



Diocesan annual Black History Month celebration
 Southwark Diocese in Partnership with Christian Aid is happy to present **'Waiting to Exhale – A day of inspiring**

discussions about positive action on Black History and Environmental Justice'. 3rd Oct., 10am–1:30pm

Just over 6 months ago George Floyd's life ended in six minutes because he couldn't breathe another reminder of Eric Garner's last words in 2014 and many more like Javier Ambler (2019), Manuel Ellis (2020), Elijah McClain (2019) who used the same phrase as their last words. **"I can't breathe"** transcends beyond police brutality and injustice and magnifies the suppression of economic and social development faced by the poorest and most vulnerable, that suffer the greatest impacts, something demonstrated by the telling statistics of deaths by COVID-19, highlighting the health impacts on minorities. *In the United Kingdom, Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic people are disproportionately affected by respiratory illnesses such as asthma, which is often triggered by air pollution. All around the world there are many people from what is called the global south holding their breath as to what will happen to their countries and their lives because of climate change, if the larger worldwide economies do not clean up their act. This is especially true in small island states but also in larger countries struggling under the impact of drought, floods, and other natural disasters. We see and hear less from black and brown activists in this country on the issue of climate change and climate injustice.*

This interactive event enables us to showcase the distinctive contributions black theologians, church leaders and youth activists are making on Climate Justice.

We hope the learning shared will inspire Christians to see the difference their actions can make to the world.

The virtual event will include sessions with themes on: History of climate injustice and learning; Young people and climate action; Going stewardship for the common good, with a focus on linkages between the global south and global north; Our health and wellbeing matters

With contributions from: Amanda Khozi - Chief Executive at Christian Aid; Vanessa Nakate - Ugandan Activist; Dr Robert Beckford - Theologian

Please register via BHM@Southwark.Anglican.org

The login details will be circulated closer to the date.

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Dates for this year's Annual Parochial Church

Meetings: St. Mark - after the 10am Parish Mass on 11th October (in St Mark's Church and via online access).

Holy Innocents - after the 10am Parish Mass on 18th October (in St Mark's Church and via online access).

If you haven't already done so and wish to register your membership at either Church, then please add your name to the Church's Electoral Roll if you are aged 16 or over, baptised, a lay person and:

a member of the Church of England and resident in the parish; or if not resident in the parish, but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

To complete an enrolment form, please contact:

St. Mark, Cicelyn Hinds - cahinds@btinternet.com

Holy Innocents, Rita Low - relow@blueyonder.co.uk

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



20th September 2020

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

15th Sunday after Trinity

President, Mtr Roxanne; Preacher, Mtr Susan

8am and 10am Parish Mass

via:

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

or



This week's diary

While St. Mark remains open for Livestreamed 8am and 10am Sunday Services for both parishes, we continue to pray for all who are unable to return to the Church building at this time. We continue to give thanks for what God has done for us, in spite of 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.

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For your prayers

For Archbishops Justin and Stephen. 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 our bishops in this Diocese,** Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karowei. **For those in any kind of need** including the sick – we pray for Enid, Alec, Una, Ted, Mick, Linda, Helen, Jennifer and Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Kay, Wilfred, Vera, Claude, Bob, Merna, Barry and Valerie; **For the bereaved** – Ann & the Squirrell family; **For the recently departed** – Colin Squirrell; **Years Mind.**

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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

A reading from the book of Jonah.
When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than

a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

PSALM Psalm 145:1-8

R *The Lord is near to those who call upon him.*
I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. **R**
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness. One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power. **R**
I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty and all your marvellous works. They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness. **R**
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.
For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of

suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.