

## The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2023



**Whyteleafe Community Hub**, a project we are asked to support, is in the Reigate Archdeaconry and currently well supported by the

Revd Annie Kurk and the people of St Luke, Whyteleafe.

It has been running since the first lockdown, when a homeless man in the area caused the local community to become more aware of the needs of local families. This led to local people collecting and donating food, toys and clothes for Christmas 2020. Those who were involved in this initiative soon became aware that families and local people needed help just as much in January as they did in December. Gradually the work that they undertook has grown and it now encompasses the whole community.

Now a registered charity, their work has been so successful that in May 2021, the Community Hub was elected to run the Village Council.

Their food bank feeds more than 350 people each month. Food is delivered to people's homes locally and in the surrounding area. The community hub works hard to collect food surplus from the local area in order to prevent waste and the food is reallocated to local families.

They offer a befriending service for the elderly, vulnerable and lonely, and volunteers are given appropriate training to link with those who would value someone to spend time with. Volunteers will then visit them for at least one hour per week, helping to improve the quality of life for those who are involved. In addition, the Hub seeks to improve the environment in and around Whyteleafe through their Gardening Club and by organising community events, as well as supporting Ukrainian refugees sending food, clothing and medicines back to Ukraine. Everything the hub does is for the benefit of bringing back the heart of the community. We hope that the Bishop's Lent Call can help to provide funds to help them to further their work.

Find out more at [southwark.anglican.org/lentcall](https://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall).

**As we spend time in prayer and contemplation this Lent, we hope that you will feel able to generously support the projects chosen this year.**

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**The Bridge** newspaper - the online version will remain but distribution of the paper version will re-commence **from the April edition** and will be delivered directly to each parish.

Read and download **The Bridge** from:

[southwark.anglican.org/thebridge](https://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge)

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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, from 11am (directly after Parish Mass), St. Mark's Spring Fair in the Church Hall.**

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

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



**5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Vicar:** The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

**Asst. Priest:** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

**Reader:** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)**

**10am Parish Mass (both Parishes)**

*Genesis 12.1-4a \* Psalm 121 \* Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 \* John 3.1-17*

**Access online worship via**

[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](https://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

### CHURCH NOTICES

**Pastoral Care:** Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or

[mtroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtroxanne@gmail.com) N/A on Mondays; Mother Susan is contactable on 07890 780572, N/A on Fridays.  
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**We pray:** for Archbishops Justin and Stephen.

**For** the Bishops in this diocese - Christopher, Karowei, Rosemarie and Martin.

**For** the Bishops, clergy and people in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe; and **for** the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

**For FOREST HILL TEAM MINISTRY**

**St George, Perry Hill;** St George's CE Primary

School; **St Michael & All Angels, Lower**

**Sydenham** Ifeanyi Chukuka (Team Vicar)

St Michael's Primary School.

**For the sick** – Richard, Jennifer & Reuben, Rose, Caroline, Susan, Pauline, Sigi, Marie-Gabrielle, Colin (Castle), Carmen, Rodney, Marina, Linda, Fred, Peter (McGill), Doreen (Macan), Alec, Daphne, Kieran and Neil. **For the bereaved** – the Onyiaike, Irono and Eckhardt families.

**For the recently departed** – Fidelia Onyiaike; Rachel Eckhardt (Funeral, 12noon, 10<sup>th</sup> March). **Years Mind.**

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**If you were still able to provide items from the list below to Nightwatch, they can be dropped off any Sunday after 8.30pm to:**

**Friends Meeting House,  
60 Park Lane, Croydon CR0 1JE.**

Tinned meat soup; Jars of pasta sauce; Packets of pasta; Tinned meals; Pot noodles; Individual care packages typically including a few masks, hand gel, soap, deodorant; Pack of tissues; Drinks - water or cans; blankets and sleeping bags, coats, hats, scarves, gloves and new underwear.

**Please take home a copy of the  
Spring Parish Magazine.**