

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Last week, our last Sunday of public worship for the time being, the Church celebrated All Saints' and All Souls'. Today, we commemorate Remembrance Sunday which goes on to explore the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-gift, memory and forgetting. The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King (on November 22nd). The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

An act of remembrance at home

Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
I will fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

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Two minutes' silence is observed.

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those people
who have died in active service.

As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life, peace and hope,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



8th November 2020

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

President and Preacher, Mother Susan

8am and 10am Parish Mass

via:

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

or



This week's diary

As we enter another period of Lockdown, the 8am (BCP) and 10am (Common Worship) Sunday Masses for both parishes, will be Livestreamed from St. Mark. Prayers continue to pray for all who are not yet able to return to the Church building. We continue to give thanks for what God has done for us, in spite of the unprecedented times in which we find ourselves.

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is still available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or Mobile 07723 038215 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 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 our bishops in this Diocese,** Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karwei. **For those in need** – Enid, Alec, Una, Ted, Mick, Linda, Helen, Jennifer and Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Kay, Vera, Claude, Barry and Elizabeth, Sheila, Andrew Scorgie. **The bereaved** – the Emsden, Wathen and Fuhr families; **The recently departed** - Julie Emsden, Bob Wathen and David Fuhr. **Years Mind.**



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of
those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the
ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle
rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

(Alternative readings)

Either

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those
who love her, and is found by those
who seek her. She hastens to make
herself known to those who desire
her. One who rises early to seek
her will have no difficulty, for she
will be found sitting at the gate. To
fix one's thought on her is perfect
understanding, and one who is
vigilant on her account will soon be
free from care, because she goes
about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them
in their paths, and meets them in
every thought.

Or **Amos 5:18-24**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Alas for you who desire the day of
the LORD! Why do you want the
day of the LORD? It is darkness, not
light; as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear; or went
into the house and rested a hand
against the wall, and was bitten by
a snake. Is not the day of the LORD
darkness, not light, and gloom with
no brightness in it? I hate, I despise
your festivals, and I take no delight
in your solemn assemblies. Even
though you offer me your burnt-
offerings and grain-offerings, I will
not accept them; and the offerings

of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon. Take away from
me the noise of your songs; I will
not listen to the melody of your
harps. But let justice roll down like
waters, and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream.

PSALM Psalm 70

R You are my helper and deliverer.
[O Lord, make haste to help me.]

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life
be ashamed and altogether
dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in
my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced. **R**

Let those who say to me "Aha!"
and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be
glad in you;
let those who love your salvation
say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!" **R**

But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be
uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died, so
that you may not grieve as others
do who have no hope. For since
we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who
have died. For this we declare to
you by the word of the Lord, that
we who are alive, who are left
until the coming of the Lord, will
by no means precede those who
have died. For the Lord himself,
with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound
of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will
rise first. Then we who are alive,

who are left, will be caught up in
the clouds together with them to
meet the Lord in the air; and so
we will be with the Lord for ever.
Therefore encourage one another
with these words.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke this parable to the
disciples: "The kingdom of heaven
will be like this. Ten bridesmaids
took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. When
the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them; but the wise
took flasks of oil with their lamps. As
the bridegroom was delayed, all of
them became drowsy and slept. But
at midnight there was a shout, 'Look!
Here is the bridegroom! Come
out to meet him.' Then all those
bridesmaids got up and trimmed
their lamps. The foolish said to the
wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for
our lamps are going out.' But the
wise replied, 'No! there will not be
enough for you and for us; you had
better go to the dealers and buy
some for yourselves.' And while
they went to buy it, the bridegroom
came, and those who were ready
went with him into the wedding
banquet; and the door was shut.
Later the other bridesmaids came
also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to
us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you,
I do not know you.' Keep awake
therefore, for you know neither the
day nor the hour."

POST COMMUNION

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed
the kingdom
and restored the broken to
wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the
anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and
nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ.