

## DIARY REMINDER

**Living in Love and Faith** (LLF) session continues on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00am, Holy Saviour Church – led by Mother Susan and James (the Reader from Holy Saviour) - **All are Welcome** but do let Mother Susan know if you plan to attend.

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### Bishop Richard writes...

In many ways we are living in very anxious and uncertain times at every level of our lives. On a global level, we are still firmly in the grip of the Covid pandemic with its huge impact on all our lives. Many of our vital systems from healthcare to economics are looking very fragile. The pandemic has had major implications for our church life and raised many questions about how this will continue to flourish into the future.

In addition, the even greater challenges of climate change and the environment are very much in our minds and especially with the major international COP26 conference in Glasgow in the first half of November. Whether or not that will produce the level of political and economic agreement which will seriously impact on the tremendous challenges of climate change remains to be seen.

If we add into these global issues all the stresses and strains of our own individual lives, whether those are to do with our relationships, our livelihoods, or our spiritual, mental and physical well-being, then we have a major challenge in getting the right mind-set and approach to living our lives as Christians at this stage of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

It seems to me very important that we are clear about our theological understanding of the events of our lives, and indeed all the goes on not only on planet Earth, but across the universe. This means, of course, seeing everything in the light of the God, who is our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, our beginning and our end, in whom we live and move and have our being. The month of November gives us plenty of opportunity to reflect on this, both personally and in our regular worship. At the beginning of the month we celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, which remind us of the importance of seeing our life on Earth in the light of our mortality and the whole company of Earth and Heaven. At the end of November, we remember Christ the King and Advent Sunday, which emphasise the saving work of God in Christ through all time. In particular, the belief that God was in Christ, reconciling all things and that this saving love of God will triumph in the end.

In our worship and prayer we seek to let this faith in God's saving work shape the way we think and live. In a time of so much fear and anxiety this is more important than ever. It is very easy to respond to the challenges of our times with either despair or crippling fear. We certainly do not want a facile optimism which trivialises the scale of the problems we face, but we do need a profound theological and spiritual hope for the future. This involves careful balance between diligence (doing all that is within our powers to shape our own lives and our world for good), and detachment, in the sense of the great spiritual writers, that is a deep sense that God is at work in all things, no matter how difficult our situation may seem.

As we live and pray for our world in these challenging times, I hope and pray that we will all have time to reflect on the deep themes that All Saints, All Souls, Christ the King and Advent Sunday remind us of this month, and that we will find an approach to life in which we are not overwhelmed by fear and despair, but have a genuine realistic hope, which is grounded in the saving love of God in Christ.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



## 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

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

**Reader:** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

**Third Sunday before Trinity**

**10am Parish Mass**

**President and Preacher - Fr Peter Macan**

Jonah 3.1-5, 10 \* Psalm 62.6-14 \* Hebrews 9.24-28 \* Mark 1.14-20

Access online worship via

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

### This week's diary

Today, 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Third Sunday before Advent</b>	<b>St Mark: 6pm Evensong</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Martin, Bishop of Tours</b>	<b>Holy Innocents: 10.00am Said Mass</b>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>8am BCP Mass 10am Parish Mass</b>

### CHURCH NOTICES

We welcome back Fr Peter as our President and Preacher while Mtr. Roxanne is on leave and Mtr. Susan gets a break.

Both Churches continue to meet for worship at Saint Mark for the 10am Mass on Sundays; and at Holy Innocents for the weekday Mass on Thursdays at 10am.

**Pastoral Care:** Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or [mtrroxanne@gmail.com](mailto: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 LIMPSFIELD & TATSFIELD TEAM

**MINISTRY** Helen Cook (TR); Vince Short (TV); Sarah Paxton (Reader) St Peter, Limpsfield Paul Budgen (SPA) Limpsfield CE Infant School St Andrew, Limpsfield Chart Paul Perkin (TV HforD); Ruth Rainbird (PTO); Susan Compton (Reader) (PTO)

**For the Bishops, priests & people of The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia**

**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, Shelly. **For the bereaved:** The Domingo and Arnold families, Beverley Herbert and the Grant family.

**For the recently departed:** Fay Arnold, Jenny Grant.  
**Years Mind.**



## COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all  
things  
in your beloved Son, the King  
of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of  
those in authority,  
and bring the families of the  
nations,  
divided and torn apart by the  
ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and  
gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

### Jonah 3:1-5. 10

*A reading from the book of Jonah.*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

## PSALM Psalm 62:6-14

**R** *God alone is my rock and my salvation.*

For God alone my soul in  
silence waits;

truly, my hope is in him.  
He alone is my rock and my  
salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall  
not be shaken.  
In God is my safety and my  
honour;  
God is my strong rock and my  
refuge. **R**

Put your trust in him always,  
O people,  
pour out your hearts before  
him, for God is our refuge.  
Those of high degree are but  
a fleeting breath,  
even those of low estate  
cannot be trusted.  
On the scales they are lighter  
than a breath,  
all of them together. **R**

Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not  
your heart upon it.  
God has spoken once, twice  
have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.  
Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,  
for you repay everyone  
according to his deeds. **R**

## SECOND READING

### Hebrews 9:24-28

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the

sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

## GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

## POST COMMUNION

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to  
wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the  
anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and  
nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ.