

From the Diocese of Southwark in response to Government Guidance for the safe use of places of worship during the pandemic.

As of yesterday, places of worship are permitted to open for individual worship. This means a person or household entering either Church to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act. They should be socially distanced from other individuals or households. **Collective or communal prayer and regular scheduled services are not permitted at this time as set out in Regulations.** This includes a Minister of Religion or lay person leading devotions or prayer of any sort.

In this advice there is no compulsion for the individual prayer to be supervised and we are pleased therefore to be able to say that churches do not need to have someone in attendance during the time that they are open for prayer. Please do, however, consider whether it is safe to leave them open and unattended. We know that this will be different in different places in the Diocese.

If you are ready and prepared and want to open, then please do so but we do, once again, want to emphasise that there is no compulsion to do this or to open on June 15. It is of vital importance that your church is properly prepared for re-opening and so please do not feel pressured into rushing into this.

We know that re-opening our churches is a really important and special moment for many of us but we are also aware that a great deal of hard work is involved in enabling this to happen. We want to thank everyone who is involved in any way in this work and all the other work that has been happening throughout the pandemic around the Diocese. This has ensured that we have been able to continue to worship and to share the love of God in Christ with those around us in a wonderfully creative way and we want to offer our grateful thanks to you all for this as we enter a new phase in our life together.

With our very best wishes, *The Coronavirus Task Group*

From Mother Roxanne:

Before we can open the Church for private prayer (and as we think ahead to the general re-opening of the Churches), we will need volunteers to at least open and close the Church and to clean the church after the private individuals and households have left.

I don't envisage every day opening of either Church - perhaps Thursday morning for 2 hours at Holy Innocents and Sunday afternoon for 2 hours at St. Mark.

Do let me know what you think and more importantly, if you may be available for any of these duties. Also, although we don't have to, maybe you would like to be around when people visit - a conversation with a member of the Church within social distancing rules, is ok too.



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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



14th June 2020

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

First Sunday after Trinity
President, Mother Roxanne
Preacher, Father Peter Macan

8am and 10am Parish Mass
Sunday School (with Ann and Maureen) **via:**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoyzfpScnrT4W9D8X11RmDQ>



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 Tel. 020 8916 1830 or Mobile 07472 662323; email mtrroxanne@gmail.com Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays; or Mother Susan (07890 780572), on Fridays.*

For your prayers

For Archbishops Justin; and John in his retirement; for Stephen, Archbishop Elect of York.
For Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karowei, our bishops in this Diocese. For the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe; and Fr. Dupwa and the people of St. Philip, Mkoba Gweru, our link parish in the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe.

For those in any kind of need and those who've asked us to pray for them including **the sick** – Enid, Alec, Una, Ted, Diane, Mick, Linda, Helen, Jennifer and Reuben, Gloria, Marie-Gabrielle, the Huish family especially Rosie and Martin; **the bereaved families** – Holyoake and Macmanmon; **the recently departed** – Don Holyoake and Barbara Macmanmon; and for those whose **Years Mind** occur at this time.

COLLECT

O God,
the strength of all those who put their
trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of
our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your
commandments
we may please you both in will and
deed;
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 Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

PSALM Psalm 100

R *We are the people and the sheep of his pasture.*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with
a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his
pasture. **R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his
name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is
everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age
to age. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL

(Short or long reading)

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, (9-23)

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere

among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in
faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.