

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

The first part of today’s gospel reading can be difficult to hear, but marriage, divorce and relationships were very different in the time of Jesus. Today we in the church are challenged to apply Jesus’ great commandment — that we love one another as he loved us — in a way that is faithful to God’s intention first shown in the creation story long ago and also faithful to the Gospel of love, compassion and forgiveness. Perhaps we are being called to be more childlike, accepting the kingdom as a gift, totally dependent on the Father (Parent), coming with empty hands and trusting hearts. Totally dependent on God’s grace is the only way to receive God’s kingdom.

**Today, St Mark’s Church celebrates Harvest Festival.** Our donations of food will be donated to Croydon Nightwatch who distribute soup and sandwiches to the many street sleepers in Croydon, and food to other people in great need. So thank you in advance for your gifts today.

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - Please note there is no midweek Mass today as Mother Susan is attending a training course.

**Bring and Share Harvest Supper** is on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, from 6.30 pm.** Bring food to share if you can, if not, just come along and enjoy the fellowship.

**Black History Month – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm to 9.00pm.** St Oswald’s Church Hall. An invitation to “Where do we come from”. Everyone loves a good wedding. Learn about the traditions, special clothes, precious objects and music behind these joyful celebrations in Africa and the Caribbean. Dress up, bring food to share and join in the celebrations. Call Bevon West on 07944 473423.

An invitation from Father Sam - Dear friends, we will be having a Healing Service at St Luke’s on **Sunday 20 October at 6 pm.** As part of the service, people will have the opportunity to receive anointing, make their confession to a priest, and receive laying on of hands.

**HEADS UP! – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 11am - 2.30 pm** Christmas Market at St Mark.

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**PRAY**

**Bishop Christopher** was involved in a road accident last Tuesday and was taken to A&E. At the time of writing this, no further news has been issued. We pray for his speedy recovery and healing.

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

*Sharing God’s grace and love in our community*



**6<sup>th</sup> October 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)**

*Genesis 2.18-24 \* Psalm 8 \* Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12 \* Mark 10.2-16*

Today we welcome **Fr Charlie Bell** at the 8.00 am and **Fr Paul Smedley** at the 10.00 am Mass at St Mark. At Holy Innocents, the President and Preacher is the Archdeacon of Croydon, the **Ven. Greg Prior**

**Access online worship via**  
[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:ndwillis12@outlook.com)) and Cicelyn Hinds ([cahinds@btinternet.com](mailto:cahinds@btinternet.com)) Holy Innocents – [Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk](mailto:Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk)

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**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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

**Christ Church, Southwark** Lee Chantler (Rector) and John Henry (Assistant Curate).

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

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