

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

In our Gospel reading today Jesus seems to be saying that the Kingdom of Heaven is like something that is hidden but it is also always something present and acting upon us and around us if only we could see. and appreciate it – uncover it if you like – and it provides something essential to our lives, enabling us to live lives that are fruitful as we try to draw close to Jesus Christ. The Kingdom of Heaven is something that can be woven into all our lives, so that in all the things we do, all the things we say to people around us at home, at work, in church, everything will be contributing to the building up of the Kingdom of Heaven here and now. From ‘small beginnings mighty oaks do grow’ we say. We know from what we see every day, that a kind word, a generous gesture, a word of true forgiveness can be a tiny thing in itself – but from such small things, can grow the values of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Today is Fathers’ Day, and we ask God’s Blessing today on fathers, grandfathers and all who have fathering and parenting roles in people’s lives. We give thanks for fathers who have gone before us and who are remembered fondly.

Happy  
Father’s  
Day

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

The clergy and people of St Alban the Martyr, South Norwood, invite everyone to their Patronal Festival on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Sung Mass will be at 12 noon, followed by a Procession to the Vicarage garden and Benediction. Please bring a picnic lunch, drinks will be provided. The guest preacher is Fr Robert Wright, SSC.

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**Copies of the Bridge, and Discipleship News are at the back of both churches.**

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

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



**16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Vicar:** Vacant

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

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

### **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

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

*Ezekiel 17.22-end \* Psalm 92 \* 2 Corinthians 5.6-17 \* Mark 4.26-34*

Today we welcome **Mother Jean Yearwood** who will be presiding at Holy Innocents

**Access online worship via**

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

**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 Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

**Religious Communities within the Diocese**  
Community of St Francis, Southwark, The Community of Celebration Christian Trust, Redhill: Revd Philip Bradshaw, The Community of St Anselm at Lambeth Palace, The Chemin Neuf Community; the international ecumenical foundation invited by the Archbishop to live as a praying community at Lambeth Palace.

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