

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, alleluia!

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

*Triumphant in his glory now, his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall. (Fulbert of Chartres)*

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls 'this most joyful period' (*laetissimum spatium*).

It is sometimes also called 'Great Sunday'.

In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services.

The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; and white or gold vestments emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival. **A BLESSED EASTER TO ALL.**

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The Bishop's Lent Call
(<https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/>)

The theme this year is food insecurity and our focus is on food banks in the Diocese and projects in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem.

For very understandable reasons, last year's Lent Call only produced enough to support the small number of identified special projects, for which Bishop Christopher is grateful. However, we were not able to give to our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe. Please give some thought as to how best to give generously to support food insecure families living in Southwark and also in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. *Please consider making a thank offering - for example, those receiving their vaccination might be encouraged to donate to the Lent Call once they've had it or in retrospect.* **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

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The St. Mark's Easter Raffle will be drawn today before we leave church. Hope you're in with a chance. There are Three Hampers – First, Second and Third prizes – *Thank you for your generosity!*

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Easter at St Mark (under the auspices of Churches Together in South Norwood) continues tomorrow, on **Easter Monday** – we will be providing lunch and tea for those who live on their own in both parishes and beyond. As per Christmas at St. Mark, we will be delivering the meals and if you're able to volunteer your driver services, then do see Cicelyn.

Advance Notice: Quiz Night @St. Mark – 24th April

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



4th April 2021

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

EASTER DAY

10.00am Parish Mass

President, Mtr. Roxanne; **Preacher,** Cicelyn Hinds

Isaiah 25.6-9 * Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 * Acts 10.34-43 * John 20.1-18

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Thursday 8 th April	Easter Thursday	10.00am Mass at Holy Innocents
Sunday 11 th April	First Sunday after Easter	10am ONLINE SERVICE ONLY

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com
Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays.

Mother Susan (07890 780572) not available on Fridays.

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We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; Bishops Christopher, Jonathan, Richard and Karowei in this Diocese; the Bishops in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

For St Paul with St Saviour, Brixton Samuel Whittington (V); Olusola Oyeeye (Reader).

For the peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One.

For the sick – Enid, Alec, Una, Claude & Richard, Helen, Linda, Jennifer and Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Vera, Barry & Valerie, Sheila, Andrew (Scorgie), Rose, Allison, Caroline, Gillian, Donald & Sigi, Anecka, Monica, Lynn, Dennis, Rosemary, CP, Joanne, Melanie and Ronald.

For the bereaved – the Allen, Clerk, Black, Heslop, McGann and Stratton families. **For the recently departed** – Linton Allen, Hannah Clerk, Roy Black, Oswald Heslop, Rudy McGann, Pat Stratton. **Years Mind.**

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A request from the Croydon Refugee Centre for large suitcases and sewing machines in working order. If you're able to donate any of these, please see Norma.

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A reminder to please pay in your #GiveLent savings via the St. Mark Donations Button on the website; or give the donations to one of us – Ann, Donald or Simon, Cicelyn, the clergy.

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A reminder to follow the COVID-19 guidelines for public worship – please wear a mask unless exempt, hand sanitise as you enter the Church, register your presence either through your NHS APP or by adding your name and contact number to the Register, maintain your distance while at Church and please **leave** the building **directly** after the Mass concludes.

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:

grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 118. 1-2, 14-24

Refrain:

I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Refrain

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

Refrain

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death. **Refrain**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation. **Refrain**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10.34-43)

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the

third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20.1-18)

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.