

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

31st March and 7th April – Thursday Lent Study Group continues on Zoom (Link will be circulated on the day).

10th April, Palm Sunday – St Mark's Easter Fair directly after the Parish Mass (11.15am to 1pm) – please start to bring in your donations of easter eggs and raffle prizes, plus other goodies for sale. **We will need volunteers to set up on Saturday 9th** – please let Jan, Cicelyn, Donald or Simon know if you're able to help on this occasion.

After Mass today, Peter (Irono) and Donald will be selling Raffle Tickets – the prize? a giant Easter Egg and a bottle of wine.

5th June – we propose to celebrate the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a Street Party** incorporating St Mark's Church and Hall, the School yard, Coventry Road, John Street and St Marks Road. We have prepared a letter for the residents of Coventry and St Marks Roads and John Street as we need support from at least 70% of the residents on these streets before we can apply for the permission from Croydon Council to close Coventry Road for the day. **We will need help after the Parish Mass to distribute the letters.**

We plan to start the celebrations with an outdoor Mass at 10am in the hope that the neighbours will join us as we kick off the party in style.

3rd July – South Norwood Community Fair (SNCF) in the Recreation Park.

13th October - on this day, **St Mark's Church** celebrates its **170th anniversary** of dedication. The Teams are hoping to produce a few anniversary items for sale, including a glossy magazine, mugs, tea towels. There are other events planned as we hear from parishioners 'old and young' about their experiences of belonging here in this place.

Each Sunday in October will be one of celebration as we mark this occasion, beginning with **Mother Susan's 15th anniversary of Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests on 2nd October during the 10am Mass.**

We were hoping that Bishop Christopher, our Diocesan would preside and preach for us on 16th October but alas, he's booked up for the entire month, so watch this space, just in case we manage to book the new Bishop of Croydon as soon as s/he is announced.

Restoring the Chalice - at the Chrism Eucharist on Maundy Thursday (14th April), at Southwark Cathedral, the Common Cup will be restored to the faithful gathered there in the Mother Church of this Diocese. *In this regard and for us here in this United Benefice, please let me know if you are now ready to receive the Common Cup or wine by intinction (the priest dips the bread in the wine and put it in your hand) or indeed continue receive in one kind (bread). If you agree to receiving in both kinds, we can start at our Maundy Thursday 8pm Mass or on Easter Day. I await your feedback. Thanking you, Every blessing, Mother Roxanne*

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



27th March 2022

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne Eversley
Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley
Lay Reader: Mrs Cicelyn Hinds

Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

10am Parish Mass and Holy Baptism

President, Mtr. Roxanne Preacher, Ann Squirrel

*Exodus 2.1-10 * Psalm 127.1-4 * John 19.25b-27*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

We especially welcome Troy Earl Palma II who will be baptized today. We also welcome his parents and godparents, other family and friends.

CHURCH NOTICES

Until further notice, both Parishes will continue to meet for worship here at Saint Mark at 8am and 10am on Sundays; and at Holy Innocents for the weekday Mass on Thursdays at 10am.

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available (except on Mondays) on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com
Mother Susan, on 07890 780572 or email fs.kiley@btinternet.com (not available on Fridays).

To hire the Church Halls, please call:

Jan on 020 8653 0447 for St Mark; and Annette on 020 8771 5779 for Holy Innocents.

We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this Diocese, Christopher (currently in hospital), Richard and Karowei and for the appointment of the new Bishop of Croydon; for the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe.

For St Michael, Hatcham St Michael's Community Centre.

For Bishops, priests & people of the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

For the sick – Claude & Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Rose, Caroline, Sigi, Anecka, Lynn, Ronald, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Peggy, Rudolph, Stephanie, Pamela, Barry, Dennis, Linda, David, Oslene, Anthony, Adrian, Barbara, Jacqueline, Pauline, Anne, Mark and Karen. **The bereaved:** the Afare, Kiley and Carbert families; Eileen, Dominic and the Tomes family. **The recently departed:** Stephen Afare, Jean Kiley, Amanda Carbert, Alan Tomes. **Years Mind.**

As we continue to pray for the government and people of Ukraine and Russia, a reminder that donations for Ukraine can be made online at DEC.org.uk

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence to
bind together and to heal;
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

Either Exodus 2:1-10

A reading from the book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Or 1 Samuel 1:20-end

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD." The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at

Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD." She left him there for the LORD.

PSALM

Either Psalm 34:11-20

R *(Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*

Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who among you loves life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity? **R**

Keep your tongue from evil-speaking
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **R**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who
do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from
the earth. **R**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those whose spirits are crushed. **R**

Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken. **R**

Or Psalm 127:1-4

R *It is the Lord who builds the house.*

Unless the Lord builds the house,
their labour is in vain who build it.
Unless the Lord watches over the city,
in vain the guard keeps vigil. **R**

It is in vain that you rise so early
and go to bed so late;
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
Children are a heritage from the Lord,
and the fruit of the womb is a gift. **R**

SECOND READING

Either 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our

consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Or Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL

Either Luke 2:33-35

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

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Or John 19:25b-27

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

POST COMMUNION

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.