass <b>10am</b> Parish Mass <b>6pm</b> All Souls Mass

## **CHURCH NOTICES**

**Pastoral Care:** Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or

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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 United Nations Day** and the office of the Anglican United Nations Observer. **For the Anglican Communion Permanent Representative to the United Nations Institutions in Geneva**, as they enable the Communion to give voice to the poor and the vulnerable by developing effective partnerships with the UN and its various organisations.

**For the Bishops, priests & people of the Extra-Provincial Churches.**

**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, Greta, David, Oslene.

**For the bereaved:** the Domingo and Arnold families, Mark and Carole Wheatley.

**For the recently departed:** Fay Arnold, Adriana Wheatley. **Years mind.**

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*Mother Roxanne in her capacity as the Diocesan Global Majority Heritage/ UKME Vocation Champion is today, preaching at St Mary's Battersea in their Black History Month's celebration of Black Saints.*

## COLLECT

Blessed Lord,  
 who caused all holy Scriptures to be  
 written for our learning:  
 help us so to hear them,  
 to read, mark, learn and inwardly  
 digest them  
 that, through patience, and the  
 comfort of your holy word,  
 we may embrace and for ever hold  
 fast the hope of everlasting life,  
 which you have given us in our  
 Saviour Jesus Christ,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-11

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that

which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

## PSALM Psalm 19:7-14

**R** *The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul.*

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
 the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
 the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
 the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
 and in keeping them there is great reward.  
 Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.  
 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
 let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
 be acceptable in your sight,  
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

## SECOND READING

### 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.*

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or

unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

## GOSPEL John 5:36b-47

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

Jesus said to the Jews: "I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

## POST COMMUNION

God of all grace,  
 your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
 with the bread of his life  
 and the word of his kingdom:  
 renew your people with your heavenly  
 grace,  
 and in all our weakness  
 sustain us by your true and living  
 bread;  
 who is alive and reigns, now and for  
 ever.