

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

In our Gospel reading today Jesus calls Matthew, who was a tax collector, a profession hated by the Jews. The Pharisees were offended at what happens next. Jesus dines with Matthew and not surprisingly the guest list includes other tax collectors and sinners. Finally Jesus helps a dead girl and a sick woman. The girl and woman have much in common, the stories are about people alienated by disease and death but, in both cases, by being touched and by touching, Jesus breaks through the barriers. Both of the stories also involve females. Women, in that time and place, were not highly regarded and had few rights. Just as Jesus showed mercy to lowly sinners so he also shows mercy to lowly females. The healings take place at the touch and word of Jesus, at his command. The word of Jesus has power, it conveys healing.

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A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped in many different ways at Mother Jessie's service of Collation and Induction to our United Benefice of Holy Innocents and St Mark and the reception afterwards. It was a joyous occasion. We are thankful that Mother Jessie is with us at last. We pray she may enjoy a long and fruitful ministry in South Norwood, and we give thanks for her husband and family too. An opportunity to meet and greet after the service over coffee and cake".

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note NEXT SUNDAY – 14TH JULY

There will be a joint Eucharist at Holy Innocents Church at 10.00am. This will be an opportunity for everyone in both congregations to come together to welcome Mother Jessie, and to meet and greet after the service.

The next in-person gathering of the **Croydon Episcopal Area Racial Justice Group** is on **Monday, 15 June, from 12 to 2 pm** at St Matthew's Church, Chichester Rd, Croydon CR0 5NQ. We will spend time together reflecting on how the way we see one another can be shaped by the life of the Trinity: God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a communion of love. Genesis reminds us how God sees us: people made in his image. Because of this, we all share equal worth and dignity. Please contact Cicelyn Hinds if you would like to attend as she has the RSVP link.

Thursday 18th June - A reminder for Deanery Synod representatives that the next meeting will be at St Alban's Church, Thornton Heath, starting at 8.00pm. Congregation members are also welcome to join the meeting.

Monday 22nd June – 2.00pm A WINDRUSH DAY CELEBRATION with a Caribbean Afternoon Tea. Join us for a joyful and uplifting celebration of Windrush heritage through music, community, and Caribbean hospitality. This will be a relaxed and inclusive performance, particularly suitable for those living with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other challenging conditions, together with their carers, families, and friends. Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music followed by a traditional Caribbean Afternoon Tea in a warm and welcoming environment. Venue: St John's Church, Upper Norwood. Organised by BBCF. Please contact Vincent Osborne vincent@bbcf.uk for more details.

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

United together in Christ, shining Christ's light in our community



7th June 2026

Vicar: The Revd. Jessie Daniels White

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)

1.00pm Imprint Contemporary Church (Holy Innocents)

*Hosea 5.15-6.6 * Psalm 50.7-15 * Romans 4.13-end * Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: Mother Jessie is available on 07756 907713 or motherjessiedanielswhite@gmail.com but not available on Saturdays. Mother Susan is contactable on 07890 780572 and she's not available on Fridays.

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We pray: for our Archbishops Sarah and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie, Alastair and Martin.

For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and **For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people of the Scottish Episcopal Church.**

St James, Malden Katie Thomas (Vicar).

For the sick – Richard, Barbara, John, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Fred, Marcia, Caroline, Shirley, Luke, Beverley, Susan, Jean, Nicholas, Orlando, Thomas, Christine and Maureen. **We pray for the bereaved, the recently departed and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**

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Please join everyone for tea, coffee and refreshments after the service today.

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