

Welcome back to St Mark for our first joint Parish Eucharist, as we re-open for public worship, since 14th March this year.

For those at extra risk and the 'clinically extremely vulnerable', the decision to attend or not is yours alone.

Hand Sanitizer is provided in the porch and seating arrangements are different as we maintain social distancing, so do follow the direction of the sidespersons.

Government guidance includes a request for names of attendees to be recorded and kept for 21 days to assist 'track and trace' if required.

Singing, chanting and playing of brass or woodwind instruments are not recommended.

There will be **no** sharing of the Peace and distribution of Holy Communion will be in one kind only.

There will be no Refreshments after the Service.

Thank you very much, Mother Roxanne

New Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser appointed

The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt. Revd. Christopher Chessun, has appointed Hugh Constant as the new Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. He succeeds Kate Singleton, who left the Diocese in April to join a large national charity. Hugh Constant's background is in local authority social work with children and adults with disabilities and in auditing safeguarding practice. For much of the past 11 years, Hugh has worked for the Social Care Institute for Excellence which audits Diocesan and Cathedral safeguarding practice. He will join a team of two full-time Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers and two administrators.

Commenting on his appointment, Hugh Constant said: "I am hugely excited to be joining the Diocese of Southwark as its safeguarding adviser. I have audited the safeguarding arrangements of both Diocese and Cathedral in recent years and know that there is a strong culture of keeping people safe, which I hope to maintain and develop. I look forward to working with clergy, parishioners and survivors to help make the Diocese a safe and supportive environment for everyone".

Bishop Christopher said: "I am confident that in Hugh Constant we have found a worthy successor to Kate Singleton and her predecessors, who have done so much to ensure that the Diocese of Southwark has excellent safeguarding practices and developed good partnership working with our parishes. I am sure that Hugh will further help us in our commitment to continuing to build a safe church".

The Diocesan Secretary, Ruth Martin, who is shortly to become the Bishop's Safeguarding Lead, said: "I am pleased that in Hugh we have appointed an experienced safeguarding practitioner and auditor who knows the Church and who will join and lead our strong safeguarding team."

We also add our welcome to Hugh Constant.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



12th July 2020

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

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

President and Preacher, Mtr. Roxanne

8am and 10am Parish Mass

Sunday School (with Ann and Maureen) via:

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

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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 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com Mtr. Roxanne is not available on Mondays; or Mother Susan (07890 780572) on Fridays.

For your prayers

For Archbishops Justin and Stephen. For Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karowei, our bishops in this Diocese. For the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe; and 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, Jennifer and Reuben, Gloria, Marie-Gabrielle, Wilfred, the Huish family especially Rosie and Martin; **the bereaved** – Rayner and Sinckler families; Romeo, Nicole and Rhianna; **the recently departed** – June, Monica and Samantha; and **Years Mind**.

Holy Innocents will be opened for private prayer next Thursday 16th July, 10am-12noon and next Sunday, 19th July for Public Worship at the 10am Parish Eucharist. **Members of both Parishes are invited to Holy Innocents at 10am next Sunday – seating will be according to Social distancing rules.**

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah (55.10-13)

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 65.8-13

Refrain: Be joyful in God, all the earth

You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous. The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. **Refrain**

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy. **Refrain**

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (8.1-11)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**