

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Interestingly Jesus uses the phrase 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' I wonder if the call of Elisha was on his mind? In 1 Kings 18 we read that Elisha called Elisha to follow when Elisha was out in the fields ploughing. Elisha went back to kiss his father and mother goodbye, but we are told that he made a fire by burning his ploughing equipment, he then cooked the oxen and gave away the meat. Now that was really burning his bridges, there could be no return, no looking back, he was all in for discipleship. This was the sort of commitment that Jesus expected.

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Save the Date!

South Norwood Community Festival

The festival is a one-day music, arts, crafts and food festival for the community (and everyone else) organised by the community of South Norwood. It's fully inclusive, free to attend and whilst food is sold at the festival, we encourage families to bring a picnic and sit on the grass in the sun, enjoying the day. As well as music, children's activities, a mini funfair, food, arts and crafts, there are also a number of organisations who provide support to residents in attendance. St Mark's has a stall at the Festival, so please come along and support us. Any donations of cakes to sell will be gratefully received.

South Norwood Recreation Ground

Sunday, 6 July 2025 - 11am - 7pm

Holy Innocents Church will also be open, providing tea, coffee, soft drinks, and a chance to rest awhile.

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An invitation from Chloe Smith of the Local Community Partnership

Dear friends and colleagues

EBUNTU is the title of the photographic exhibition at the CARE Centre of St Christophers Hospice launching on the 4th July from 4-6 pm. This is a great invitation to see their beautiful space and bust any myths you may hold about Hospices as well as opening up the conversations around death, loss and dying.

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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

*United together in Christ to shine Christ's light
in our community*



29th June 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)

*1 Kings 19.15-16, 19-end * Psalm 16 * Galatians 5.1. 13-25
Luke 9.51-end*

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

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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 The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

Peter and Paul, Apostles St Peter & St Paul, Battersea Ian Luke-Macauley (Vicar) and Pauline Lacey (CPLM).

For our young people, Teddy and Lizzie, and others, who are taking their exams.

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

The recently departed and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.

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