

Bishop Christopher welcomes new chaplain
 Bishop Christopher has appointed the Revd. Dr. Alun Ford, Priest-in-charge of Fen Ditton, Horningsea & Teversham and Honorary Research Associate at the University of Cambridge, to be his Chaplain. Alun will take up his post on Sunday 2nd August. His predecessor, the Revd. Joshua Rey, will become Vicar of Holy Trinity, Roehampton in the autumn.

New Director of Discipleship, Lay Ministry and Continuing Ministerial Development appointed
 The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, has appointed The Revd Canon Wendy Robins as the new Diocesan Director of Discipleship, Lay Ministry and Continuing Ministerial Development. This role is held jointly with the role of Canon Chancellor at Southwark Cathedral. She succeeds the Revd Canon Mandy Ford, who has been appointed Dean of Bristol. This is a newly constituted role, following a review of the Department. The Director's role now has a particular focus on lay ministry and continuing ministerial development and a separate role has been created for the development of curates. Commenting on her appointment, Wendy Robins said: "It is a pleasure and privilege to be moving to serve the Diocese in this new way and to continue to work to help to implement the Southwark Vision. I very much look forward to this and getting to know the clergy and lay leaders of the Diocese in a new way and working with them as we develop new ways of being church in the aftermath of the pandemic. I am delighted too to be able to continue my association with the Cathedral and to take on a new role there."



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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#BlackLivesMatter

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3.28)

God of all,
 who loves each of us for who we are,
 to whom each life matters,
 who counts the hairs on our head
 who knows when a sparrow falls;
 teach us to love as you love
 to respect, to honour, to care
 and to protect
 each of our sisters and brothers,
 that your embracing
 including kingdom
 may come now
 and your love be known
 by all, always.

Amen.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



26th July 2020

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

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

President, Mtr Roxanne; Preacher, Cicelyn Hinds

8am and 10am Joint Parish Mass via:

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

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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 07472 662323 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com Mtr. Roxanne is not available on Mondays; or Mother Susan (07890 780572) on Fridays.*

For your prayers

For Archbishops Justin and Stephen. For Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karowei, our bishops in this Diocese. For the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe; and Fr. Dupwa and the people of St. Philip, Mkoba Gweru, our link parish in the Diocese of Central 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, the Huish family especially Rosie and Martin, Vera, Kay, Claude; **the bereaved** – the Rayner and Corbin families; Romeo, Nicole and Rhianna; **the recently departed** – June, Beulah and Samantha; and **Years Mind**.

The July/ August copy of the Diocesan Newspaper, The Bridge can be accessed here

<https://southwark.anglican.org/downloads/The%20Bridge/2020/bridgejuly20.pdf>

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Kings (3.5-12)

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 119.129-136

Refrain: The opening of your word gives light.

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The opening of your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and draw in my breath, as I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. **Refrain**

Order my steps by your word, and let no wickedness have dominion over me. Redeem me from earthly oppressors so that I may keep your commandments. Show the light of your countenance upon your servant and teach me your statutes. My eyes run down with streams of water, because the wicked do not keep your law. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Romans (8.26-39)

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that

neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

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 is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ