

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

We live in a very materialistic culture, we like things! This is a consumer society and whereas not very long ago shops were closed on Sunday and purchases could not be made online, now we can visit the shopping centres every day of the week, and if desired we can shop 24hrs a day and have the stuff delivered to our doors. Apps and credit cards enable us to stock up on things we really can't afford. We are bombarded by an advertising industry which is utterly compelling in its creativity and uses the most potent images to shower us from every angle with messages to entice us to believe that we are what we own. Deep down most people know that searching for satisfaction in man made goods or the accumulation of wealth is futile. Enough will always be just more than we already have. The rich man in this week's Gospel was not a bad man or a sinful man. He did nothing wrong. ... And yet Jesus calls him a 'fool' – not because of the things he did, but because of the things he missed along the way. Maybe our world is sad because of the things we miss along the way?

AN INVITATION FROM FATHER SAM

Dear Friends, we will be having a special Eucharist to mark the Assumption of Mary on its Eve: **Thursday 14 August** at 7pm, followed by refreshments in the vicarage garden if the weather is good! Brother Michael Jacob SSF will be preaching for us. If you aren't marking the day in your own parishes, you'd be most welcome to join us at St Luke's!

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL - Introducing our new Succentor

We are delighted to welcome The Rev'd Shannon Preston who will be installed as Succentor at the 11am Choral Eucharist on Sunday 10 August. Shannon joins as Succentor after five years as the chaplain to the Community of St Anselm. While with the Community of St Anselm she served as a supporting priest at All Saints Kingston and in a rural Oxfordshire Benefice. Prior to that she served as Priest for Spiritual Formation at a large Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas. She is a trustee for the Anglican microfinance charity, Five Talents.

The Benefice Interregnum Prayer

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we glorify your holy name. Thank you for your love and care. Heavenly Father, as we journey through this period of interregnum, we pray for wisdom, patience, guidance, and renewed hope. Help us to work together in love and unity. And as we seek to find a new Vicar for this United Benefice of St. Mark's and Holy Innocents, we pray O Lord, for someone filled with compassion, Godly love, and is steadfast in prayer, passionate in growing the Church, children and youths work and able to work collaboratively with others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen

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 August 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Priest (PTO): Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

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8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14, 2.18-23 * Psalm 49.1-12 **

*Colossians 3.1-11 * Luke 12.13-21*

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 02086574018 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@holynnocentschurch.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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

St Richard Ham Simon Coupland (Vicar) Chris Ruse (Reader) (PTO). Pray for SPIDIR and the work of spiritual direction in the Diocese: John Philpott Howard (Chair). St Richard & St Andrew School, Ham

For our young people and thanks to God for Emmanuel's journey, mercy and protection.

For the sick – Barbara, Emma, Rona, John, Richard, Leonard, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Graham, Luke, Linda, Fred, Ethel, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Revd. Barbara, Neil and Emma.

The Bereaved Henry, Bryan, Dowman, Levy and Williamson families and the Jordan, Hinds and Fowler families.

The recently departed Elaine Henry and Enid Jordan and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.