



The Advent Wreath has three purple candles, reflecting the liturgical colour for Advent, with a pink candle for the Third Sunday, when rose-pink vestments

can be worn. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday and one on each Sunday thereafter, with the white one on Christmas Eve night/Christmas Day. Each of the four Sundays then reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ - the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist and Mary.

Today's prayer as we light the Pink candle for the third Sunday of Advent.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

Blessed be God for ever.

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Thank you to those who have been providing sandwiches each Friday night for Nightwatch; and for those who've provided items from the list below.

Nightwatch continues to be grateful:
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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St Mark's 170 Anniversary - please do continue to peruse the exhibition of 'historical documents' and as well as the items for sale in our display cabinet, including the **£5 Anniversary magazine**.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 today.

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Are any of you adult male parishioners who live close to St. Mark's church willing to lock up the Hall at 11pm when there are 'late' party bookings? Please do let Donald, Simon, Cicelyn or Jan know if you're able to help.

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Last Sunday, at St Mark's Christmas Fayre we managed to raise **£553.50**. Thank you to all those who worked really hard to make this possible; and to those who made purchases too – **Thank you very much!**

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



11th December 2022

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (both Parishes)

*Isaiah 35.1-10 * Psalm 146.4-10 * James 5.7-10 * Matthew 11.2-11*

Access online worship via
www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

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 SANDERSTEAD - All Saints, Sanderstead Carol Bates (Priest in Charge); Jeremy Groombridge (Asst. Curate); Arnold Butler (SPA); Sandra Groombridge (SPA); Gerie Knights (SPA)

St Edmund, Riddlesdown Wendy Holt (Reader with Permission To Officiate)

St Antony, Hamsey Green

For the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Anglican Church of Kenya.

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).

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