

Today on Advent Sunday, we celebrate 125 years of Holy Innocents Church which started its life as a daughter Church of St Mark, South Norwood. Building commenced in 1894 and was completed in 1895, the year in which it was dedicated by the then Bishop of Dover. As we prepare ourselves during Advent to receive again in our hearts and lives, the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, we also look forward to the next 125 years of Holy Innocents Church, South Norwood. Today, our preacher is the current Bishop of Dover, the Rt. Revd. Rose Hudson-Wilkin, who will focus her sermon on the feast of the Holy Innocents while including the Advent themes.

Today, we begin to use the 2021 Church Lectionary Year B.

During this period of Lockdown, we will be joining the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, in their call upon the Church of England to make **November 2020 a month of prayer for our nation.**

"We know that we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles and whose steadfast love endures forever."

From Thursday 5th November and continuing to Sunday, 6th December, praying daily at 6pm.

Prayer for Week 4 (30th Nov-6th Dec)

Loving God,
 your Son Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it abundantly;
 pour out your blessing upon our nation;
 where there is illness, bring your healing touch;
 where there is fear,
 strengthen us with the knowledge of your presence;
 where there is uncertainty, build us up in faith;
 where there is dishonesty, lead us into truth;
 where there is discord,
 may we know the harmony of your love;
 this we ask in Jesus' name. **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.**

A prayer for the Second Lockdown

Lord Jesus, who entered the locked room
 and made yourself known to your friends;
 be with us in this lockdown
 that we may be aware of your presence
 and know your blessing upon us. **Amen.**



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 reflections and prayers

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



29th November 2020

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

ADVENT SUNDAY celebrating
125 years of Holy Innocents' dedication

President, Mother Roxanne; Preacher, the Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover

8.00am and 10.00am Parish Mass

via:

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

or



This week's diary

During this period of Lockdown, the 8.00am (BCP) and 10.00am (Common Worship) Sunday Masses for both parishes, will be Livestreamed from St. Mark.
 Prayers continue for all of you as 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 Karowei. **For those in any kind of need** – Enid, Alec, Una, Ted, Mick, Linda, Helen, Jennifer and Reuben, Claude, Marie-Gabrielle, Kay, Vera, Barry and Elizabeth, Sheila, Rose, Andrew Scorgie, Rhoma, Joanna Simpson. **The bereaved** – the Wathen and Fuhr families, Lynne and family; **The recently departed** - Bob Wathen and David Fuhr. **Years Mind.**

Our Churches remain open for Private Prayer, on: Sundays, from 4-6pm, Saint Mark; Thursdays, 10am-12noon, Holy Innocents.
 Hopefully Public Worship can resume on 6th December when we all meet again at St. Mark 8am and 10am.

SUNDAY

29th November 2020: Advent Sunday
Celebrating 125 years of the dedication of Holy Innocents

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the
works of darkness and to put on
the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal
life, in which your Son Jesus
Christ came to us in great
humility; that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his
glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and
reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31.15-17

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 124

Refrain:

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
[the maker of heaven and earth].**

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;
if the Lord had not been on our side,

when enemies rose up against us; **Refrain**

Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger towards us;
then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us. **Refrain**

Blessèd be the Lord!
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken and we have escaped. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

Matthew 2.13-18

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

Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.