

**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST
IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMASS)**

PURIFICATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas and continued through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, now comes to an end today with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas). The child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognized by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering; the Incarnation is directed to the Passion; and Simeon's final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter (which begins with Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 5th).

Welcome! Especially if you are a visitor. Please make yourself known to one of the Wardens, Sidespeople, or the Clergy. Members of other Churches are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please come up for a blessing.

Please join us after the service for coffee and refreshments.

LAY MINISTRIES

Today in the season of Lay Ministries, we particularly give thanks for Readers Cicelyn Hinds and Leonora Davies, and for all who exercise any kind of ministry – serving at the altar, reading the lessons, leading intercessions, chalice assistants, welcomers in both our churches.

GROUND FLOOR GUIDE TO THE PSALMS

Across our Diocese and around the Christian world, we read psalms in worship every day. This session, led by the Revd Bethany Austin, Assistant Curate of St Bartholomew, Sydenham, will introduce the psalter and consider the nature of these poems, why they were written and why we use them day by day.

In the session, we will take look at particular psalms that will help to shed light on the psalter as a whole. Come and learn something new about a book with which you might have long felt familiar.

Tuesday 18 February, 7:30-8:30pm, Zoom, free. To book email learning@southwark.anglican.org

MOTHERS UNION MEETING

St Mark's Mothers Union meets on **Wednesday 5th February** in St Mark's Church at 7.30pm, when we will be holding our AGM.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



2nd February 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Locum Priest, St Mark (PTO):

Revd. Mother Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

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8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Malachi 3.1-5 * Psalm 24.1-end * Hebrews 2.14-end * Luke 2.22-40*

Today we welcome **Father Charlie Bell** at the 8.00 am Mass at St Mark

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: for enquiries regarding Holy Innocents, please contact Mother Susan 07890780572 fs.kiley@btinternet.com and for St Mark, please contact Mother Ada 07961728618

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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) and Cicelyn Hinds (cahinds@btinternet.com) Holy Innocents – Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk

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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

St James & St Anne Bermondsey (United Benefice) St Anne w St Augustine, Bermondsey Katie Kelly (Vicar) Penny Molyneux (Reader)(PTO). **St James w Christ Church & St Crispin, Bermondsey** The Salmon Centre St James Primary School.

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

The bereaved – Martyn and Cassandra and the Dixon-Baker family; Rita, Paul and Sarah and the Low family. **The recently departed** – Marcelle Dixon-Baker and Brian Low **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**