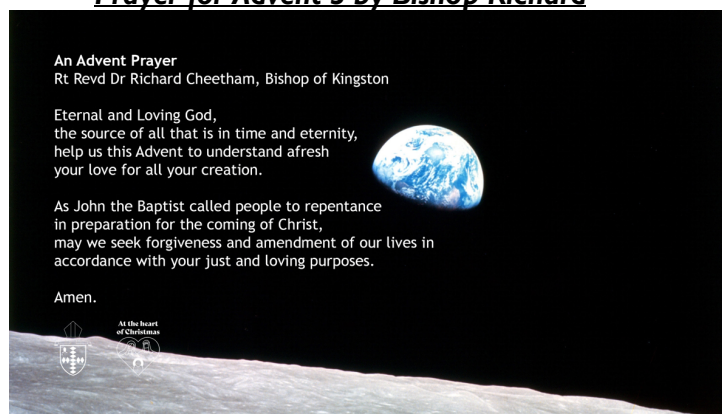


Read and download the latest edition of **The Bridge** (because of Christmas, this is a double edition with the next edition arriving on 1st February), from: [southwark.anglican.org/thebridge](http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge)

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### Prayer for Advent 3 by Bishop Richard



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### **CHRIST-CENTRED, OUTWARD-FOCUSED IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN CONFERENCE 2022**

Bacon's College, Rotherhithe on **1-3 September 2022**. This month's **promo** comes from Keli Bolton from the Diocesan Children and Youth Team. She says, *"I'm excited to be welcoming children and young people from schools and churches across the Diocese to be part of some of the worship and reflective spaces so that their ministry runs through the heart of the conference."*

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS BOOKED SO FAR**

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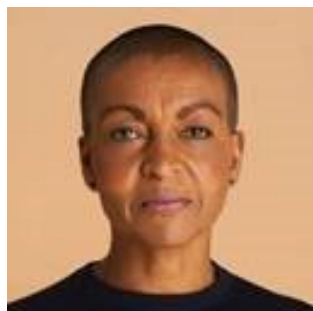
#### **The Revd Azariah France-Williams**



Revd Azariah is Priest in Charge of Ascension Church Hulme, Manchester. Over the years he has ministered on a

group of housing estates in an area of deprivation as well as suburban areas. He holds a MPhil in Theology from Bristol University, a Masters degree in Mission, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology. Azariah is a visiting scholar in Bible for Sarum College based in Salisbury, and he used to lecture for Westminster Theological Centre in Christianity and Contemporary society. He is the author of *Ghost Ship* which charts institutional racism and the Church of England.

#### **Adjoa Andoh**



Adjoa is a Licensed Lay Reader in the Diocese. She is an actress, writer and voice over artist, known for her works in the theatre – the RSC, The National Theatre, The Royal Court Theatre and The Almeida. She is

also known for her roles in the TV series *Casualty*, *Dr Who*, the film *Invictus* and most recently as *Lady Danbury* in *Bridgerton*.

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

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



**12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Vicar:** The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

**Asst. Priest:** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

**Reader:** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

## **Third Sunday of Advent**

**8am BCP Mass & 10am Parish Mass**

**President – Mtr. Susan \* Sunday School Production**

*Zephaniah 3.14-end \* Canticle \* Philippians 4.4-7 \* Luke 3.7-18*

**Access online worship via**

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

### **This week's diary**

Today, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>St Mark, 6pm Evening Prayer</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Feria</b>	<b>Holy Innocents: 10.00am Said Mass</b>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>8am BCP Mass 10am Parish Mass</b>

### **CHURCH NOTICES**

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

**Pastoral Care:** Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or [mtroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtroxanne@gmail.com) She is not available on Mondays or Mother Susan (07890 780572) on Fridays.

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**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 Plumstead Deanery** Patrick Eggleston (Area Dean); Olukunle Amodu (Lay Chair)

**For the Bishops, priests & people of the Anglican Church of Canada**

**For the sick:** Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Amanda, Rose, Caroline, Sigi, Anecka, Lynn, Ronald, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Akos, Peggy, Rudolph, Stephanie, Pamela, Barry, Marlise, Dennis, Linda, Greta, David, Oslene, Shelly, Anthony, Adrian.

**For the bereaved:** Bernicee and the Dundas family, Sharon and the Harris family. **For the recently departed:** Alvin Dundas, Joanne Harris. **Years Mind.**

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**St Mark's Christmas Fair** made a total of **£632.50**  
**Thank you very much to everyone who managed stalls and made purchases; set up and cleared up afterwards. Thank you too for your contributions to this year's Christmas Tree.**



### COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your  
messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and  
stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make  
ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the  
disobedient to the wisdom of  
the just,  
that at your second coming to  
judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable  
people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with  
the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING

#### Zephaniah 3:14-end

*A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult  
with all your heart, O daughter  
Jerusalem! The LORD has taken  
away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in  
your midst; you shall fear disaster  
no more. On that day it shall be  
said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O  
Zion; do not let your hands grow  
weak. The LORD, your God, is in  
your midst, a warrior who gives  
victory; he will rejoice over you  
with gladness, he will renew you  
in his love; he will exult over you  
with loud singing as on a day of  
festival. I will remove disaster from  
you, so that you will not bear  
reproach for it. I will deal with all  
your oppressors at that time. And  
I will save the lame and gather the  
outcast, and I will change their  
shame into praise and renown in  
all the earth. At that time I will  
bring you home, at the time when  
I gather you; for I will make you  
renowned and praised among all  
the peoples of the earth, when I

restore your fortunes before your  
eyes, says the LORD.

### CANTICLE Isaiah 12:2-end

**R** *Shout aloud and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the  
Holy One of Israel.*

Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the LORD God is my strength  
and my might;  
he has become my salvation.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R**

And you will say on that day:  
Give thanks to the LORD,  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the  
nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.  
Sing praises to the LORD,  
for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth. **R**

*[Shout aloud and sing for joy, O  
royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy  
One of Israel.]*

### Or Psalm 146.4-end

### SECOND READING

#### Philippians 4:4-7

*A reading from the letter of Paul  
to the Philippians.*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again  
I will say, Rejoice. Let your  
gentleness be known to everyone.  
The Lord is near. Do not worry  
about anything, but in everything  
by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be  
made known to God. And the  
peace of God, which surpasses  
all understanding, will guard your  
hearts and your minds in Christ  
Jesus.

### GOSPEL Luke 3:7-18

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

John said to the crowds that  
came out to be baptised by  
him, "You brood of vipers! Who

warned you to flee from the wrath  
to come? Bear fruits worthy of  
repentance. Do not begin to say  
to yourselves, 'We have Abraham  
as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God  
is able from these stones to raise  
up children to Abraham. Even now  
the axe is lying at the root of the  
trees; every tree therefore that  
does not bear good fruit is cut  
down and thrown into the fire."  
And the crowds asked him, "What  
then should we do?" In reply he  
said to them, "Whoever has two  
coats must share with anyone  
who has none; and whoever has  
food must do likewise." Even tax-  
collectors came to be baptised,  
and they asked him, "Teacher,  
what should we do?" He said  
to them, "Collect no more than  
the amount prescribed for you."  
Soldiers also asked him, "And  
we, what should we do?" He said  
to them, "Do not extort money  
from anyone by threats or false  
accusation, and be satisfied with  
your wages." As the people were  
filled with expectation, and all  
were questioning in their hearts  
concerning John, whether he might  
be the Messiah, John answered  
all of them by saying, "I baptise  
you with water; but one who is  
more powerful than I is coming; I  
am not worthy to untie the thong  
of his sandals. He will baptise you  
with the Holy Spirit and fire. His  
winnowing-fork is in his hand, to  
clear his threshing-floor and to  
gather the wheat into his granary;  
but the chaff he will burn with  
unquenchable fire." So, with many  
other exhortations, he proclaimed  
the good news to the people.

### POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for  
these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his  
face;  
who is alive and reigns now and  
for ever.