

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

On this first Sunday of Ordinary Time, we encounter Jesus' teaching about the Sabbath. When the Pharisees criticize him and his disciples for gleaning from the fields on the Sabbath, Jesus reminds them that when David, called by God and anointed by Samuel, was a fugitive being hunted by Saul, he stopped in the "house of God" for safety and food. The high priest gave David the consecrated bread that was reserved for priests in order to sustain the lives of David and his companions.

Jesus highlights this story with the reminder that "the Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath." The benefits of God benefit everyone, for God created the Sabbath, and to get bogged down in the rigidity of human law limits the scope of any benefits it may have held.

The reason for the Sabbath was and is to promote life and praise God as our creator and liberator. The Pharisees knew this, but were focused on the letter of the law and not the spirit in which Jesus applies it. Jesus is directly stating that he is the Son of Man and Lord of the Sabbath, which puts him in conflict with the Pharisees. Jesus is doing God's will, while the Pharisees are focused on gathering evidence against him.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please join us for the highly anticipated "Sound of the Trumpet" event, where churches from across the borough of Croydon will unite for a special night of worship and prayer.

We will be led by worship teams from a variety of Croydon churches raising ONE great sound as together we praise the name of Jesus and intercede for our town.

Last year's event was a tremendous success, and this year promises to be even greater!

Fairfield Halls

Saturday 22nd June from 5 - 9:30pm

Tickets £10, children 10-17 £5, under 10s go free. Churches wishing to book a block of tickets for their fellowship can contact SOTT via: info@croydonchurch.org.uk

Deanery Synod Meeting

Please note that the date has been changed to **Wednesday 10th July**. The venue is St Luke's Church Woodside, and the time is 8.00pm.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



2nd June 2024

Vicar: Vacant

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

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

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8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Deuteronomy 5.12-15 * Psalm 81 * 2 Corinthians 4.5-12 * Mark 2.23-3.6*

Today we welcome **Father Tomos Reed** at the 8.00am at St Mark and **Mother Barbara Gentilella** is presiding at 10.00 am at Holy Innocents

Access online worship via
www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

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 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) Holy Innocents – Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk

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 people of Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

St Andrew, Ham Alice Pettit (Vicar), Jennifer Houghton (Assistant Curate), James Pettit (PTO), Ursula Hodges (Reader) and Tiffin Girls' School.

For the sick – John, 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.