

Important notice regarding the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

We regret to announce that Hugh Constant, the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, has now left. Moira Murray will be supporting the Safeguarding Team as Interim Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser whilst we recruit to the post. We wish Hugh well for the future. Safeguarding queries should now be directed to Moira using the following contact details: moira.murray@southwark.anglican.org; 020 7939 9423; 07982 279713; 020 3874 6743 (out of hours).

Please join the nation for daily prayer **at 6pm throughout this month of February.**

Gracious God,

as we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.

Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope

in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Revd Raymond Baudon has been appointed **Deputy Director of Vocations and Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands** for the Diocese of Southwark. He was ordained Deacon in 2018 and Priest in 2019 and served his curacy at St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich.

During his curacy he volunteered at Southwark Foodbank and, in the parish, led a number of initiatives including an Advent art exhibition in 2019 and founding the Black Voices Matter group, which helps to bring the BLM movement into the parish. Raymond has also been a Vocations Advisor in the Diocese since 2018.

Speaking of his appointment, he said, "I am delighted to have been offered the opportunity of this new chapter in my ministry. This role is an exciting next step as it builds on many aspects of my current ministry as well as the work I have done prior to ordination training. Although I am sad to be leaving the parish of St John's, I am looking forward to getting to know our candidates and ordinands. I am also looking forward to working with the Director of Vocations & Diocesan Director of Ordinands and the other members of the Vocations Team as we help to deliver Bishop Christopher's vision for vocations in the Diocese."

The Revd Canon Leanne Roberts, Director of Vocations and Diocesan Director of Ordinands in Southwark, said, "We are delighted to welcome Raymond as Deputy Director of Vocations and a member of our Core Team. Raymond has proven skills and experience in vocational discernment, having been one of our vocations advisors, as well as many relevant transferable skills from his previous career. He clearly has a great deal to offer the Diocese as we seek to encourage and enable all those in our parishes to consider the ways in which God might be calling them.

We are excited for Raymond's start in this significant post after Easter, and know he looks forward to working with candidates, parishes, and the other members of our large Vocations Team."

He will begin his new role shortly after Easter at a date to be announced.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



7th February 2021

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

The Second Sunday before Lent

10.00am Parish Mass

President, Mother Susan Preacher, Cicelyn Hinds

*Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 * Psalm 104.25-37 * Colossians 1.15-20 * John 1.1-14*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

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| Today, 7 th February | Second Sunday before Lent | 6pm National Prayer |
| Thursday, 11 th February | Feria | 10.00am Mass at Holy Innocents |
| Sunday, 14 th February | The Sunday Next before Lent | 8am BCP Mass 10am Parish Mass |

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 Karowei in this Diocese; and the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe.

For Holy Trinity, Rotherhithe Andrew Doyle (V); Ejoywokoghene Ibuno (Reader)

For the Bishops, priests and people of the Anglican Church of Burundi.

For the sick – Enid, Alec, Una, Claude, Helen, Linda, Mick, Jennifer and Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Vera, Barry and Valerie, Sheila, Andrew Scorgie, Joanna Simpson, Rose, Allison, Caroline, Gillian, Donald & Sigi, Anecka, Monica and Dennis.

For the bereaved – the Davies, Aberdeen, Stephens, Webley, Ferguson and Caines families.

For the recently departed – Olu Aberdeen, Marvin Stephens, Len Webley, Alanzo Ferguson and Norman Caines. **Years Mind.**

A reminder to those of you who have been married at either Holy Innocents or St Mark's church, we would like to video display next Sunday, pictures of your wedding, if you would be so kind as to send us a photograph stating name of couple, date of wedding and at which Church.

This will be our communal St. Valentine's Day celebration – injecting some fun during Lockdown. Thanking you! Mtr Rx

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all
your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

FIRST READING Proverbs 8:1. 22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

PSALM Psalm 104:25-37

R *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.*

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures. **R**

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to
number,
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of
it. **R**

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are
filled with good things.
You hide your face and they are
terrified;
you take away their breath
and they die and return to their dust. **R**

You send forth your Spirit and they
are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for
ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles,
he touches the mountains and they
smoke. **R**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my
being.
May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.
Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased

to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL John 1:1-14

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of
the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of
your Church:
may we who have been nourished at
your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the
Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.