

## Christian Aid Week 10-16 May

*Love never fails.*

*Coronavirus impacts all of us.  
But love unites us all.*

Under the current circumstance, sadly, house to house and other face to face events (including our collecting outside Norwood Junction Railway station) cannot go ahead this Christian Aid Week.

However, there is a vibrant, virtual Christian Aid Week to get involved in online!

### **Get involved this Christian Aid Week!**

The coronavirus crisis means it's more important than ever that we come together as a community to worship, share fun and fellowship, and support our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

As we aim to still build a community this Christian Aid Week we have a schedule of virtual events all taking place live from our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/christianaid/>

And there's several more creative and fun ways to help you join in saving lives from your sofa, all available via the Facebook page (see link above).

Donations can be made to Christian Aid projects via their website:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

### **Join us for virtual prayer and reflection:**

*Sunday 10 May, 1.00pm:* Live-streamed Christian Aid Week service with Dr Rowan Williams.

*Monday 11 - Saturday 16 May, 11am:* Live daily reflections from our staff and partners overseas.

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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

**For those of you unable to access** the internet and is feeling isolated, this is a free phone line of hymns, reflections, prayers and a choice of @churchofengland services - 0800 804 8044 **It's and excellent Resource!**

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**The 'Graveside' Funeral of the late Marlene Bogle (parishioner of St Mark) will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm, at Beckenham Cemetery.**

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

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



**10<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

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

**Fifth 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 Tel. 020 8916 1830 or Mobile no. 07472 662323; email [mtrroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtrroxanne@gmail.com)**

*Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays; or Mother Susan (07890 780572), on Fridays.*

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#### **For your prayers**

Justin Welby and John Sentamu, our Archbishops; Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karowei, our bishops in this Diocese. **For the sick, especially sufferers of COVID-19, the bereaved & the recently departed.**

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*A reminder that all Sunday Services and Sunday school Lessons, Morning and Evening Prayer (Tues. – Thurs., EP Sunday) will remain on the **YouTube, Spotify and Apple Podcasts** for your viewing.*

*In these strange times, feel free to contact Mother Roxanne should your require prayers, a chat or need help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, etc. and we will make the appropriate arrangements. **Every blessing for continued safety and good health this Eastertide.***

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
 who through your only-begotten Son  
 Jesus Christ  
 have overcome death and opened to  
 us the gate of everlasting life:  
 grant that, as by your grace going  
 before us you put into our minds  
 good desires,  
 so by your continual help  
 we may bring them to good effect;  
 through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

**Acts 7:55-60**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

**PSALM Psalm 31:1-5. 15-16**

**R** *Let your face shine on your servants  
 [and we shall be saved].*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
 let me never be put to shame;  
 deliver me in your righteousness.  
 Incline your ear to me;  
 make haste to deliver me. **R**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep  
 me safe,  
 for you are my crag and my  
 stronghold;  
 for the sake of your name,  
 lead me and guide me. **R**

Take me out of the net  
 that they have secretly set for me,  
 for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
 for you have redeemed me,  
 O Lord, O God of truth. **R**

My times are in your hand;  
 rescue me from the hand of my  
 enemies,  
 and from those who persecute me.  
 Make your face to shine upon your  
 servant,  
 and in your loving-kindness  
 save me. **R**

## SECOND READING

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**GOSPEL John 14:1-14**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so,

would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,  
 the truth, and the life:  
 grant us to walk in his way,  
 to rejoice in his truth,  
 and to share his risen life;  
 who is alive and reigns, now and for  
 ever.