

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Racial Justice Sunday is a significant event in the Christian calendar dedicated to addressing issues of racism and promoting racial justice with the church and society. The theme for this year emphasises the importance of love and respect for all individuals, encouraging communities to reflect on their roles in fostering inclusivity and understanding among diverse groups. Today we are focusing on the theme 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself' *Galatians 5.14*.

In the words of Richard Reddie, Director of Justice and Inclusion at Churches Together in Britain and Ireland "Let us use Racial Justice Sunday (and other Sundays) to stand together in love, rejecting those words, actions and behaviours that go against Christ's teachings, and embracing those biblical principles that foment unity, cohesion and engagement."

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We continue in the season of celebrating Lay Ministries.

This Sunday let us give thanks for and pray for our Readers, Cicelyn and Leonora, in their preaching and pastoral roles, their lay leadership and the many other roles they commit themselves to in this Benefice and in the Deanery. We ask God to bless them in all they do.

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At the back of the church you will find a copy of Discipleship News from the Diocese. This is a list of the many and varied courses offered by the Diocese. You can access them via the Diocesan website, but let me know if you would like a paper copy.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22nd February – Healing Service 6.00pm at St Luke's Church, Woodside.

An invitation from Father Sam – all are welcome

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Ash Wednesday is the 18th February, and we will be beginning our programme of Lent Study and reflections. A flyer will be available next Sunday setting out our services and Study groups during Lent and Holy Week.

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Welcome! Especially if you are a visitor. Please make yourself known to one of the Wardens, Sidespeople, or the Clergy. Members of other churches are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please come up for a blessing.

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Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship (both churches)

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

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



8th February 2026

Vicar: Vacant

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

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT/RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

1.00pm Imprint Contemporary Church (Holy Innocents)

*Genesis 1.1-2.3 * Psalm 136 * Romans 8.18-25 *
Matthew 6.25-34*

Today we welcome **Father Meelis** who will be presiding and preaching at the 10.00am Eucharist at St Mark

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

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: for enquiries regarding Holy Innocents, please contact Mother Susan 07890780572 fs.kiley@btinternet.com and for St Mark, please contact Cicelyn Hinds 0208656 2474 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) and Cicelyn Hinds (cahinds@btinternet.com) Holy Innocents – Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk

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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 Norwegian Church, the Finnish Church, the Seamen's Mission and for Marjaana Harkonen (Rector). For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

For the sick – Richard, Barbara, Emma, Rona, John, Leonard, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Fred, Ethel, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Shirley, Luke, Beverley, Rowena, Revd Barbara, Susan, Jean, Nicholas, Orlando. **The recently departed and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**