

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

What seems to be a relatively 'simple' miracle where Jesus feels sorry for, and feeds, five thousand people with just five loaves of bread and two fish turns out in this week's Gospel to be anything but simple. John's Gospel says nothing about the Eucharist at the Last Supper. It seems a startling omission to make until we look at today's Gospel and discover that what we are reading is, in fact, John's version of the Eucharist. What happens indoors at the Last Supper, widens in this Gospel to become an outdoor gathering of over five thousand people searching for, and finding, Jesus, wanting to listen to him. He speaks to and invites them to share a meal with him where he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and then distributes it so that all are fed. The miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, as John tells it, is a wonderfully rich account of the Eucharist.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

29th July – Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord

31st July - St Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

at South Norwood Library

The library will be running the Summer Reading Challenge again this year which is a fun reading activity for children. Our library manager Philip is keen to hear from anyone who can volunteer for a few sessions to support this - jobs include giving out the stickers! If you can help pop into the library or email Philip.Moreira-Yeowell@croydon.gov.uk

FROM THE DIOCESE

Threads Through Creation, Saturday 20 July - Monday 26 August

A spectacular sequence of twelve huge textile panels. It's an exuberant retelling of the creation story in the book of Genesis, a retelling which many visitors will find both moving and breathtaking. Viewers are treated to a wonderful variety of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course lots of creatures. The exhibition has taken nearly three years to complete and is one of the largest textile projects by a single artist, ever.

Uncovering the hidden hardships Bible study guide

The guide is written for Christians across the UK whether they are living in rural or urban areas: the UK is one of the most unequal societies in the world and there is hidden hardship amongst affluence in every community across the country. Hardship is not simply a problem 'elsewhere'. The guide has 10 themed days for you to engage with and is written for individuals rather than groups. Days 9 and 10 conclude with themes on taking action.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



28th July 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)

*2 Kings 4.42-end * Psalm 145 * Ephesians 3.14-end * John 6.1-21*

Today we welcome **Revd Dr Alun Ford** who will be the President at the 10.00 am Mass at St Marks and **Mother Barbara Gentilella** 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 – Norma McKnight (ndwillis12@outlook.com) and Cicelyn Hinds (cahinds@btinternet.com) Holy Innocents – 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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

St Cecilia's Secondary School (Mixed)

Reneta Joseph (Head Teacher) and Alex Shoderu (Chaplain)

For the sick – John, Emma, Revd Andy Dovey, Sharon, Marina, Richard, Alec, Malik, Simon, Ken, Caroline, Kay, Sacha, Marlise, Amanda, Sigi, Barbara, Anthony, Myrna, Peter, Martyn, Luther and Genevieve.

The bereaved – Sarah Semple and Family

The recently departed - Ken **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**