

**To the Clergy, Lay Ministers and People of the Diocese of Southwark - 1 November 2023**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
I wish you know that following the meeting of the House of Bishops this week, and in advance of General Synod, I have signed a statement along with forty-three other Bishops expressing my support for the pastoral provisions mandated by General Synod at its meeting in February.

In this letter, my episcopal colleagues and I reiterate our 'longing that we will find a way that will recognise and honour our different perspectives and the gift we are to each other within the life of the Church of England, such that no one is expected to act against their conscience or theological conviction'.

I encourage you to read the statement in full (see copy at the back of the Church).

This comes with my continued appreciation and gratitude for all you offer in service of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun  
The Bishop of Southwark**

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Today at 6pm Joint Mass for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) at St. Mark.** Please add the names of your loved ones who you would like to be remembered on the sheets at the back of the Church. Please attend the Mass and light a candle.

**12th November, Remembrance Sunday, Joint 10am Parish Mass at Holy Innocents** including the Act of Remembrance in the Garden at the Memorial, which honours members of St Mark's Church Lads Brigade who died during the Great War.

**From 16th November and every Thursday until 21st December – First Communion Classes** culminating in the Reception to Communion before Confirmation for candidates, on Advent 4, Sunday 24th December during the 10am Parish Mass.

**19th November**, the deadline for submitting articles for the Winter edition of the St Mark Parish Magazine. Time to 'put pen to paper'.... we look forward to reading your beautiful stories.

**26th November, Christ the King** which brings us to the end of this Liturgical Year A.

**3rd December, Advent Sunday**, directly after the 10am Parish Mass at St Mark, the Christmas Fayre takes place in the Church Hall – please start to gather your donations towards this well-needed Fundraiser – please be reminded that we need help to set up beforehand and to pack away too.

**24th December**, we celebrate **Advent 4 at the 10am Mass** (both Parishes) and at **11pm it's Christmas Eve Joint Midnight Mass at St Mark.**

**31st December, 11pm, Watch Night Mass at Holy Innocents**, followed by drinks and nibbles in the Church – it will be Mother Roxanne's last day in the United Benefice – do come and celebrate with a Farewell drink.

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

*Sharing God's grace and love in our community*



**5th November 2023**

**Vicar:** The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley  
**Priest (PTO):** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley  
**Reader (PTO):** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

**8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)**

**10.00am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)**

*Revelation 7.9-17 \* Psalm 34.1-10 \* I John 3.1-3 \* Matthew 5.1-12*

**Access online worship via**

[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Pastoral Care:** Mother Roxanne is usually available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or at [mtrroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtrroxanne@gmail.com) but N/A on Mondays. Mother Susan is contactable on 07890 780572; and she's not available on Fridays.

**We pray:** for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie and Martin.

**For** the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe; and *La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico* (the Anglican Church of Mexico).

**For Godstone & Blindley Heath St Nicholas, Godstone** Peter O'Connell (Rector); Evelyn Randall (Permission To Officiate); Tom Bull (Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary)

**For the sick** – Richard, Jennifer & Reuben, Rose, Caroline, Susan, Sigi, Marie-Gabrielle, Colin (Castle), Carmen, Marina, Linda, Fred, Peter, Kay, Simon, Alec, Naomi, Michael, Rudolph, Malik, Dionne (Gill).

**The bereaved** – the Appiah and Gaisey families, Mick and the Riches family, Kelvin and the Zebedee family.

**The recently departed** – George Kojo Appiah, Pauline Riches. **Years Mind.**

We are continuing to provide **sandwiches for Night Watch**, on **Friday nights from Nov 10th to Dec 29th**. We need **3 people** (or households) **per week, each** to prepare sandwiches from **4 loaves of bread** so we get sandwiches from **12 loaves of bread each week, with the following 'filling' requirements:**

4 chicken, 4 cheese, 1 vegan and 3 of your choice.

*Do let Mother Roxanne know, if you feel you may be able to help in this way. If you're able to provide the sandwiches, that's great but if you need to be refunded for bread and/or the filling, then do let her know and she will arrange for you to be reimbursed. Thank you very much indeed.*