

## Diocesan Service for VE Day

A Diocesan Service for VE Day will be available on Diocesan and Cathedral social media platforms at 12noon on Friday 8 May. The Dean of Southwark, The Very Revd Andrew Nunn will officiate and the Bishop of Southwark, The Rt. Revd Christopher Chessun, will preach and lead an act of Recommitment to Peace.

We are inviting people from across the Diocese to send in wartime photographs either of those who were soldiers or of civilians as we remember those who lived through World War II.

Alternatively we invite photographs of people from across the Diocese holding up cards saying 'Love' or 'Peace' to symbolise our commitment to a peaceful future in which people care for each other. Please send the photographs to [communications@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:communications@southwark.anglican.org) by Tuesday 5 May.

Please remember that these photos will be used in the service which will be available online, so we ask that you consider this and the implications for safeguarding if you send in pictures of children, young people or vulnerable adults.

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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

**For those of you unable to access** the internet and is feeling isolated, this is a free phone line of hymns, reflections, prayers and a choice of @churchofengland services - 0800 804 8044 **It's and excellent Resource!**

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A reminder that all Sunday Services and Sunday school Lessons, Morning and Evening Prayer (Tues. – Thurs., EP Sunday) 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 continued safety and good health this Eastertide.

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The Funeral of Marlene Bogle (St Mark) will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm, Beckenham Cemetery.

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

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



**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020**

**Parish Priest:** Mother Roxanne Hunte  
**Asst. Priest:** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
*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 [mtrroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtrroxanne@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 Karowei, our bishops in this Diocese. **For the sick, especially sufferers of COVID-19, the bereaved & the recently departed.**

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### A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,

under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;

that we may find comfort

knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life  
of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things  
which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

**Acts 2:42-47**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## PSALM Psalm 23

**R** *The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green  
pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

**R**

He revives my soul  
and guides me along right  
pathways for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who  
trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with  
oil,  
and my cup is running over.  
Surely your goodness and mercy  
shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of  
the Lord for ever. **R**

## SECOND READING

**1 Peter 2:19-25**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## GOSPEL John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees:  
"Very truly, I tell you, anyone  
who does not enter the

sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

## POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down  
his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his  
protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his  
steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.