



Easter is the greatest of all Christian feasts, and the happy season of Eastertide lasts 50 days from Easter Day until the Feast of Pentecost. St Gregory of Nazianzus said that Easter was 'like the sun among the stars' of the other festivals. It is the heart of the sacred calendar, around which all of the other festivals have meaning and purpose. Today is the summit of the Christian year, the fact that Christ is risen shows that God will never leave us, bringing good out of conflict, suffering and death.

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### **STORIES FROM PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, Sabeel-Kairos in Croydon invites local Christians and members of all-faiths and none, to join us at **Christians in Action Church** for an evening of informative **Stories from Palestinian Christians**.

"Come and learn about who Palestinian Christians are, where they live, and how challenging their lives are under Israeli military occupation. We will also explore their call for solidarity and support from the global church, and how we can play a part in helping them towards justice, freedom and equality in the Holy Land." *From the director of Sabeel-Kairos; a campaigning Christian charity bringing Palestinian voices to the UK Churches.*

This free in-person event will offer a safe space to find answers to questions over tea and homemade traditional Palestinian sweets, in collaboration with local Palestinian advocacy groups Croydon Palestine Solidarity Campaign, and Crystal Palace Friends of Palestine. There will be information stalls from these contributors, and donations to the groups involved are welcome.

To ensure we can offer refreshments, please register your attendance by ordering a free ticket. The event will also be livestreamed and available at this link: <https://youtube.com/live/PZZN-8Agv3s?feature=share>

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### **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.

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

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



**20<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Vicar:** Vacant

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

**Priest (PTO):** Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

**Reader (PTO):** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

### **EASTER DAY**

**8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)**

**10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)**

*Isaiah 65.17-end \* Psalm 118.1-2,14-24 \* Acts 10.34-43 \*  
Luke 24.1-12*

**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@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk](mailto:Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.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 people of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

**Christ Church, Gipsy Hill** Jenny Dawkins (Vicar), Emma Lowth (Assistant Curate), Pauline Simpson (Reader) (PTO) and Sepideh Black (Farsi Ministry Assistant).

**For** our young people, Teddy and Lizzie, and others, preparing for their GCSEs, till after the exams.

**For the sick** – Barbara, Emma, Rona, Don, John, Richard, Leonard, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Graham, Luke, Linda, Fred and Maxine.

**The bereaved** – for Josephine, Marina's daughter, and her family.

**The recently departed** – Marina Williams - **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**

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**A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER**

**To Every One at  
St Mark and Holy Innocents**