

## Southwark Diocese to disinvest from fossil fuels

At its Diocesan Synod meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July, the Diocese of Southwark pledged to disinvest from any funds that invest in fossil fuels by the end of 2024. Additionally, it has committed not to invest in fossil fuel companies\* going forward.

Introducing the motion, Richard Taylor from Battersea Deanery, urged members of Synod to be attentive to 'the signs of the times,' remarking that "Between the fourth and the tenth of July we experienced the seven hottest days on earth in the past 100 years."

Welcoming the decision, the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark, said: "We are in the midst of a climate crisis – and this requires each of us to do whatever we can to reduce our carbon emissions and care for God's world. We are at the beginning of our journey to Carbon Net Zero, and there is a great deal more to be done, but this is a significant step forward for our Diocese." Southwark Diocese has committed to reaching Carbon Net Zero by 2035 and plans to set up a dedicated fund to support this work by the end of 2023.

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**The Very Revd Andrew Nunn reflects on his life and journey as Dean of Southwark as he says goodbye...**

When I was a

little boy, I loved hearing stories about London. The Nunn side of the family had moved to Leicester but Nanny and my aunties would tell me about 'going up west', walking in St James' Park and seeing Buckingham Palace. To a child it sounded magical. For one Christmas present I was given a big book on London, lots of reading and sepia pictures – but I'm not sure it mentioned Southwark and certainly none of the family stories featured 'South of the River'. That's not quite true. There were in our family photo album, pictures of my mum and dad at the Festival of Britain.

Being invited to come to the Diocese, to be Chaplain to the Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Roy Williamson, was a real thrill. I packed up everything from the vicarage I was in in Leeds and headed down the M1 to begin a new type of ministry for me, in a very different place. I had heard and read about the Diocese of Southwark, of course. It always seemed to be the place from where the awkward questions were being asked, where radical and experimental things were being done. On arriving I wasn't disappointed.

Twenty-eight years later and having done a number of different things, it still feels like that. Ok, so some of the things that were at top of the 'Southwark Agenda' in the past are now part of mainstream life in much, though not all of the church. Women are there in all three orders of ordained ministry. Racial justice is not just being talked about but being lived and we have a Charter to keep us on the right path. LLF will deliver justice for LGBTQI+ people, eventually, and until it does Southwark will remain a safe place. But, really important, theology is still being done, liturgy is still valued and our churches continue to grow.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



**16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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

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

**Reader:** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

**10.00am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)**

Isaiah 55.10-13 \* Psalm 65 \* Romans 8.1-11 \* Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

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

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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, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe; **and** in The Anglican Church of Canada.

**HMP Wandsworth** Tim Clapton (Chaplain); Alison Waterhouse (Resettlement Chaplain); Tim Bryan (Visiting Chaplain); Wendy Stephens (Lay Chaplain).

**For the sick** – Richard, Jennifer & Reuben, Rose, Caroline, Susan, Pauline and Mick, Sigi, Marie-Gabrielle, Colin (Castle), Carmen, Rodney, Marina, Linda, Fred, Peter, Kay and Everard.

**The bereaved; The recently departed; Years Mind.**

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**The Samuel Coleridge Taylor inspired exhibition at Holy Innocents Church (Selhurst Road, SE25 6XX) concludes on Saturday on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1-5pm.**

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The **Croydon Area Racial Justice Group's Study Day** will take place on **22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**, from **10am to 2:30pm** at **Christ Church Purley, Brighton Road, Purley CR8 2BN.**

The day will focus on the Anti-Racism Charter and how we might effectively implement ways to help our parishes engage with it.

Please use the link below to reserve your place.

<https://christpurley.churchsuite.com/events/ziomb6rs>

Drinks will be available, but please bring a packed lunch.

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Many thanks to Lynette and the PTA for organising such a wonderful School Fayre on Friday; to Jan and Rod for running our stalls; and of course, to those who attended.