

**Thy Kingdom Come**  
Nine days of prayer  
from Ascension to Pentecost

**Thy Kingdom Come** is a global prayer movement which invites Christians around the world to pray **between Ascension and Pentecost** for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

This year's **Thy Kingdom Come** takes place in a very different world from any we could have expected, yet the need for prayer in this time of crisis has never been greater. We have an incredible opportunity to show the love and peace of Jesus Christ, not just in our own lives but in our communities, too.

That is why **Thy Kingdom Come 2020** is focusing on both **prayer and care**: encouraging people to pray for others to come to know Jesus' love in their own lives, and also to demonstrate that love in action.

The Bishop of Southwark, the Rt. Revd. Christopher Chessun, is also encouraging people, who are not already doing so and where it is safe, **to light a candle in their windows at 7pm every Sunday until Pentecost, as a symbol of Christ's light in our world at this dark time, and to say the Lord's Prayer.**

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A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

For those unable to access the internet and is feeling isolated, this is a free phone line of hymns, reflections, prayers and a choice of @churchofengland services – Tel. 0800 804 8044 - It's an excellent Resource!

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**A reminder that all Sunday Services and Sunday school Lessons, Morning and Evening Prayer (Tues. – Thurs., Evening Prayer on Sunday) will remain on the YouTube, Spotify and Apple Podcasts for your viewing.**

Do feel free to contact Mother Roxanne should you require prayers, a chat or need help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, etc. and we will make the appropriate arrangements.

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**Confirmation Classes continue via Zoom on Wednesdays at 6pm.**

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

*Sharing God's grace and love in our community*



**24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Parish Priest:** Mother Roxanne Hunte  
**Asst. Priest:** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

**Ascension**  
**President & Preacher, Mother Susan**

**8am and 10am Parish Mass**  
**plus Sunday School accessed via:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoyzfpScnrT4W9D8X11RmDQ>

or



## This week's diary

This is to let you know that while the Churches are closed as all public worship is suspended, we continue to pray for all who live, 'work', worship and indeed 'visit' these parishes, as together we give thanks for what God has done for us, despite the unprecedented times in which we find ourselves.

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Pastoral Care:** Mother Roxanne is still available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or Mobile 07472 662323; email [mtrroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtrroxanne@gmail.com)

Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays; or Mother Susan (07890 780572), on Fridays.

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## For your prayers

Justin Welby and John Sentamu, our Archbishops; Stephen, Archbishop Elect of York.

Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karowei, our bishops in this Diocese.

Bishop Ignatios, Fr. Dupwa and the people of St. Philip, Mkoba Gweru, our link parish in the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe.

**For those in any kind of need** and those who've asked us to pray for them including **the sick** – Enid, Alec, Una, Ted, Diane, Mick, Linda, Helen, Ruth, Jennifer, Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Barbara, the Huish family and Gloria. **The bereaved families** – the Hollioake, Bates, Ledeatte, Forbes, Messer and Scorgie, Angus and Corbin families. **The recently departed** – Don, Roy, Ruth, Maggie, Ron, Sharon and Verna. Those whose **Years Mind** occur at this time.

# SUNDAY

24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020

ASCENSION DAY

## FIRST READING

Acts 1.1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me;<sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ <sup>7</sup>He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

## Canticle

**All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ, and share in the feast of your kingdom.**

1 Great and wonderful are your deeds,

Lord God the Almighty.

2 Just and true are your ways,  
O ruler of the nations.

3 Who shall not revere and  
praise your name, O Lord?  
for you alone are holy.

4 All nations shall come and  
worship in your presence:  
for your just dealings have been  
revealed. *Revelation 15.3,4*

**To the One who sits on the  
throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and  
glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All nations shall come and  
worship you, O Christ,  
and share in the feast of your  
kingdom.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (1.15-23)

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and

dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL

Luke 24.44-53

*Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.*

*Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

*Alleluia.*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you, O Christ*