

Remembrance Sunday

Following on from last Sunday's celebration of All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day, Remembrance Sunday explores the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-gift, memory and forgetting.

A prayer of commemoration for the fallen

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed.
On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.
Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.
And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

From 16th November and every Thursday until 21st December – **First Communion Classes** culminating in the Reception to Communion before Confirmation for candidates, on Advent 4, Sunday 24th December during the 10am Parish Mass.

19th November, the deadline for submitting articles for the Winter edition of the St Mark Parish Magazine. Time to 'put pen to paper'.... we look forward to reading your beautiful stories.

26th November, Christ the King which brings us to the end of this Liturgical Year A.

3rd December, Advent Sunday, directly after the 10am Parish Mass at St Mark, the Christmas Fayre takes place in the Church Hall – please start to gather your donations towards this well-needed Fundraiser – please be reminded that we need help to set up beforehand and to pack away too.

24th December, we celebrate **Advent 4 at the 10am Mass** (both Parishes) and at **11pm it's Christmas Eve Joint Midnight Mass at St Mark.**

31st December, 11pm, Watch Night Mass at Holy Innocents, followed by drinks and nibbles in the Church – it will be Mother Roxanne's last day in the United Benefice – do come and celebrate with a Farewell drink.

We are continuing to provide **sandwiches for Night Watch**, on **Friday nights from Nov 10th to Dec 29th**
Do let Mother Roxanne know, if are able to help in this way. If you're able to provide the sandwiches, that's great but if you need to be refunded for bread and/or the filling, then do let her know and she will arrange for you to be reimbursed. Thank you very much indeed.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



12th November 2023

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Joint Parish Mass (Holy Innocents)

Wisdom 6.12-16 * Psalm 70 * 1Thessalonians 1.4-13 * Matthew 25.1-13

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

Today, we welcome as our Preacher, Fr Luke whom those who regularly attend Holy Innocents might have noticed sitting towards the back of church occasionally over the past few months. Fr Luke served in the Defence Medical Services branch of the armed forces for 25 years - 12 in the Army and 13 in the Royal Navy. He served in many Areas of Operations, from Afghanistan to The Falkland Islands and from The Balkans to Tristan da Chuna. On his retirement from the Military, he returned to ministry; he was also once a member of a Roman Catholic Missionary Order: and served in parishes in Portsmouth, Glasgow and Galloway, and New Westminster dioceses. Health necessitated his return to Europe and he's now having a little rest and recuperation time.

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 Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola.

For Lingfield and Dormansland United Benefice St Peter and Paul, Lingfield Kay Sarvides (Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary) National Centre for Young People with Epilepsy and The College of St Barnabas.

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

The bereaved – the Appiah and Gaisey families, Patsy and the Williams family; the Robinson family.

The recently departed – George Kojo Appiah, Hatford Williams and Ruth Robinson. **Years Mind.**