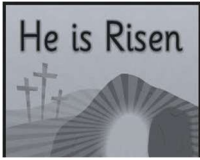


EASTER SUNDAY



Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed, alleluia!
A Blessed Easter to you all.
I trust that your experiences
over the recent days of Lent up
to and including the Easter

Liturgy reflected for you, new life and a passing from darkness to light. Whether you attended the united benefice service at St Mark on Palm Sunday, the services during Holy Week, or participated in the foot-washing on Maundy Thursday at St Mark, or the Good Friday Passion (including Stations at St. Mark and Walk of Witness of Christians Together in South Norwood) and later on the Liturgy at Holy Innocents.

It may even have been singing of the joyful Exsultet, that ancient hymn of triumph and rejoicing, linked this time of our Christian redemption to the Passover night of Israel's redemption out of Egypt. The blessing of the fire and Paschal candle together with the renewing of our baptismal promises will help to strengthen our sense of incorporation into the royal and priestly ministry of the whole people of God. We celebrate Christ's resurrection on this Easter day with all the joy and splendour we, the church can find in our music, flowers, bells, colours. And of course, the return of the Alleluia!, which has been silent throughout Lent, as well as the Gloria.

Whatever you do to celebrate this Easter, do so with the joy of who you are - the people of the resurrection.

Every blessing for the rest of Eastertide and beyond.

*Now the queen of seasons,
bright with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render.*
(John of Damascus)

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Prayer for the Holy Land: A request from Bishop Christopher's office

Dear friends,

Bishop Christophor and other episcopal colleagues have written a letter, published in Thursday's edition of the Times, concerning the Israeli government's decision to deny the Latin Patriarch access to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem to celebrate Palm Sunday last week.

I write to share this letter with you - and to share Bishop Christopher's request that Easter intercessions in our churches should include prayers for the peace of Jerusalem and the people of the Middle East, please.

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Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship

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

*United together in Christ, shining Christ's light
in our community*



5th April 2026

Vicar: Vacant

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

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

**1.00pm Imprint Contemporary Church
(Holy Innocents)**

*Jeremiah 31:1-6 or Colossians 3.1-4 * Psalm 118 1-2, 14-24
* Acts 10.34-43 * John 20 1-18 **

*Today we welcome **Father Meelis** who will be presiding
at the 10.00am Parish Mass 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 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

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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 & people of Diocese of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico. Christ Church, Brixton Road** Hugo Adán Fernández (Rector) Simon Gates (Assistant Curate) Miguel Pino Moyano (Assistant Curate) Carmen Brooks-Johnson CPLM (SPA) and Christ Church CofE (JM & I) School. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

For the sick – Richard, Barbara, John, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Fred, Ethel, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Shirley, Luke, Beverley, Rowena, Susan, Jean, Nicholas, Orlando, Thomas and Christine. **The bereaved** Pauline, Malik, Maya, Jamaal, Kayla and the Powell family, Beverley, and the Herbert and the Graham families, Pauline and the Domingo family, Norma, David and the McKnight family, Margaret and Kelvin Zebedee and the Frater family and the Nicholls family. **The recently departed** – Conray Powell, Coreena Graham, Rupert Black, Leonard McKnight, Pat Frater, William Nicholls **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time**