

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**  
**THE WEDDING AT CANA**

In John's Gospel the miracles of Jesus are called 'signs', meaning that while they might be amazing in themselves, their importance is in pointing us to something even more amazing. This week's Gospel tells us of Jesus' first miracle, or his first 'sign', as John calls it. At a wedding in Cana he was asked by his mother to do something to save a bride and groom the embarrassment of running out of wine. And so six large stone jars were filled with water and when tasted the water had become wine. Amazing as that is, John sees it as nothing more than a signpost; the first of many signposts, all pointing to something far, far greater than we can imagine. But signposts to what.....? Nothing less than that God lived among us; walked with us; talked with us; died for us; rose from the dead to forever make us children of God and heirs to God's Kingdom.

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Churches Together in South London (CTSL) warmly invite you to join us for a webinar during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**Unity and Solidarity with Palestinian Christians – what are they asking of us?**

**Tuesday 21 January 8-8.45pm online**

Webinar with Charlotte Marshall, Director of Sabeel-Kairos, a Christian charity working for human rights, justice and equality for Palestinians in solidarity with the Christian community in the Holy Land. Join us as we examine the historical and current challenges facing the small Palestinian Christian community as they try to stay in their land amidst persecution and war. We will draw on the resources for this year's Week of Prayer as we hear stories of Christian families facing violence and displacement. RSVP to [claire@ctslondon.org.uk](mailto:claire@ctslondon.org.uk).

**Lay Ministry Taster Day** If you would like to find out more about how to begin exploring a vocation to Lay Ministry, then this day is for you! You'll have a chance to meet people involved in lay ministry ask questions, whether your interest is in Reader, SPA/Pastoral, Pioneer, Evangelist, or Children and Young People (CYP) ministry. Our guest speaker, the Revd Canon Derek Walmsley - former Diocesan Director of Ordinands for the Diocese of Leeds and - will talk about Christian vocation. **Saturday 25 January, 10am-2pm**, Trinity House, free. To register your interest, email [learning@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:learning@southwark.anglican.org)

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**PANTOMIME**

**LAST CALL** for the St Mark's Players Panto – Pinocchio and the Blue Dwarf on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. Please contact Ann Squirrel at St Mark's Church if you would like to go.

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

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



**19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Vicar:** Vacant

**Priest (PTO):** Revd. Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley, TSSF, SCP

**Reader (PTO):** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)**

**10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)**

*Isaiah 62.1-5 \* Psalm 36.5-10 \* 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 \* John 2.1-11*

Today we welcome **Mother Barbara Gentilella** who will be presiding and preaching at St Mark at the 10.00 am Mass

**Access online worship via**

[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Pastoral Care:** for enquiries regarding baptism, confirmation, weddings, blessings, house blessings, renewal of marriage vows, thanksgiving for the birth of a child, to make your confession, or to request a home or hospital visit, please contact Mother Susan 07890 780572, [fs.kiley@btinternet.com](mailto:fs.kiley@btinternet.com) or Cicelyn Hinds 07484 677951. Please note that Mother Susan's day off is Friday.

The Benefice is in vacancy. For Parish matters, please contact in the first instance, the respective church wardens, St Mark – Norma McKnight ([ndwillis12@outlook.com](mailto:ndwillis12@outlook.com)) and Cicelyn Hinds ([cahinds@btinternet.com](mailto:cahinds@btinternet.com)) Holy Innocents – [Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk](mailto:Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk)

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**We pray:** for Archbishop Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Martin, Rosemarie and Alastair. For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

**Catford (Southend) and Downham Team**

**Ministry** Peter Organ (Team Rector), Stuart Leck (Team Vicar), Nicholas Walsh (Team Vicar), Brown Olisa (Assistant Curate) and Alice Eka (Reader).

**St John the Baptist, Catford** St John the Baptist (Southend) (JM&I) School.

**For the sick** - Barbara, Emma, Santosh, Rona, Don, John, Richard, Alec, Leonard, Marina, Reiss, Malik, Simon and Janet.

**The recently departed and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**