

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was challenged as to whether he would follow the path God set out for him. Each one of us is challenged to decide if we will follow God's choices for our lives or our own. So we should ask ourselves, *What holds me back from serving God?* Lent is a time when we ask not so much about what we can give up, but rather what might God want us to do and what is stopping us. Lent is our wilderness time when we think about new ways in which God might want us to be his messengers of good news and what is stopping us from being better used in his service

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### + DATES FOR YOUR DIARY +

The full Lent programme is at the back of the church. Please take one or more and share with your friends and neighbours.

### TUESDAYS IN LENT, 8.00PM

Lent Study Group, starting 11<sup>th</sup> March for four weeks, on-line. Based on the biblical story of Jacob and Esau - "Face to Face, the Journey Towards Reconciliation". Please let Revd Ada or Susan know your email details so we can send you the zoom link.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY – 30<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Family Eucharist at both churches - Holy Innocents and St Mark

### PALM SUNDAY – 13<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am joint service at Holy Innocents, with the reading of the Passion according to St Luke

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**This evening, 6.00pm**, all are invited to a service of Healing and Reconciliation at St Luke, Woodside.

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### The Benefice Interregnum Prayer

During the remainder of the interregnum, both churches will be praying the following at each service and church meeting.

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

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**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

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



**9<sup>th</sup> March 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)**

*Deut. 26.1-11 \* Psalm 91.1-11 \* Romans 10.8b-13 \* Luke 4.1-13*

**Access online worship via**

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

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Pastoral Care:** for enquiries regarding Holy Innocents, please contact Mother Susan 07890780572 [fs.kiley@btinternet.com](mailto:fs.kiley@btinternet.com) and for St Mark, please contact Mother Ada 07961728618 [a\\_onye@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:a_onye@yahoo.co.uk) or Cicelyn Hinds (both churches) 02086562474 [cahinds@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto:ndwillis12@outlook.com)) and Cicelyn Hinds ([cahinds@btinternet.com](mailto:cahinds@btinternet.com)) Holy Innocents – [Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk](mailto:Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk)

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**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 Anglican Church of Canada

**For St Bartholomew, Sydenham**, for Jim Perry (Vicar and AD), Bethany Austin (Assistant Curate), St Bartholomew's Primary School, and St Christopher's Hospice and the Spiritual Care Team  
**For the sick** – Barbara, Emma, Santosh, Rona, Don, John, Richard, Leonard, Marina, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Janet, Graham, Luke and Linda.

**The bereaved** – Chris, Matthew and the Hackett family, and for Philippa Randall, for Penny and the Smith-Orr family, the Meeson and Allen families, Cheryl, Marcia and the Scantlebury and Avery families, Claude, Renette and the Provence and Curpen families

**The recently departed** – Alec Randall, Pamela Blomfield, Sheila Scantlebury, Sheila Curpen - **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**