

**A Letter To:
the Children and Young People of the
Diocese of Southwark**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

I am writing to you, the young people of the Church, to remind you of the new life Jesus promises us on Easter Day. God gives us a great gift in the resurrection. So, he gives us great hope!

I haven't forgotten how strange all our lives are. No school (even when it isn't the holidays), not seeing family and friends. Life is so different it can even feel scary. I am praying for you and other people in your Church are praying for you. We will come through these difficulties and God helps us.

I still want to remind you of Jesus' resurrection. You remember that Jesus had a pretty scary time too in the days before Easter. He was arrested, even though he had done no wrong. He was put on trial, even though he hadn't committed a crime. He was teased, and even bullied – as perhaps you have been. People jeered at him. And of course, he was taken to die on the cross. But because things were difficult for Jesus, he is with us if we find things hard too. All you have to do is whisper his name and he will hear you and be with you.

And that isn't all! When he rises on Easter morning, he shows us that love wins! Jesus shows us that love is stronger than death. He wins a place for people with him in heaven. We can all put our hope in this, for with Jesus to love us, we are never alone.

This Easter, I hope you can treasure that thought in your heart. I am glad that you and I, together with all the Christians all over the world, make up the Church. And I say to you again, Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

With my Blessing, *Bishop Christopher*

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He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Please remember that all Sunday Services and Daily Prayers (Tuesday – Friday) will remain on the YouTube, Spotify and Apple Podcasts for your viewing.

Readings for today:

**Acts 2.14, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9;
John 20.19-31**

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



19th April 2020

Parish Priest: Mother Roxanne Hunte
Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

**Second Sunday of Easter
President, Mother Roxanne**

**8am and 10am Parish Mass
plus Sunday School accessed via:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoyzfpScnrT4W9D8X11RmDQ>

or



This week's diary

This is to let you know that while the Churches are closed as all public worship is suspended, we continue to pray for all who live, 'work', worship and indeed 'visit' these parishes, as together we give thanks for what God has done for us, despite the unprecedented times in which we find ourselves.

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care:

Mother Roxanne is still available on

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Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays;

or Mother Susan (07890 780572), on Fridays.

For your prayers

Justin Welby and John Sentamu, our Archbishops; Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karowei, our bishops in this Diocese.

For Bishop Ignatios, Fr. Dupwa and the people of St. Philip, Mkoba Gweru, our link parish in the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe.

For the sick – Linda, Helen, Enid and Alec; and those suffering as a result of contracting COVID-19.

For the bereaved – Abdul and the Conteh family, Marcia and the Bogle family, Deepa and family.

For the recently departed – Pa Alhaji, Marlene, Sharma and David, Maggie.