

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



How can we fight fear with faith? Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ

while he was present to them in their hour of need. The Lord is ever present to us. And in our time of testing he asks the same question: *Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?* Whenever we encounter trouble, the Lord is there with the same reassuring message: *"It is I, do not be afraid."*

BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL

Each year, the Bishop's Lent Call raises funds for local community projects in Southwark and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem, as well as calling parishes to a time of prayer and contemplation.

The Bishop's Lent Call for 2025 is raising funds for projects that help children and young people recover from trauma and which encourage their mental wellbeing. We are supporting this type of work in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and here in our own diocese. Details of how to donate will be published shortly.

+ LENT +

We are fast approaching the season of Lent - **5th March is Ash Wednesday**. That morning from 7.00am Mother Susan and Mother Ada will be offering the Imposition of Ashes to Norwood Junction Station commuters as they head for work. There will be a joint service at St Mark's church at 8.00pm.

On **Sunday 9th March, 6.00pm**, all are invited to a service of Healing and Reconciliation at St Luke, Woodside.

WE NEED YOU!

Both St Mark and Holy Innocents are in need of Chalice Assistants, Servers, welcomers and people to lead prayers of intercession. If you are interested in any of these ministries, or would like to just have a chat, please see Mother Ada for St Mark or Mother Susan for Holy Innocents. A short Interregnum Prayer will be added to our intercessions from the first Sunday in March.

The funeral of Alex Randall will take place on Monday 10th March, 1.00pm, Croydon Crematorium, in the West Chapel

Please join us after the service for coffee and refreshments (both churches)

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



23rd February 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Priest (PTO): Revd. Mother Ada

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Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end * Psalm 65 * Revelation 4 * Luke 8.22-25*

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 a_onye@yahoo.co.uk or Cicelyn Hinds (both churches) 02086562474 cahinds@btinternet.com

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, Rosemarie, Alastair and Martin.

For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and the Diocese of Igreja, Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

The Diocesan Training Centre Pray for Richard Ellis (Centre Manager) and his team at Wychcroft House who are at the heart of the operation of the House.

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

The bereaved – Rachel and Jackie, Cassandra and Martyn and the Dixon-Baker family, Chris, Nick and the Hackett family

The recently departed – Alec Randall, Marcella Dixon-Baker, and Jackie's mother - **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**