

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Today we have the story of Lazarus, which incorporates these blessings and curses. The rich man is dressed in purple and fine linen, both of these things indicate great wealth. Contrast this with poor Lazarus, who is reduced to a life of begging. He is not adorned in fine clothes rather the words used describe his skin covered in ulcerated sores, which would have made him unclean. His only companions are wild dogs. He is left at the gate of the rich man, the gate emphasising the size of the rich man's estate and the separation which exists between them. If Lazarus had received even the scraps from the rich man he would have perhaps survived, the gates allowed the rich man to shut out Lazarus and prevent the needs of Lazarus from becoming his concern. How many times are we just too preoccupied with our own lives that we fail to notice those with great need?

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MACMILLAN COFFE MORNINGS

Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported the Macmillan Coffee mornings, and made delicious cakes!

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Rachel Miller who was awarded the Bishop of Southwark's Certificate in Discipleship Studies yesterday at the award ceremony in Southwark Cathedral. Well done Rachel, and every blessing as your journey of faith continues.

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Sabeel-Kairos UK Conference

From Lament to Liberation, Christian voices from Palestine

Friday 17 October, 9.30 - 3.30 pm at St John's Waterloo Road, SE1 8TY

CTSL hosted a webinar with Sabeel-Kairos last January during WPCU, and we are really pleased to share their invitation with you for their conference next month. This conference will include talks, a panel, and also the chance in the afternoon to take part in an act of public witness. It will be a great time to learn more from our Palestinian colleagues, stand together in solidarity and be an encouragement to one another.

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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.

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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



28th September 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Priest (PTO): Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Amos 6.1a, 4-7 * Psalm 146 * 1 Timothy 6.6-19 *
Luke 16.19-end*

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@holynnocentschurch.co.uk

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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 Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Pray for the Croydon Episcopal Area team

Rosemarie Mallett (Bishop of Croydon), Gregory Prior (Archdeacon of Croydon), Vacancy (Archdeacon of Reigate); Helen Cook and Nick Peacock (Acting Archdeacons); Romana Nelson (PA to Bishop); Kathleen Bailey (PA to the Archdeacons).

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

The Bereaved Lorette Fritz and family. **The recently departed** Pancelena Fritz - **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**