



RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2023  
STEPHEN LAWRENCE

**But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream! (Amos 5:24)**

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 marks the 30th anniversary of the racist killing of Black teenager, Stephen Lawrence, in Eltham, southeast London.

In many respects, **Racial Justice Sunday** is one of the many legacies of Stephen Lawrence's life. As such, in marking RJS, churches are remembering a young man who in life aspired to be an architect, but whose legacy has seen him become an architect for justice, equality, dignity and unity.

This anniversary is a key moment for church and society on these islands. Stephen's killing was very much Britain's 'George Floyd moment' as it clearly revealed the ugly face of British racism, in terms not only of the hatred of those who took this young man's life but also, of the institutional variety that characterised the appalling investigation into his killing. Akin to all such tragedies, it is a moment for reflection which will enable us to assess what, if any, progress has been made since that tragedy.

We are encouraged as we go forward from this day, to **Remember, Reflect and Respond** to racial justice matters:

- **Remember** the importance of racial justice;
- **Reflect** on human diversity and thank God for it;
- **Respond** by working to end injustice, racism and ignorance through prayer and action.

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As you already know, **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday** and this year it falls on **22<sup>nd</sup> February**.

As usual there will be a **Joint Ash Wednesday Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 8pm at St Mark's Church, Albert Road, SE25**.

For those unable to join us in the evening, you're invited to come along to the **School's Collective Worship with Imposition of Ashes at St Mark's Church at 1.15pm (Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February)**.

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

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



**12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Vicar:** The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley  
**Asst. Priest:** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley  
**Reader:** Mrs. Cicely Hinds

## THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT & RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

**8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)**  
**10am Parish Mass (both Parishes)**

Genesis 1.1-2.3 \* Psalm 136 \* Romans 8.18-25 \* Matthew 6.25-34

**Access online worship via**

[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://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 our Bishops in this diocese - Christopher, Rosemarie, Karowei and Martin. **For St Michael & All Angels, Blackheath Park** Vacancy (Vicar); John Clark (Reader) (PTO); Carolyn Watkins (SPA)

**For** the Bishops, clergy and people in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe; and **for** the Bishops, priests, deacons and people of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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

**For the recently departed** – Fidelia Onyiaike, Karen Mullings, Elizabeth Korsah, Sabinah Simpson and Rachel Eckhardt. **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.

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Our **Diocesan Secretary**, will be retiring in the summer. The role includes being the CEO of the Diocesan Board of Finance, the Secretary to the governance of the Diocese through Diocesan Synod and also the COO of the Diocese. Interested persons to contact David Loft, Director of HR for further details [david.loft@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:david.loft@southwark.anglican.org)