



Windrush celebration returns to St John, Kennington

On Sunday 8 August, St John the Divine, Kennington marked its fourth annual celebration of the Windrush generation and their descendants.

The day began with a Mass for the Feast of the Transfiguration, where the Revd Canon Roxanne Eversley, Vicar of St Mark and Holy Innocents, South Norwood joined the congregation to preside.

Also sharing in the liturgy was the Revd Charles Morris, Deputy High Commissioner for Barbados to the United Kingdom, who preached a powerful sermon.

The Revd Canon Mark Williams, Vicar of St John the Divine, Kennington, said: "Since the 70th anniversary of Windrush, we have kept an annual celebration at St John the Divine to give thanks for the immense contribution of the Windrush generation and their families to the church, the nation, and to our community here in Brixton."

He added:

"We cannot underestimate the struggles and challenges faced by our people who have been resilient, dignified and generous throughout. The fight for racial justice continues, and keeping the Feast of the Transfiguration, we were reminded by Fr Charles Morris, DHC, that, working together in the light of Christ, change can happen, resurrection will come."

Festivities continued after the service with a community party where Milton Inniss, High Commissioner for Barbados to the UK. Local MPs Florence Eshalomi and Bell Ribeiro-Addy were among the guests.

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesdays, 22nd & 29th September from 6.30pm-8.30pm, Living in Love and Faith sessions continue at the Vicarage, St John's Upper Norwood.

Friday, 24th September from 9am -1.30pm: Macmillan Coffee Morning in St Mark's church Hall – please see Marcia for more information.

Saturday, 25th September from 10.30am, St Paul's Thornton Heath, 150th Anniversary Dedication Festival.

Saturday, 9th October from 6pm, 'Bring 'n Share' Harvest Supper for both Parishes in St Mark Hall. Please let us know if you're ready to partake in food cooked by someone else or you prefer to bring and consume your own food.

Sunday, 10th October at 10am - Harvest Festival Mass for both parishes at St Mark.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



19th September 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Parish Mass

President and Preacher, Mother Susan

*Wisdom 1.16-2.22 * Psalm 54 * James 3.13-4.8 * Mark 9.30-37*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Thursday 23 rd September	Feria	Holy Innocents: 10.00am Said Mass
Sunday 26 th September	17 th Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP Mass 10am Parish Mass

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or

mtrroxanne@gmail.com She is not available on Mondays or Mother Susan (07890 780572) on Fridays.

We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; Bishops Christopher, Jonathan, Richard and Karowei in this Diocese; and the Bishops in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

For: Christ the King, Salfords James Rosenthal (PiC); Doug Ross (AsstP)

For the Bishops, priests & people of the Church of the Province of Uganda.

For the sick: Alec, Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Amanda, Rose, Caroline, Sigi, Michael, Anecka, Monica, Shirley, Lynn, Joanne, Melanie, Ronald, Faye, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Akos, Peggy, Rudolph, Stephanie, Pamela, Barry, Marlise, Rosemarie, Dennis.

For the bereaved: Colin and the Smith family; Pat and the Kiley family; Sharon, Stephen and the Hoilett family; Dawn, Alicia and the Carter family.

For the recently departed: Sally Smith, Charles Kiley, Mervis Hoilett, Kevin Carter.

Years mind.

Saturday, 2nd October from 11.00am-4.00pm, The Diocese of Southwark Black History Month Celebration at Southwark Cathedral – **Celebrating Business, Science and the Arts.** Join us for a day of worship and workshops. The Rt Revd Karowei Dorgu, the Bishop of Woolwich, will preside, and the Revd Les Isaac, founder of the Ascension Trust and Street Pastors, will preach. There will be information on the Southwark Anti-Racism Charter.

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:16 – 2:1. 12-22**

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected." Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor

discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Or Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

PSALM Psalm 54

R *The Lord sustains my life.*

Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. **R**

For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God. Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. **R**

Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them. I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good. For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes. **R**

SECOND READING

James 3:13 – 4:3. 7-8a

A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy

and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

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

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.