

The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2021

Each Lent since 1986, successive Bishops of Southwark have called the parishes of the Diocese to a time of prayer and contemplation, through the Lent Call. Over the years, these appeals have raised nearly £1,000,000 which has been shared with more than 150 projects, both in our own Diocese and in other parts of the Anglican Communion. We are grateful to all our churches and schools for their generous gifts and fundraising. It is good that we share what we have in this way. It is as important, though, that the Bishop's Lent Call helps each of us to keep a holy and prayerful Lent as we consider our lives and how we can show our love for God to the world.

As we spend time in prayer and contemplation this Lent, we hope that you will feel able to generously support the projects we have chosen this year here in the Diocese of Southwark and in the Holy Land, and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

The theme for this year is food insecurity. Details available from <https://southwark.anglican.org/about-us/what/the-bishop-of-southwarks-lent-call/downloads>

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18 - 25 January 2021

Amidst the renewed need for isolation, is the renewed need for virtual connection. This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), is a global annual occasion to witness to all that churches do together and share in faith.

The WPCU will be marked differently around the world this year and of course joint services, processions and other live activities will not be possible.

However, there are online services being offered and many Churches Together groups across South London are planning shared activity such as an ecumenical prayer chain or just a moment to celebrate the varied ecumenical activity that has been particularly helpful this year.

The resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are here: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

2021 materials have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland.

The theme, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses the Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

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Historic Covenant to be signed between Diocese of Jerusalem and Diocese of Southwark

On Wednesday 20 January, the Archbishop in Jerusalem, The Most Revd. Suheil Dawani, and the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt. Revd. Christopher Chessun, will sign the Jerusalem-Southwark Covenant Agreement, linking both Dioceses formally.

The event will take place at **12:15pm U.K time and 14:15pm Jerusalem time.**

There will be a short service of midday prayer, after which Archbishop Suheil and Bishop Christopher will sign the Covenant Agreement between the two dioceses.

To watch live click here:
<https://youtu.be/OwvdnVXLz84>

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



17th January 2021

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne Hunte
Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

Second Sunday of Epiphany

President and Preacher, Mother Roxanne

*1 Samuel 3.1-10 [1.1-20] * Psalm 139.1-5, 12-17 * Revelation 5.1-10 * John 1.43-51*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

Forthcoming diary

Tuesday, 19 th January	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	PCC meeting for Holy Innocents
Wednesday, 20 th January		PCC meeting for Saint Mark
Thursday, 21 st January		10.00am Mass at Holy Innocents

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: *Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or Mobile 07723 038215 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays; or Mother Susan (07890 780572) on Fridays.*

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For your prayers: *Archbishops Justin and Stephen; Bishops Christopher, Jonathan, Richard and Karowei in this Diocese; the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe. For St Laurence, Catford Charles Pickstone (V); Iain Farquhar (PTO); Peter Charles (Reader); Grace Blyth (Reader) (PTO); Ijeoma Nwajiobi (SPA); for the Bishops, priests and people of the Anglican Church of Australia. For the sick - Alec, Una, Claude, Helen, Linda, Mick, Jennifer and Reuben, Ted, Marie-Gabrielle, Vera, Barry and Valerie, Sheila, Andrew Scorgie, Joanna Simpson, Rose, Amanda, Allison, Caroline and Don Hawkes; the bereaved – the Davies and Aberdeen families; RIP – Olu Aberdeen.*

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 There is still time to contribute to the **Name a Star Campaign** and make a donation to St Mark's Church Fund. Donations so far range from £100 per Star to £20 per Star. Remember you can **Name a Star** to celebrate your special event – Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, or Thanksgiving for something else OR in memory of those whom you love but see no longer, whose nurturing have helped you to become the person you are today. The Campaign runs until the end of Christmas, 31st January when we celebrate Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

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The Croydon North Deanery Confirmation which was scheduled to take place on Saturday, 6th February at **St Jude with Aidan's Thornton Heath** has been postponed to a date to be announced later. Bishop Jonathan will meet with proposed candidates - date tbc.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you

hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

PSALM Psalm 139:1-5. 12-17

R I will thank you because I am marvellously made.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways. **R**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. **R**

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvellously
made;
your works are wonderful and I know it well. **R**

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in
the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them. **R**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
If I were to count them,
they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need
to be like yours. **R**

SECOND READING

Either Revelation 5:1-10

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of

the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

Or (RCL) 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

GOSPEL John 1:43-51

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

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you come to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

POST COMMUNION

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.