

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

We all know people who are very focussed on getting what they want and who are prepared to trample over others in the process. Jesus recognised such people and he had harsh criticism for those who wanted to hold positions of power over others. When Jesus went to dinner at the home of one of the religious leaders, he used the opportunity to speak out publicly and criticise those who rushed to take the best seats at the table. Jesus said that those who behaved like this would find no reward, but those who learned humility would be recognised by God.

Jesus wanted his followers to copy his example, he had few possessions, he gave up his authority and became a servant. It is a lesson for us all, Jesus stands human reason on its head. If we want to be truly happy, if we wish to be fulfilled and know that our contribution to life is worthwhile, then we have to learn to put others first and be prepared to think less about ourselves.

**** Black History Month ** Thanksgiving Service**

A celebration of identity and belonging - will take place at **Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 4 October, 10:30am - 1:30pm**. All are welcome - please share this information and register for your free ticket online at Black History Month 2025 - Annual Service of Thanksgiving - The Diocese of Southwark

--- OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ---

This week we welcome back those who have been on holiday as the schools in the Benefice re-open on 3 September. We pray for children starting school for the first time, for those who are going up into a new year, and those who are changing to a new school or college, or starting university. We pray for all young people that they may be kept safe from those influences that can harm them.

== PCC REMINDER ==

A reminder that both PCCs will be meeting with the Archdeacon and the Area Dean on **Wednesday September 3rd**, 7.30pm, at St Mark's Church.

The Benefice Interregnum Prayer

Heavenly Father, we glorify Your name for Your blessings upon us. We pray for guidance and wisdom, Holy Spirit, in the process of appointing a new vicar for our United Benefice. Give us the right person to help us fulfil our vision here in South Norwood. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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*



31st August 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Priest (PTO): Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

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8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 * Psalm 112 * Hebrews 13.1-8,
15-16 * Luke 14.1, 7-14*

Today St Mark welcomes back **Fr Tom Hurcombe**
to the 8.00 am Mass

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 Mother Ada 02086574018 or Cicelyn Hinds (both churches) 02086562474 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

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 Zimbabwe and The Church of South India (United).

Pray for the unsung myriad of carers as they go uncomplaining about their selfless and gladly accepted work. **Pray for** respite care homes in your parishes for managers and staff and their residents.

For the sick – Barbara, Emma, Rona, John, Richard, Leonard, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Graham, Luke, Linda, Fred, Ethel, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Revd. Barbara and Iris.

The Bereaved Lorette Fritz and family and Janet and the Howard family.

The recently departed Pancelena Fritz and Neil Howard - **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**