

The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2021

Each Lent since 1986, successive Bishops of Southwark have called the parishes of the Diocese to a time of prayer and contemplation, through the Lent Call.

Over the years, these appeals have raised nearly £1,000,000 which has been shared with more than 150 projects, both in our own Diocese and in other parts of the Anglican Communion.

We are grateful to all our churches and schools for their generous gifts and fundraising. It is good that we share what we have in this way.

It is as important, though, that the Bishop's Lent Call helps each of us to keep a holy and prayerful Lent as we consider our lives and how we can show our love for God to the world.

As we spend time in prayer and contemplation this Lent, we hope that you will feel able to generously support the **projects** we have chosen this year here **in the Diocese of Southwark and in the Holy Land, and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.**

In the last year so much has changed and we have all become much more aware of the fragility our lives and our communities.

The footballer Marcus Rashford has helped to raise everyone's awareness of the need to ensure that our children are adequately fed during school holidays. But it is not just schoolchildren who are at risk. Whole families are in need of help, as well as couples and individuals. That is why we are focusing the Bishop's Lent Call this year on **food insecurity**, both here in the Diocese and in our Link Dioceses.

We are encouraging people to pray for the projects which we are featuring and, where possible, to give what they can to support the work of ensuring that people have enough to eat.

Further information can be found on the Diocesan website <https://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends tomorrow, 25 January

This evening, the **Christians Together in South Norwood** (CTSN) network will host its now traditional annual Ecumenical Service on this Sunday in the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Service starts at **4.30pm** and for the first time will be hosted on **Zoom** as we are unable to meet physically.

The Revd Peter Leveson, the Pastor at the South Norwood Baptist Church has kindly agreed to lead this Service.

Please email Mother Roxanne for the Zoom Link, if required.

This year's resource materials have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland.

The theme, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses the Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



24th January 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne Eversley
Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Third Sunday of Epiphany

President and Preacher, Mother Roxanne

*Genesis 14.17-20 * Psalm 128 * Revelation 19.6-10 * John 21.11*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

Forthcoming diary

Today, Sunday, 24 th January	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	4.30pm CTSN Ecumenical Service hosted on Zoom by the Revd. Pete Levenson South Norwood Baptist
Thursday, 28 th January	Thomas Aquinas, 1274	10.00am Said Mass at Holy Innocents

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: **Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or Mobile 07723 038215 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com** Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays; or Mother Susan (07890 780572) on Fridays.

For your prayers: **Archbishops** Justin and Stephen; **Bishops** Christopher, Jonathan, Richard and Karwei in this Diocese; the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe. **For The Good Shepherd with St Peter, Lee** Bridget Shepherd (V) (AsstAD); Timothy Ndegwa (AsstP); Henry Whyte (PTO); Richard Evans (Reader); Cherry Murdoch (Reader); Nick Shepherd (Reader); David Britton (Reader PTO); Laurie Stuart (SPA), Trinity CofE School (Mixed): Samantha Alder (Chaplain). Pray for the Bishops, priests and people of the Church of Bangladesh. **For the sick** - Alec, Una, Claude, Helen, Linda, Mick, Jennifer and Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Vera, Barry and Valerie, Sheila, Andrew Scorgie, Joanna Simpson, Rose, Allison, Caroline and Don Hawkes; **the bereaved** – the Davies, Aberdeen, Simon, Benn, Ferguson and Webley families; **RIP** – Olu Aberdeen, Sybil Simon, Alanzo Ferguson and Nevil Webley.

There is still time to contribute to the **Name a Star Campaign** and make a donation to St Mark's Church Fund. Donations so far range from £100 per Star to £10 per Star. Remember you can **Name a Star** to celebrate your special event – Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, or in Thanksgiving for something else OR in memory of those whom you love but see no longer, whose nurturing have helped you to become the person you are today. The Campaign runs until the end of Christmas, next Sunday when we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and
miracles
the wonder of your saving
presence:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 14:17-20

A reading from the book of Genesis.

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

PSALM Psalm 128

R Whoever fears the Lord shall indeed be blessed.

Happy are they all who fear the Lord,
and who follow in his ways!
You shall eat the fruit of your labour;
happiness and prosperity shall be yours. **R**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

Whoever fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed. **R**

The Lord bless you from Zion,
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of our life.
May you live to see your children's children;
may peace be upon Israel. **R**

SECOND READING Revelation 19:6-10

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure" – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

GOSPEL John 2:1-11

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee,

and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

POST COMMUNION

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known,
worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.