

The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with today's Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.



Today, we welcome **Julia Cernoch** on Placement to the South Norwood United Benefice. Julia is married to Warwick and has three children aged 15 to 22. In the late 1980s she studied law at Cambridge, after which she spent three years working in Prague and then worked as a corporation tax adviser

in London. She first came to know Jesus while she was in Sixth Form, and she's now a Reader at St John's West Wickham. Julia has a particular passion for biblical languages and is currently studying for an MA in Biblical Studies at St Mellitus College. When she's not looking after her family or helping at church, Julia very much enjoys Flamenco dancing! She is really looking forward to getting to know everyone at Holy Innocents and St Mark's.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

First Communion Classes, continue on **November 30th and every Thursday until 21st December** at 6pm, St. Mark's Church - for children from 8 years old, culminating in their Reception to Communion before Confirmation on Advent 4, Sunday 24th December during the 10am Parish Mass (at St. Mark's church).

Next Sunday 3rd December, is **Advent Sunday** and directly after the 10am Parish Mass at St Mark, the Christmas Fayre will take place in the Church Hall. So, please be sure to bring your wallets complete with cash or cards to support this Annual Fundraiser – you will be able to buy your lunch here, to eat in or takeaway; there will be lots of items on sale for your Christmas Stockings, plus toys, cakes, Raffle, tombola; Games including Bingo, and much more!

Please be reminded that **we need help to set up on Saturday from 2.30pm 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 (New Year's Eve), 11pm, Watch Night Mass at Holy Innocents. The Eucharist will be followed by 'Farewell' drinks and nibbles in the Church – as it will be Mother Roxanne's last working day in the United Benefice.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



26th November 2023

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

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 * Psalm 95.1-7 * Ephesians 1.15-23 * Matthew 25.31-46

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

Today, we welcome as our Preacher to St. Mark, **Peter Graystone**. Until his recent retirement, Peter was the Lay Training Officer for Southwark Diocese. He is a Reader at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches.

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 Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

St Michael & All Angels w St James, Croydon
 Tim Pike (Vicar); Nigel Palmer (Asst. Priest)

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.**

We are continuing to provide **sandwiches for Night Watch**, on **Friday nights** from **1st Dec** right through to **29th Dec**. We need ideally **3 people per week**, to provide sandwiches from **4 loaves of bread**, each so we deliver **12 loaves of sandwiches** – 4 loaves of cheese, 4 loaves of chicken, 2 loaves of vegan and 2 loaves of your choice of filling. Do let Mother Roxanne know, if you 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.