



ADVENT, a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks

ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time.

This Advent, **every Friday until 23rd December**, members of the parishes of Holy Innocents and St. Mark are preparing sandwiches for **Nightwatch** (from 12 loaves of bread with assorted fillings).

Nightwatch would also be grateful if we were able to provide the following:

- Meat soup (they have loads of veg)
- Jars of pasta sauce (they give out a lot of pasta in the grocery bags they distribute)
- Packets of pasta
- Tinned meals (meatballs, pies, spaghetti bolognese)
- Pot noodles
- Individual care packages typically including a few masks, hand gel, soap, deodorant
- Pack of tissues
- Fruit (on the evening you're making sandwiches)
- Drinks - water or cans

They are also grateful for donations of blankets and sleeping bags in good used condition all year round. Also coats, hats, scarves, gloves and new underwear.

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The celebration which marks 170 Years of the Dedication of Saint Mark as a Parish Church continues - please do peruse the exhibition of 'historical documents' and don't forget there are still lots of items for sale in our display cabinet, including the **£5 Anniversary magazine**.

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Last Quarterly magazine for 2022 – please collect your copies as you leave for the Fayre today.

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Sunday, 18th December, Advent IV – Sunday School Production during the 10am Parish Mass.

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Calling those adult male parishioners who live close to St. Mark's church and who may be willing to lock up the Hall at 11pm when there are 'late' party bookings. The women have been doing the 'locking up' for a long while now and feel it's time for a change. Most bookings are for children's parties or adult parties which conclude early. However, every now and again, there's a late booking and this is when we require help at 'chucking out' time.

I encourage you to pray about this and do let Donald, Simon, Cicelyn or Jan know if you're able to help in this way.

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St Mark's Christmas Fayre takes place today in the Hall, directly after the Parish Mass and finishes around 2pm. **Come along and support this fundraising Event & have your lunch here too! And if you can, please remain after 'shopping', as volunteers are needed to help with the clear-up afterwards. Gratis!**

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



4th December 2022

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne Eversley
Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley
Lay Reader: Mrs Cicelyn Hinds

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (both Parishes)

*Isaiah 11.1-10 * Psalm 72 * Romans 15.4-13 * Matthew 3.1-12*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Today, we welcome back to St Mark, Father Peter Macan, as our President and Preacher.

We are very grateful that he is able to provide cover for us at such short notice. As some of you know, Fred is currently in St George's hospital recovering from a heart attack and so Mother Susan is unable to Preside and Preach as per our Rota – please remember both Fred and Susan in your prayers.

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available (except on Mondays) on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com
Mother Susan, on 07890 780572 or email fs.kiley@btinternet.com (not available on Fridays).

To hire the Church Halls, please call:

Jan on 020 8653 0447 for St Mark; and Annette on 020 8771 5779 for Holy Innocents.

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We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen
For the Bishops in this Diocese - Christopher, Karowei, Rosemarie (*and the vacant See of Kingston*).
For the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe, their clergy and people.

For All Saints, Kenley Justine Middlemiss (Priest in Charge); Elizabeth Goodridge (Asst. Priest).
For the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

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, Rodney, Fred and Fr. Tom Hurcombe.

The bereaved – the Onyiaike, Irono and Gittens families.

The recently departed – Fidelia Onyiaike and Iona Gittens.

Years Mind (those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time).