



October is Black History Month in the UK: Events begin with the Diocesan BHM Celebration Service and Workshops this **Saturday, 2nd October from 11am to 1.30pm** at Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge. **The Diocesan Theme for 2021 is: Black History Month – Celebrating Business, Science and the Arts and ties in with the National Black History Month 2021 theme, “Proud to be...”.**

The Rt Revd Dr Karowei Dorgu, Bishop of Woolwich, will be presiding and the Revd Les Isaac, founder of Street Pastors and Ascension Trust, will preach. There will be poetry, singing and drumming during the service. The Venerable Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Archdeacon of Croydon and the Bishop’s lead for diversity and inclusion will discuss the significance of the recently launched Diocese of Southwark **Anti-Racism Charter** which will be a priority across the diocese for implementation. Attendees will each receive the Diocese of Southwark (ARC) pack which includes, the Charter itself, a poster, postcards and case studies.

The workshops following the Eucharistic Service are along the themes of Business, Science and the Arts. In a Q and A session entitled **“Celebrating Excellence in Business”**, Foluke Akinlose MBE, founder of the Precious Awards, will be interviewed by the Revd Lotwina Farodoye.

The Arts workshop will be led by poet, Adukeh and the Medical Science workshop will be led by Dr Mosun Dorgu and Bishop Karowei. They will be joined by other doctors who will talk about the challenges that face UKME young people wanting to study Medicine and how to overcome them.

In his letter promoting the event, the Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun and the Bishop of Woolwich, the Rt. Revd. Karowei Dorgu wrote, *“This promises to be a joyous celebration and an afternoon of reflection, sharing and empowerment. Our hope is that as many young people from across the Diocese will come too. Remember to bring a flag from your country of choice, banners, tamborines, drums and clappers so that we will raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving.”*

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 29th September from 6.30pm-8.30pm, *Living in Love and Faith* sessions continue at the Vicarage, St John’s Upper Norwood.

Saturday, 9th October from 6pm, ‘Bring ‘n Share’ Harvest Supper for both Parishes in St Mark’s 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.

Saturday, 23rd October - COP Pilgrimage to Southwark Cathedral, leaving St. John’s Upper Norwood at 11am.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



26th September 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Parish Mass

President, Mtr Roxanne Preacher, Olusola Oyeleye

*Numbers 11.4-29 * Psalm 19.7-14 * James 5.13-20 * Mark 9.38-50*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Thursday 30 th September	Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures	Holy Innocents: 10.00am Said Mass
Sunday 3 rd October	18 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 Timothy Goode Diocesan Disability Adviser; Pamela Chisholm, Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor; Anna Eltringham, Dean of Womens Ministry

Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Trust (Dept of Pastoral and Spiritual Care): Nigel Copsey (Team Leader)

For the Bishops, priests & people of The Episcopal Church.

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

For the bereaved: Pat and the Kiley family; Sharon, Stephen and the Holett family; Dawn, Alicia and the Carter family; Beverley, Nathan and the Brown family; the Eckherdt family.

For the recently departed: Charles Kiley, Mervis Holett, Kevin Carter, Olive Brown, Noel Eckherdt.

Years mind.

Huge ‘thank you’ to Marcia and all who worked hard to make the MacMillan Coffee morning a resounding success. Special ‘thank you’ to all those who donated cakes and of course, to those who bought them.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find
their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw
us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly
city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Numbers 11:4-6. 10-16. 24-29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The rabble among the people had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once – if I have found favour in your sight – and do not let me see my misery." So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the

other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

PSALM Psalm 19:7-end

R *The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul.*

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

SECOND READING James 5:13-end

A reading from the letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

GOSPEL Mark 9:38-end

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

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

POST COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.