

Welcome back to Holy Innocents for our first joint Parish Eucharist, as we re-open for public worship, since 14th March this year.

Hand Sanitizer is provided as you enter the church, seating arrangements are different as we maintain social distancing, so do follow directions.

Government guidance includes a request for names of attendees to be recorded and kept for 21 days to assist 'track and trace' if required.

Singing, chanting are not permitted.

There will be no sharing of the Peace and distribution of Holy Communion will be in one kind only.

There will be no Refreshments after the Service.

Thank you very much, Mother Roxanne

Update: the Diocesan Coronavirus Task Group

Church halls and exercise

Now that gyms are open and other forms of exercise are permitted indoors we have had a number of enquiries about the use of church halls for this.

The Archdeacons are doing some further research on this and will send out a communication later on this matter. It is hoped that there will also be an update in this as to whether church groups can meet in church halls.

Working with children and young people

The CTG is very grateful to the members of the Mission Team who work with Children and Young People who have collaborated with colleagues in Rochester Diocese on producing material to help parishes to work with their children and young people following the pandemic.

This is attached and can be found at:

<https://southwark.anglican.org/downloads/cypmm/CYP%20Getting%20back%20safely%20July%202020.pdf>

Singing

The current guidance remains that in the church it is possible to have only one singer and one instrumentalist. The singer must be distanced from others or behind a screen. Please do remember, though, that congregational singing is still not permitted.

For the time being, we will continue the 'mixed mode' worship for the Benefice – recorded 8am and 10am Eucharistic Services plus physical 10am at Church. Our aim is to reduce this workload (of recording Sunday Services as well as meeting physically in the Church building) by livestreaming the 10am Eucharist according to Common Worship each week from St. Mark. We plan to livestream the 8am BCP Mass as well, though perhaps not initially. As a result, at St Mark, we are investing in the necessary WiFi, camera kit plus add-ons. This way we will continue our mission to provide to all of you, access to our Sunday worship. Also, from this week, we will be broadcasting Compline only, from Monday to Friday and taking a break from recording Morning Prayer – Watch This Space!

WE WELCOME YOUR FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO THIS VENTURE – Thank you, Mother Rx

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



19th July 2020

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

Sixth Sunday after Trinity
President, Mother Roxanne
Preacher, Mother Susan

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

Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays; or Mother Susan (07890 780572), on Fridays.

For your prayers

Archbishops, Justin and Stephen; our bishops in this Diocese, Christopher, Jonathan, Karowei and Richard; and the bishops in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

For those in any kind of need and those who've asked us to pray for them including:

the sick – Enid, Alec, Una, Ted, Diane, Mick, Linda, Helen, Jennifer and Reuben, Gloria, Marie-Gabrielle, Wilfred, Kay, Vera, the Huish family especially Rosie and Martin;

the bereaved – the Rayner family; Romeo, Nicole and Rhianna;

the recently departed – June (ex- St. Mark's parishioner and MU member) and Samantha (ex-Holy Innocents parishioner); and **Years Mind**.

SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love
such good things as pass our
understanding:

pour into our hearts such love
that we, loving you in all things and
above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING *Isaiah 44.6-8*

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;

besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth
before me.

Who has announced from of old the
things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and
declared it? You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me? There is
no other rock; I know not one.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

86.11-17

Refrain:

**All nations you have made shall
come and worship you, O Lord.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will
walk in your truth; knit my heart to
you, that I may fear your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with
all my heart, and glorify your name for
evermore;

For great is your steadfast love towards
me, for you have delivered my soul
from the depths of the grave. **Refrain**

O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek after my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.
But you, Lord, are gracious and full of
compassion, slow to anger and full of
kindness and truth.

Turn to me and have mercy upon
me; give your strength to your servant

and save the child of your handmaid.
Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and
be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have
helped and comforted me. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Romans 8.12-25

A reading from the letter to the Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we are
debtors, not to the flesh, to live
according to the flesh—for if you live
according to the flesh, you will die; but
if by the Spirit you put to death the
deeds of the body, you will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God. For you did not
receive a spirit of slavery to fall back
into fear, but you have received a spirit
of adoption. When we cry,
'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit
bearing witness with our spirit that we
are children of God, and if children,
then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs
with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with
him so that we may also be glorified
with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this
present time are not worth comparing
with the glory about to be revealed to
us. For the creation waits with eager
longing for the revealing of the children
of God; for the creation was subjected
to futility, not of its own will but by the
will of the one who subjected it, in
hope that the creation itself will be set
free from its bondage to decay and will
obtain the freedom of the glory of the
children of God. We know that the
whole creation has been groaning in
labour pains until now; and not only the
creation, but we ourselves, who have
the first fruits of the Spirit, groan
inwardly while we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies. For
in hope we were saved. Now hope that
is seen is not hope. For who hopes for
what is seen? But if we hope for what
we do not see, we wait for it with
patience.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL *Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.*

Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable:
'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to someone who sowed
good seed in his field; but while
everybody was asleep, an enemy came
and sowed weeds among the wheat,
and then went away. So when the plants
came up and bore grain, then the weeds
appeared as well. And the slaves of the
householder came and said to him,
"Master, did you not sow good seed in
your field? Where, then, did these
weeds come from?" He answered, "An
enemy has done this." The slaves said
to him, "Then do you want us to go and
gather them?" But he replied, "No; for
in gathering the weeds you would
uproot the wheat along with them. Let
both of them grow together until the
harvest; and at harvest time I will tell
the reapers, Collect the weeds first and
bind them in bundles to be burned, but
gather the wheat into my barn." '

Then he left the crowds and went into
the house. And his disciples approached
him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of
the weeds of the field.' He answered,
'The one who sows the good seed is
the Son of Man; the field is the world,
and the good seed are the children of
the kingdom; the weeds are the
children of the evil one, and the enemy
who sowed them is the devil; the
harvest is the end of the age, and the
reapers are angels. Just as the weeds
are collected and burned up with fire,
so will it be at the end of the age. The
Son of Man will send his angels, and
they will collect out of his kingdom all
causes of sin and all evildoers, and they
will throw them into the furnace of fire,
where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous
will shine like the sun in the kingdom of
their Father. Let anyone with
ears listen!

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.