

## TRINITY SUNDAY

The Christian doctrine of the Trinity defines one God existing in three coequal, coeternal, consubstantial divine persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit sharing one essence/substance/nature.

The doctrine of the Trinity is not something that appears all worked out in the pages of scripture. Instead, it is the inevitable conclusion to the early Christians' reflection on how God has revealed Godself to be in the person of Jesus Christ and in the outworking of the Spirit. Or, to put it a different way, the doctrine of the Trinity is the most concise expression of the Good News you could possibly imagine.

We hear it in those words from Romans 8. God whom we call Abba, Father – the maker, who is our maker, our life-giver. God who we call Son, who calls us to be sons and daughters with him. God the Spirit who raises our hearts back to Godself. One God in three ways. And in this 'three ways' is the entirety of the good news. One way of thinking about this is by turning to the language of gift. God is the one who gives in love, God is the gift of love who joins with us, God is the power of that gift that returns us back into the arms of love. God the Giver. God the Gift. God the Giving. One God in three Ways.

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May** is the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. Low Mass will be celebrated at Holy Innocents Church at 10.00am. Everyone is invited.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1-4pm** is the **Picnic for The Great Big Green Week** (St John, Waterloo) - Bring & share a vegetarian/ vegan dish & a blanket. All welcome.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June** is the **Croydon Zimbabwe Link Fundraising Quiz Night** and raffle at 7 pm at Christ Church Purley. Whether you are just one person, or you have a quiz team, you'll be very welcome! Tickets cost £15 per person (cash or card on the door) to include fish and chips or pie and chips. Please see the attached poster for more information.

To register, email [janevorster@hotmail.com](mailto:janevorster@hotmail.com) to book your place (you will be allocated to teams on the night) or to book a team (up to 10 people per team). At the same time, please also confirm your meal selection (pre-order required for catering purposes). The deadline to register is 9am on Friday 31 May.

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

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



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**26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Vicar:** Vacant

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

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

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## TRINITY SUNDAY

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

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

*Isaiah 6.1-8 \* Psalm 29 \* Romans 8.12-17 \* John 3.1-17*

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Today we welcome **Father Tomos Reed** at the 8.00am and **Father Charles Bell** at the 10.00am Mass at St Mark and **Father Olukayode Oyebode** at Holy Innocents

*Mother Susan is taking a long overdue Sunday off*

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**Access online worship via**

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

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**Pastoral Care:** for enquiries regarding baptism, confirmation, weddings, blessings, house blessings, renewal of marriage vows, thanksgiving for the birth of a child, to make your confession, or to request a home or hospital visit, please contact Mother Susan 07890 780572, [fs.kiley@btinternet.com](mailto:fs.kiley@btinternet.com) or Cicelyn Hinds 07484 677951. Please note that Mother Susan's day off is Friday.

The Benefice is in vacancy. For Parish matters, please contact in the first instance, the respective church wardens, St Mark – Donald Ferguson ([mr.dferguson@hotmail.com](mailto:mr.dferguson@hotmail.com)) Holy Innocents – [Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk](mailto:Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk)

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**We pray:** for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie and Martin.

**For** the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

**St George the Martyr, Shirley** Barry Hengist (Vicar); Hilary Fife (Assistant Priest); Ray Wheeler (Reader) (PTO); and Liz Bebington (Reader) (PTO).

**For the sick** – Emma, Revd Andy Dovey, Joy, Sharon, Marina, Richard, Alec, Malik, Simon, Ken, Caroline, Susan, Kay, Sacha, Marlise, Amanda, Sigi, Barbara and Anthony. **The recently departed and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**