

Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**  
**Introduction to the Season**

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

*Triumphant in his glory now,  
his sceptre ruleth all,  
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,  
and at his footstool fall.  
(Fulbert of Chartres)*

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls 'this most joyful period' (*laetissimum spatium*). It is sometimes also called 'Great Sunday'.

In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services.

The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; Morning Prayer begins with the traditional collection of Pauline texts known as the Easter Anthems, and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

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**Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Please remember that all Sunday Services and Daily Prayers (Tuesday – Friday) will remain on the YouTube, Spotify and Apple Podcasts for your viewing.**

**In these strange times, feel free to contact Mother Roxanne should your require prayers, a chat or need help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, etc. and we will make the appropriate arrangements.**

**Every blessing for a peaceful Easter Day and beyond, as you celebrate in your own homes while keeping in touch with families and friends.**  
Mother Roxanne

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

*Sharing God's grace and love in our community*



**12th April 2020**

**Parish Priest:** Mother Roxanne Hunte

**Asst. Priest:** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

**Easter Sunday**

**President, Mother Roxanne**

**8am and 10am Parish Mass**

**plus Sunday School accessed via:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoyzfpScnrT4W9D8X11RmDQ>

or



**This week's diary**

This is to let you know that while the Churches are closed as all public worship is suspended, we continue to pray for all who live, 'work', worship and indeed 'visit' these parishes, as together we give thanks for what God has done for us, despite the unprecedented times in which we find ourselves.

## **CHURCH NOTICES**

### **Pastoral Care:**

**Mother Roxanne is still available on**

**Tel. 020 8916 1830 or Mobile no. 07472 662323;**

email [mtroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtroxanne@gmail.com)

*Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays;*

*or Mother Susan (07890 780572), on Fridays.*

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### **For your prayers**

Justin Welby and John Sentamu, our Archbishops; Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karwei, our bishops in this Diocese. **For the sick, especially sufferers of COVID-19, the bereaved & the recently departed.**

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Christ has many services to be done. Some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some conform to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both. In some, we may please Christ and please ourselves, in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given in Christ who strengthens us.