Today is the Feast Day of St James the Apostle

As opposed to St. James the Less(er), the son of Alphaeus, *James the Apostle, often called James 'the Great',* was a Galilean fisherman who, with his brother John, was one of the first apostles called by Jesus to follow him (Matthew 4.21-22).

The two brothers were with Jesus at his Transfiguration and with him again in the garden of Gethsemane. They annoyed the other followers of Jesus by asking to sit one on his left and the other on his right when he came into his glory.

In Matthew's version (Chapter 20) it was their mother who came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."

They were also present for the appearances of Christ after the resurrection.

James was put to death by the sword on the order of Herod Agrippa (Acts 12), who hoped in vain that, by disposing of the Christian leaders, he could stem the flow of those hearing the good news and becoming followers in the Way. James' martyrdom is believed to have taken place in the year 44.

During the Spring of 2017, I was on the *Camino de Santiago* with the Vicar and a few parishioners from the Parish of South Beddington & Roundshaw for 9days. We walked a total of 118km and have certificates to prove it!

It was a personal pilgrimage as well as a communal pilgrimage during which we reflected on our faith thus far. It was also an opportunity to consider how we can be encouraged in our discipleship by James the Apostle



Vocations

Join the Vocations Team: Become a Vocations Adviser in the Diocese of Southwark

As part of the Bishop of Southwark's vision to grow the number of ordained and lay vocations, applications are sought from <u>lav</u> and <u>ordained</u> members of the Diocese to join the Diocesan Vocations Team in the role of **Vocations Adviser**.

The essential requirement for a Vocations Adviser (VA) is a passion for growing and nurturing vocation in all people. The Diocese is looking especially to encourage vocations in people who represent the full diversity of our diocese.

VAs are appointed by the Diocesan Bishop. Their work is overseen by the Diocesan Director of Ordinands and coordinated by one of the Coordinating Vocations Advisers.

The role of the VA is to accompany individuals as they begin to discern their vocation to licensed ministry, to offer appropriate advice, guidance and resources, then to 'handover' to the next relevant member of the Vocations Team. It is also actively to encourage and resource the exploration of vocations throughout the Diocese. VAs will be appropriately and consistently trained and supported, flexible, administratively competent, and sensitive to the lived experience of those exploring their call.

Please email Revd Raymond Baudon, Assistant DDO and Deputy Director of Vocations, for further details and an application pack. His email address is: raymond.baudon@southwark.anglican.org.

Deadline for applications: 1 August 2021

Interviews will be arranged at a mutually convenient time before 6 September 2021.

Dates of initial training: **6 September 2021** (online or in Trinity House in the evening) **29-30 September 2021** (Wychcroff, subject to Covid regulations) (attendance at both training events is expected)



Loving God Walking with Jesus Led by the Spirit

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



25th July 2021

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

Eighth Sunday after Trinity 10.00am Parish Mass

President and Preacher, Mother Roxanne

2Kings 4.42-end * Psalm 145.10-19 * Ephesians 3.14-end * John 6.1-21

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary		
Thursday	Mary, Martha &	10am Said Mass at
29 th July	Lazarus	Holy Innocents
Sunday	Emancipation	8am BCP Mass
I st August	Day	10am Parish Mass

Today, we especially welcome the newly Confirmed candidates from yesterday's Deanery Confirmation at St Jude wth St Aidan. They are Akemi, Yemisi, Ariana, Elijah, Tegan, Gabriel, Angelica and Emmanuel.

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.

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

For St Michael & All Angels w St Stephen,

Wandsworth Stephen Melluish (V); Timothy Armstrong (AsstC); Richard Boothroyd (AssocM) For Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Delaware – The Episcopal Church (III (3) Province) For the sick – Alec, Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben,

Marie-Gabrielle, Amanda, Rose, Caroline, Gillian, Sigi, Michael, Anecka, Monica, Shirley, Lynn, Dennis, Rosemary, Joanne, Melanie, Ronald, Faye, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Cyril, Akos, Peggy, Rudolph, Stephanie, Pamela, Barry. **For the bereaved** – Adam and his family, Jan and family, the Kennedy and Wheeler families, Joanne and the Jones family, the Edwards and

Corbin families, the Desire family, Keith and the Bradshaw family.

For the recently departed – Richard Pilarski, baby Finn Kennedy, Keith Jones, Shirley Edwards, Jim Desire, Sheila Bradshaw. *Years mind*.

Sunday 25 July 2021

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and

bodies

in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul:

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-end

A reading from the second book of Kings.

A man came bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

PSALM Psalm 145:10-19

R You open wide your hand, O Lord, and satisfy our needs.

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you. **R**

They make known the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your power;

- That the peoples may know of your power
- and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. R

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed

down. R

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature. **R**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him.

to all who call upon him faithfully. R

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL John 6:1-21

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get

a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;

may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your

praise be free from deceit;

may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;

and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;

glory to you for ever.

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