

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**



### **Who is my neighbour?**

The Good Samaritan is a gospel with which we are all familiar. Even when we hear the phrase 'Good Samaritan' we automatically think

of someone who does a good and kind deed for someone who is in need. But as always, when Jesus first told this parable, it was a very radical and dangerous point that he was making. Who is my neighbour today? My neighbour is far more than the person who lives near or next to me. My neighbour is anyone who is in need. It's that simple and that challenging.

Lord, When I see someone who needs (my) help, may I be moved with compassion. May I reach to help them; may I do what I can to care for them in whatever way I can, no matter how small I think it is.

Today is also Sea Sunday, a day set aside in the church calendar as space for congregations to pray for our seafarers, the men and women who bring us more than 90 per cent of everything we own and use, and to give thanks for their crucial work. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions.

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### **\*\*\*\*\* THANK YOU \*\*\*\*\***

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes for, volunteered for, and visited St Mark's stall at the SN Community Festival last week. Over £360 was raised, and that does not include the sale of plants. Well done to everyone!

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**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1.00pm till 4.00pm** Eco Living Fest at Holy Innocents Church Hall, providing advice on sustainable living. Vegan food, repair workshops, kids' zone, leaf printing workshop, plants for sale.

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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*



**13<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Vicar:** Vacant

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

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

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

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

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

*Deuteronomy 30.9-14 \* Psalm 25.1-10 \* Colossians 1.1-14 \* Luke 10.25-37*

**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 02086574018 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@holynnocentschurch.co.uk](mailto: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 North India (United).

**St Mary, Summerstown** James Fletcher (Vicar).

**For** our young people and Emmanuel during his time away.

**For the sick** – Barbara, Emma, Rona, 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)**