

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today Jesus seeks to assure the disciples, and us, of his ability to save us. We are saved by Jesus, not by ourselves. Jesus Christ is the way – his path is the way to wholeness, salvation, and shalom—and this graceful and forgiving path may



surprise all of us. Hear the passage today and hear the words of comfort that Jesus speaks. His words are meant to reach out to us in whatever kind of distress we might find ourselves and speak reassurance. There is nothing of which we need be afraid. Just like the disciples we can find that our fears and disappointments can be trusted to Jesus

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9th May, 11.30am, Southwark Cathedral Mother’s Union Festival Service to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Mother’s Union. See Ann Squirrel for more details.

Christian Aid Week starts on 10th May. Posters and envelopes will be in the church from next week.

St Mark’s APCM will take place on Sunday 24th May during the service. Please see Cicelyn for all the details, and if you are needing to write a report ensure it is sent to her in good time. Many thanks.

Public consultation on the next Bishop of Southwark Thursday 18 June, 6-7pm, online If you weren’t able to contribute your views, don’t worry - you haven’t missed your chance. The Archbishops’ Secretary for Appointments and Prime Minister’s Appointments Secretary will be holding an online public meeting in June that anyone can attend to share their views. People will be encouraged to comment on the needs of the diocese and the characteristics and qualities needed in our next Diocesan Bishop. There is no need to register or book tickets - you can just show up using the following details:

Meetinglink: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/34776132965087?p=HQI711pZu6VusFvtsh> Meeting ID: 347 761 329 650 87 Passcode: ph7DE6UD

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

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

United together in Christ, shining Christ’s light in our community



3rd May 2026

Vicar: Vacant
Priest (PTO): Revd. Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley, TSSF, SCP
Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

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8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

1.00pm Imprint Contemporary Church (Holy Innocents)

*Acts 7.55-end * Psalm 31.1-5,15-16 * 1 Peter 2.2-10 * John 14.1-14*

Today we welcome **Father Paul Smedley** who is presiding at the 10.00am Eucharist 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 Cicelyn Hinds 0208656 2474 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 our Archbishops Sarah and 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 **For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people** of the United Church of North India. **For the Merton Priory Team Ministry and for Holy Trinity and St Peter, South Wimbledon** and Mark Eminson (Team Rector), Mary Kilikidi, Duncan Swan and Sue McKinney **For the sick** – Richard, Barbara, John, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Fred, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Shirley, Luke, Beverley, Susan, Jean, Nicholas, Orlando, Thomas, Christine and Denise. **We pray for the bereaved** Pauline, Malik, Maya, Jamaal, Kayla and the Powell family, Beverley and the Herbert and the Graham families, the Nicholls family.

The recently departed Ethel Powell, Coreena Graham, Leonard McKnight, William Nicholls **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**