

Deanery Confirmation

Bishop Jonathan has announced the date of the next Deanery Confirmation as 24th July, 4pm at St. Jude with St. Aidan, Thornton Heath. Further details to follow but in the meanwhile, for those who had started the Confirmation Classes, please note that we will meet for 4 more sessions in person at St Mark's church on 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd July at 6pm.

If I've missed out communicating with anyone, please forgive me and do join us on 1st July if you can.

Every blessing, *Mother Roxanne*

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'Coronavirus Update' from the Bishop of London

The Diocese of Southwark supports Bishop Sarah Mullally, who made the following statement:

"The confirmation of a delay in the next stage of lifting Covid-19 restrictions will be a blow to many people but I understand why this decision has been taken.

"I am hugely thankful for the success and speed of the vaccination programme which has undoubtedly saved many lives - but we do have to take the spread of the more transmissible Delta variant very seriously and do all we can to protect each other as Christians called to love our neighbour.

"I know from those on the front line that the pressures on the NHS are extreme and understand that a delay of a few more weeks in lifting restrictions could make a big difference in helping us all to get ahead in the 'race' against this virus which has caused so much death and misery.

"Thankfully church buildings remain open for public worship and prayer. While we look forward to restrictions on worship being lifted in the near future, I will continue to press for ongoing appraisal of choral and congregational singing.

"We will also update our guidance on public worship where necessary in light of the Prime Minister's announcement and I understand that the Business Committee of the General Synod will be looking at options for the planned July meeting of Synod in the next few days.

"The Prime Minister's comments about lifting the limit of 30 people attending weddings will be a relief to many. We will await the detail from the Government about what it means in practice and will update our guidance to churches accordingly.

"Most of all, however, we do have hope. This pandemic has been a trial for us all but we put our trust in God and have hope that there are better times to come."

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PLEASE BELIEVE THESE DAYS WILL PASS

Be encouraged by the wonderful words below. If you're coming to London Bridge for any reason, please come and see this spectacular art installation by artist Mark Titchner, hanging in the Cathedral until 23 July. Find out more at:

<https://www.southwarkcathedral.org.uk/about-us/news/please-believe-these-days-will-pass-installation/>

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



27th June 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Parish Mass

President, Mother Roxanne * Preacher, Mother Susan

Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24 Canticle* 2Corinthians 8.7-15* Mark 5.21-43*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Thursday 1 st July	John & Henry Venn, Evangelical Divines	10.00am Said Mass at Holy Innocents
Sunday 4 th July	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	8am BCP Mass 10am Parish Mass

CHURCH NOTICES

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

mtrroxanne@gmail.com She is not available on Mondays or Mother Susan (07890 780572) 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 Mark, Battersea Rise Martyn Layzell (V); Charles Thompson (AsstM); Daniel Johnson (AsstC); Robert Hooks (LCM)

For Emanuel School: Forbes Walker (Chaplain); Stuart Labran (AsstP) (Asst Chaplain)

For Bishops, priests & people of the Church of Pakistan (United)

For the sick – Enid, Alec, Richard, Helen & Peter, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Sheila & Amanda, Rose, Allison, Caroline, Gillian, Sigi, Michael, Anecka, Monica, Shirley, Lynn, Dennis, Rosemary, Joanne, Melanie, Ronald, Faye, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Richard, Cyril, Akos, Peggy, Rudolph, Shirley, Stephanie, Leslyn and Finn.

For the bereaved – Doris and the Lawrence family; the Johnson and Franklin families, the Gadishaw, Harman and Hackshaw families.

For the recently departed – Murphy Lawrence, Joan Johnson, Hannah Gadishaw, Henry Harman, Peter Hackshaw; and **Years Mind**.

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The Bridge Newspaper can be accessed via this link: <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/the-bridge-newspaper/>

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:

increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING (Alternative readings)

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal. For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

The Canticle (Lamentations 3:22-33) may be used in place of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 as the First Reading.

CANTICLE OR PSALM (Alternative readings)

Either **Lamentations 3:22-33**

R The Lord is good to those who wait for him.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. **R**

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. **R**

It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. **R**

For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone. **R**

Or **Psalm 30**

R To you, O Lord, my heart shall sing without ceasing.

I will exalt you, O Lord,

because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. **R**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. **R**

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. **R**

I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying, "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper." **R**

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy; therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

You excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something – now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

GOSPEL Mark 5:21-43

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

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope; teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.