

The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with today's **Feast of Christ the King**. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

Next Sunday,

Advent begins the new **Liturgical Church Year C**.

+++++

From the Diocesan Coronavirus Task Group:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
We hope you are keeping well. With Advent soon upon us, we thought it was timely to send a Bulletin.

Communion The House of Bishops is allowing Communion to be restored in both kinds.

The guidance from the Church of England website states: "The common cup may now be shared, but the Bishops wish to make clear that, given continued potential risks to health, it remains permissible for the president to be the only person who receives Holy Communion in the form of wine."

Bishop Christopher understands fully the good reasons why many parishes will wish to administer in one kind for the time being in the context of the pandemic and gives his permission for this practice to continue until further notice.

For those parishes offering Communion in both kinds he encourages thought to be given to ways in which it can be made clear that communicants wishing to receive in one kind have a choice to receive the host only if they wish.

As we approach the festive season and increased numbers start coming to our churches, please be mindful of: numbers in church, how you manage events/services, distancing, masks and collections at Christmas. Please carry out risk assessments, when necessary, ensuring they are up to date.

Vaccinations The Bishop's Advisor on Health, the Revd Andy Dovey, who is also hospital Chaplain Lead in Croydon, spoke to the Bishop's Senior staff meeting recently about his serious concerns that many people are not vaccinated. This is particularly in the UKME community. He plans to meet with chaplains across the Diocese as well as stress that all volunteers within chaplaincies must be double vaccinated. Wherever possible, please continue to encourage people in your communities to have both vaccines and where applicable, booster jabs.

Advent Prayers Every Sunday during Advent Bishops Jonathan, Richard and Karowei, and Dean Andrew, will be providing Advent prayers in the form of a social media poster. Bishop Christopher will cover Christmas. Please look out for them. They will be shared on our Twitter and Facebook pages and posted to the website. Feel free to download and use them during this season.

We hope that you will find this information useful and wish you a blessed Advent season when it comes.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



21st November 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley

Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

Trinity 25 and Christ The King

8am BCP Mass & 10am Parish Mass

President Mother Roxanne * **Preacher** – Kadia

*Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 * Psalm 93 * Revelation 1.4-8 * John 18.33-37*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

This week's diary

Today, 21 st November	Christ the King	St Mark: 6pm Evensong
Thursday 25 th November	Feria	Holy Innocents: 10.00am Said Mass
Sunday 28 th November	Advent Sunday	8am BCP Mass 10am Parish Mass

CHURCH NOTICES

Until further notice, both Parishes will continue to meet for worship at Saint Mark for the 8am & 10am Sunday Masses; and at Holy Innocents for the weekday Mass on Thursdays at 10am.

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.

+++++

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

For St Matthew, Croydon Simon Foster (V) (AD); Linda Fox (AsstP) (AsstAD); Richard Hinder (PTO); Paul Parmenter (Reader); Alison Radford (Reader); Carolyn Tweed (SPA)

Archbishop Tenison's CE High School: Richard Parrish (Head), Simon Foster (Chaplain)

For the Bishops, priests & people of The Church of Bangladesh.

For the sick: Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Amanda, Rose, Caroline, Sigi, Anecka, Monica, Shirley, Lynn, Ronald, Tommy, Ena, Adeline, Akos, Peggy, Rudolph, Stephanie, Pamela, Barry, Marlise, Dennis, Linda, Greta, David, Oslene, Shelly, Anthony, Adrian.

For the bereaved: Beverley Herbert and the Grant family; Angela and the Fenton family.

For the recently departed: Jenny Grant, Stedroy Fenton.

Years Mind.

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended
to the throne of heaven that
he might rule over all things
as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of
the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created
order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

PSALM Psalm 93

R *The Lord has girded himself with strength.*

The Lord is king; he has put on splendid apparel;
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved; Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. **R**

The waters have lifted up,
O Lord,
the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. **R**

Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness adorns your house,
O Lord,
for ever and for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be

glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL John 18:33-37

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

POST COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing
forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously
rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.