

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

For the first human admission of who Jesus is, Mark shows Jesus travel from Lake Galilee to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Caesarea Philippi had originally been called Baalinas. It was the place where the worship of Baal was centered. Then it was called Paneas, a place where the Greek god Pan had been worshipped. Finally it was known as Caesar's city, because Philip had built there a tremendous white temple to the godhead of Caesar. It was also known as the source of the Jordan, Jesus is in the shadow of this great city, upon him look down the gods of Palestine and Greece, the history of Israel and the might of imperial Rome. In this shadow of greatness, Jesus the poor Galilean carpenter, asks his sorry bunch of disciples who they think he is. Peter shows that God has been at work in his heart and he is able to recognise that Jesus was 'The Christ, the Son of the Living God.' Jesus tells Peter that God has revealed this to him, and he calls him a 'rock' on which the church will be built. This means that Peter is the first person to discover who Jesus is and everyone who follows and makes that same discovery is another stone built on this foundation.

TODAY'S REMINDER

A reminder that the Licensing by the Archdeacon of **Revd Solomon Ebi Ekiyor** as interim Priest in Charge of St Paul's, Thornton Heath is this evening at 6.30pm at St Paul's. We look forward to meeting Father Solomon in the coming weeks.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OPEN HOUSE - St Mark's church is once again taking part in the Open House Festival. The church will be open on **Sunday 15 September** and **Sunday 22 September** from 1400 - 1700 each day. We will be providing free tea/coffee, biscuits and cake for our guests. This is an ideal opportunity to invite members of the public to visit the oldest church in South Norwood and admire its architecture. All are welcome.

Tuesday 17 September, we celebrate St Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, mystic, poet, musician and healer. She died on this day in 1179.

Saturday 21 September, the Feast Day of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. We pray with those celebrating their feast of title this day.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - St Mark's is hosting another Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 27th September** from 10am until 2pm. Come and enjoy a social event by purchasing tea/coffee and cake whilst chatting with friends. There will also be plants on sale. All contributions will be going to a worthy cause supporting Macmillan Cancer.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



15th September 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)

*Isaiah 50.4-9a * Psalm 116.1-8 * James 3.1-12 * Mark 8.27-end*

*Today we welcome **Fr Tomos Reed** at the 8.00am Mass and **Fr Paul Smedley** at the 10.00am at St Mark and **Fr Anthony Atherton** 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

We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Martin, Rosemarie and Alastair. For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

St Luke Reigate Aneal Appadoo (Vicar) Maggie Jones (PTO) and Pearl Smith (SPA).

For the sick – John, Emma, Marina, Richard, Alec, Malik, Simon, Caroline, Kay, Amanda, Sigi, Barbara, Anthony, Myrna, Peter, Martyn, Luther, Genevieve, Roma, Colleen, Leonard, Leon, Jason, Michael, Graham, Diane and Joyce.

The bereaved – Legay and McCann families **The recently departed** – Laurent **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**