



Diocesan annual Black History Month celebration
 Southwark Diocese in Partnership with Christian Aid is happy to present **'Waiting to Exhale – A day of inspiring**

discussions about positive action on Black History and Environmental Justice'. 3rd Oct., 10am–1:30pm

Just over 6 months ago George Floyd's life ended in six minutes because he couldn't breathe another reminder of Eric Garner's last words in 2014 and many more like Javier Ambler (2019), Manuel Ellis (2020), Elijah McClain (2019) who used the same phrase as their last words. **"I can't breathe"** transcends beyond police brutality and injustice and magnifies the suppression of economic and social development faced by the poorest and most vulnerable, that suffer the greatest impacts, something demonstrated by the telling statistics of deaths by COVID-19, highlighting the health impacts on minorities. *In the United Kingdom, Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic people are disproportionately affected by respiratory illnesses such as asthma, which is often triggered by air pollution. All around the world there are many people from what is called the global south holding their breath as to what will happen to their countries and their lives because of climate change, if the larger worldwide economies do not clean up their act. This is especially true in small island states but also in larger countries struggling under the impact of drought, floods, and other natural disasters. We see and hear less from black and brown activists in this country on the issue of climate change and climate injustice.*

This interactive event enables us to showcase the distinctive contributions black theologians, church leaders and youth activists are making on Climate Justice.

We hope the learning shared will inspire Christians to see the difference their actions can make to the world.

The virtual event will include sessions with themes on: History of climate injustice and learning; Young people and climate action; Going stewardship for the common good, with a focus on linkages between the global south and global north; Our health and wellbeing matters

With contributions from: Amanda Khozi - Chief Executive at Christian Aid; Vanessa Nakate - Ugandan Activist; Dr Robert Beckford - Theologian

Please register via BHM@Southwark.Anglican.org
The login details will be circulated before Saturday.

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Dates for this year's Annual Parochial Church

Meetings: St. Mark - after the 10am Parish Mass on 11th October (in St Mark's Church and via online access).

Holy Innocents - after the 10am Parish Mass on 18th October (in St Mark's Church and via online access).

If you haven't already done so and wish to register your membership at either Church, then please add your name to the Church's Electoral Roll if you are aged 16 or over, baptised, a lay person and:

a member of the Church of England and resident in the parish; or if not resident in the parish, but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

To complete an enrolment form, please contact:

St. Mark, Cicelyn Hinds - cahinds@btinternet.com

Holy Innocents, Rita Low - relow@blueyonder.co.uk

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



27th September 2020

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

16th Sunday after Trinity

President, Mtr. Susan; Preacher, Cicelyn Hinds

8am and 10am Parish Mass

via:

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

or



This week's diary

While St. Mark remains open for Livestreamed 8am and 10am Sunday Services for both parishes, we continue to pray for all who are unable to return to the Church building at this time. We continue to give thanks for what God has done for us, in spite of 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.

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For your prayers

For Archbishops Justin and Stephen. 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 our bishops in this Diocese,** Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karowei. **For the sick** – Enid, Alec, Una, Ted, Mick, Linda, Helen, Jennifer and Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Kay, Wilfred, Vera, Claude, Bob, Merna, Barry and Valerie, Merna, Sheila. **The bereaved** – Ann and family; Claude and family, Michelle and family. **The recently departed** – Colin Squirrell, Laure Rachel and Maude Helen, Donnell Rhule; **Years Mind.**

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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4. 25-32

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

PSALM Psalm 25:1-9

R Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated,

nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you,

enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

