

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



28th June 2020

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

Third Sunday after Trinity

President, Mother Roxanne
Preacher, Mother Susan

8am and 10am Parish Mass

Sunday School (with Ann and Maureen) via:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoyzfpScnrT4W9D8X11>

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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 Tel. 020 8916 1830 or Mobile 07472 662323 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com Mtr. 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** – Macmanmon and Sinckler; **the recently departed** – Barbara and Monica; and **Years Mind**.

Opening for Private Prayer: St Mark will be opened today from 2pm to 4pm; and Holy Innocents, next Thursday 2nd July, from 10am-12noon. We will **open for public worship on 12th July when I invite everyone to St. Mark for the 10am Mass so we could test success or failure of 'Church re-opening'**

Following the Government announcement that church buildings will be able to reopen for public worship from 4th July, providing physical distancing remains in place, the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who leads the Church of England's Recovery Group, said: "I welcome the Prime Minister's announcement today that we will soon be able to begin to meet and worship together in our church buildings again.

"The last three months have been an extraordinary time - the first period without public worship and the sacraments in England in more than 800 years. There will be real joy as we begin to come together again – if even at a physical distance – but I also know that many will be understandably cautious at this news.

"We will not be returning to normality overnight - this is the next step on a journey. We've been planning carefully, making detailed advice available for parishes to enable them to prepare to hold services when it is safe and practical to do so. It is important to say that the change in Government guidance is permissive, not prescriptive.

"I would particularly like to thank clergy and lay leaders for all they have done during the time our buildings have been closed. Not all church buildings will be ready to hold regular services from July 4th, but we are providing whatever support we can to enable them.

"There will still be restrictions and we must all still do everything we can to limit the spread of the virus to protect each other, especially the most vulnerable. **The online services and dial-in worship offerings we have become used to, will continue.**

"This has been an incredibly difficult time for the whole country, especially for those who have been ill, who have suffered financial hardship, the loss of livelihoods and indeed, for many, those they love. We know that is not over and the Church has a task ahead to bring consolation and hope.

"Churches and cathedrals have risen to the recent challenges, finding new ways of meeting for worship, of serving our neighbours, and of reaching new people with the love of God. The challenge before us now is to take the next steps carefully and safely, without forgetting all that we've discovered about God and ourselves on the way."

The House of Bishops (including Bishop Christopher) has endorsed the above statement made by the Bishop of London on behalf of its Recovery Group, **stressing this would not be an immediate return to normality**, and that Government guidance is permissive not prescriptive. **Churches that are not fully ready by July 4th should not feel any obligation to rush to restart public worship.**

For clergy who have been shielding, the House agreed that personal safety should continue to be prioritised and that duties could still be performed remotely. Where churches may not be able to open for a long period, for this or other reasons, bishops stand ready to agree with the minister and parochial church council a dispensation from the legal requirement to hold services.

The House welcomed clarification from the Government that a limit of 30 people in total applied to weddings, and that numbers for worship would differ depending on the context.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts whereby we call
you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our
freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be
brought to the glorious liberty of
the children of God;
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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

PSALM Psalm 89:1-4. 15-18

R *Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.*

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;

you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. **R**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
'I will establish your line for ever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'" **R**

Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness. **R**

For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favour our might is exalted.

Truly, the Lord is our ruler;
the Holy One of Israel is our king. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have

become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

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

Jesus said to the twelve:
"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.