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Prayer for Advent 3 by Bishop Richard



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**CHRIST-CENTRED, OUTWARD-FOCUSED
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SOUTHWARK
DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 2022**

Bacon's College, Rotherhithe on **1-3 September 2022**. This month's *promo* comes from Keli Bolton from the Diocesan Children and Youth Team. She says, "I'm excited to be welcoming children and young people from schools and churches across the Diocese to be part of some of the worship and reflective spaces so that their ministry runs through the heart of the conference."

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS BOOKED SO FAR

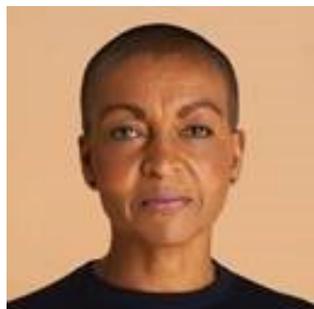
**INCLUDE:
The Revd Azariah
France-Williams**



Revd Azariah is Priest in Charge of Ascension Church Hulme, Manchester. Over the years he has ministered on a

group of housing estates in an area of deprivation as well as suburban areas. He holds a MPhil in Theology from Bristol University, a Masters degree in Mission, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology. Azariah is a visiting scholar in Bible for Sarum College based in Salisbury, and he used to lecture for Westminster Theological Centre in Christianity and Contemporary society. He is the author of *Ghost Ship* which charts institutional racism and the Church of England.

Adjoa Andoh



Adjoa is a Licensed Lay Reader in the Diocese. She is an actress, writer and voice over artist, known for her works in the theatre – the RSC, The National Theatre, The Royal Court Theatre and The Almeida. She is

also known for her roles in the TV series *Casualty*, *Dr Who*, the film *Invictus* and most recently as *Lady Danbury* in *Bridgerton*.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



12th December 2021

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

Third Sunday of Advent

8am BCP Mass & 10am Parish Mass

President – Mtr. Susan * Sunday School Production

*Zephaniah 3.14-end * Canticle * Philippians 4.4-7 * Luke 3.7-18*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Today, 12 th December	Third Sunday of Advent	St Mark, 6pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 16 th December	Feria	Holy Innocents: 10.00am Said Mass
Sunday 19 th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	8am BCP Mass 10am Parish Mass

CHURCH NOTICES

Until further notice, both Parishes will continue to meet for worship at Saint Mark for the 8am & 10am Sunday Masses; 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 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 Plumstead Deanery Patrick Eggleston (Area Dean); Olukunle Amodu (Lay Chair)

For the Bishops, priests & people of the Anglican Church of Canada

For the sick: Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Amanda, Rose, Caroline, Sigi, Anecka, Lynn, Ronald, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Akos, Peggy, Rudolph, Stephanie, Pamela, Barry, Marlise, Dennis, Linda, Greta, David, Oslene, Shelly, Anthony, Adrian.

For the bereaved: Bernicee and the Dundas family, Sharon and the Harris family.

For the recently departed: Alvin Dundas, Joanne Harris. **Years Mind.**

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St Mark's Christmas Fair made a total of **£632.50**
Thank you very much to everyone who managed stalls and made purchases; set up and cleared up afterwards. Thank you too for your contributions to this year's Christmas Tree.

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
 who at your first coming sent your
 messenger
 to prepare your way before you:
 grant that the ministers and
 stewards of your mysteries
 may likewise so prepare and make
 ready your way
 by turning the hearts of the
 disobedient to the wisdom of
 the just,
 that at your second coming to
 judge the world
 we may be found an acceptable
 people in your sight;
 for you are alive and reign with
 the Father
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
 shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult
 with all your heart, O daughter
 Jerusalem! The LORD has taken
 away the judgements against you,
 he has turned away your enemies.
 The king of Israel, the LORD, is in
 your midst; you shall fear disaster
 no more. On that day it shall be
 said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O
 Zion; do not let your hands grow
 weak. The LORD, your God, is in
 your midst, a warrior who gives
 victory; he will rejoice over you
 with gladness, he will renew you
 in his love; he will exult over you
 with loud singing as on a day of
 festival. I will remove disaster from
 you, so that you will not bear
 reproach for it. I will deal with all
 your oppressors at that time. And
 I will save the lame and gather the
 outcast, and I will change their
 shame into praise and renown in
 all the earth. At that time I will
 bring you home, at the time when
 I gather you; for I will make you
 renowned and praised among all
 the peoples of the earth, when I

restore your fortunes before your
 eyes, says the LORD.

CANTICLE Isaiah 12:2-end

R *Shout aloud and sing for joy,
 for great in your midst is the
 Holy One of Israel.*

Surely God is my salvation;
 I will trust, and will not be afraid,
 for the LORD God is my strength
 and my might;
 he has become my salvation.
 With joy you will draw water
 from the wells of salvation. **R**

And you will say on that day:
 Give thanks to the LORD,
 call on his name;
 make known his deeds among the
 nations;
 proclaim that his name is exalted.
 Sing praises to the LORD,
 for he has done gloriously;
 let this be known in all the earth. **R**

*[Shout aloud and sing for joy, O
 royal Zion,
 for great in your midst is the Holy
 One of Israel.]*

Or Psalm 146.4-end

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

*A reading from the letter of Paul
 to the Philippians.*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again
 I will say, Rejoice. Let your
 gentleness be known to everyone.
 The Lord is near. Do not worry
 about anything, but in everything
 by prayer and supplication with
 thanksgiving let your requests be
 made known to God. And the
 peace of God, which surpasses
 all understanding, will guard your
 hearts and your minds in Christ
 Jesus.

GOSPEL Luke 3:7-18

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

John said to the crowds that
 came out to be baptised by
 him, "You brood of vipers! Who

warned you to flee from the wrath
 to come? Bear fruits worthy of
 repentance. Do not begin to say
 to yourselves, 'We have Abraham
 as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God
 is able from these stones to raise
 up children to Abraham. Even now
 the axe is lying at the root of the
 trees; every tree therefore that
 does not bear good fruit is cut
 down and thrown into the fire."
 And the crowds asked him, "What
 then should we do?" In reply he
 said to them, "Whoever has two
 coats must share with anyone
 who has none; and whoever has
 food must do likewise." Even tax-
 collectors came to be baptised,
 and they asked him, "Teacher,
 what should we do?" He said
 to them, "Collect no more than
 the amount prescribed for you."
 Soldiers also asked him, "And
 we, what should we do?" He said
 to them, "Do not extort money
 from anyone by threats or false
 accusation, and be satisfied with
 your wages." As the people were
 filled with expectation, and all
 were questioning in their hearts
 concerning John, whether he might
 be the Messiah, John answered
 all of them by saying, "I baptise
 you with water; but one who is
 more powerful than I is coming; I
 am not worthy to untie the thong
 of his sandals. He will baptise you
 with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
 winnowing-fork is in his hand, to
 clear his threshing-floor and to
 gather the wheat into his granary;
 but the chaff he will burn with
 unquenchable fire." So, with many
 other exhortations, he proclaimed
 the good news to the people.

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for
 these heavenly gifts;
 kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
 that when your Christ comes again
 we may shine as lights before his
 face;
 who is alive and reigns now and
 for ever.