

From the desk of the Bshop of Woolwich, the Rt Revd Karowei Dorgu

I am delighted to be back from a mini- sabbatical which was very unique in a number of ways, but I give thanks to God for the gift of rest, prayer/praise.

As I write this, our nation is going through what I call a Pan-crisis. This means we are going through numerous crisis at the same time and in real time. We are facing the challenges of the post pandemic era, the cost of living crisis, the period of national mourning following the death our Monarch HM The Late Queen Elizabeth II, the economic crisis caused by the policies of the recently installed Conservative Government and the leadership crisis in the Conservative Government. In these trying and challenging times, our faith in God is one thing we have to hold on to in these times.

Trusting God in the midst of the fear and anxiety evoking situations we face, national and personally, is both, wise and sensible as Christians. The idea of trusting God and following Christ no matter what happens is – I am sure – something that will be sneered at by some in our world.

The Lord Jesus Christ said, “Do not let your heart be troubled, believe in God and believe also in me” (John 14:1)

As people of God, I pray that we may find God’s peace, wisdom and grace in these times of economic turmoil, the nature of which we have seen in a long time, that we will support the weak and look out for the vulnerable and needy amongst us.

Let’s pray for The King and the Royal family as they too, mourn the passing of their Mum, HM Queen Elizabeth II. We have also seen the shortest reign of a British Prime Minister in our history. And, pray also for a stable government in our country.

These are very worrying times and anxiety building too, but remember we have a God who loves us and cares about us in his son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, “So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Matthew 6:34 AMP)

Our prayers today is for God to comfort us all as we mourn the passing of our late Monarch HM Queen Elizabeth II. Pray for peace in Ukraine and all the troubled parts of our world. Pray for God’s grace and blessing on King Charles III, long may He reign over us in peace, justice and equity. Pray for unity in the governing Conservative party and in the Church and community for peace instead of anxiety and hope instead of despair through Christ.

Shalom.

In commemoration of 170 years of the dedication of Saint Mark as a parish Church – the Church will be open on Saturdays in November from 2-4pm. If you’re able to contribute cakes, biscuits, etc. for the visitors to the church, that would be gratefully received.

Please do continue to peruse the exhibition of ‘historical documents’ and don’t forget there are still lots of items for sale in our ‘display’ cabinet plus the **£5 Anniversary magazine**, which I totally recommend.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



6th November 2022

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8am and 10am Parish Mass

President, Mtr Roxanne **Preacher:** Fr. Raymond Baudon

*Job 19.23-27 * Psalm 17.1-9 * 2Thess.2.1-5, 13-end * Luke 20.27-38*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

On Advent Sunday, 27th November, the 10am Parish Mass will resume at Holy Innocents Church (Selhurst Road, SE25 6XX).

Until then, both Parishes continue to meet for worship at Saint Mark at 8am and 10am on Sundays; and at Holy Innocents for the weekday Mass on Thursdays at 10am.

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available (except on Mondays) on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com
Mother Susan and Fred are on holiday.

To hire the Church Halls, please call:
Jan on 020 8653 0447 for St Mark; and Annette on 020 8771 5779 for Holy Innocents.

We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen.
For the Bishops in this Diocese - Christopher, Karowei, Rosemarie and Richard (about to retire).
For the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe, their clergy and people.

For GODSTONE & BLINDLEY HEATH
St Stephen, South Godstone
St Stephen’s CofE Primary School
St John the Evangelist, Blindley Heath
For The Church of England

For the sick – Claude & Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Rose, Caroline, Sigi, Anecka, Lynn, Ronald, Tommy, Ena, Rudolph, Pamela, Barry, Dennis, Linda, David, Adrian, Jacqueline, Colin (Castle), Carmen, Annetta, Fay, Marina, Pauline (Riches), Karen and Fr. Tom Hurcombe.

The bereaved – the McKnight, Harris, Legay and McCann families, the Onyiaike and Irono families.

The recently departed – George McKnight, Pansy Harris, Pierre Buire, Fidelia Onyiaike.
Years Mind.