

BIBLE SUNDAY

Today, the last Sunday after Trinity is celebrated as Bible Sunday. Lord, we are thankful to you for the gift of your Word to us. We thank you for lives changed through the centuries as people have come to know you, the Living Word.

Today, both churches are also celebrating Black History Month in our services. As we hear the message of freedom in today's Gospel, a prayer: *Dear God, teach us to hear the beat of your heart, teach us to see your work and to work with you, teach us to walk in step, with our sisters and brothers, neither in front nor behind, and always keeping pace with you, Lord.*

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+ DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES +

Imprint Worship services have launched at Holy Innocents Church. Every Sunday afternoon at 1.00pm, and everyone is welcome to come along and take part.

Monday 27th October – 6.30pm till 8.00pm, 'House of Prayer' prayer and worship at Holy Innocents.

On **Sunday 2nd November** we will be celebrating the - **Feast of All Saints** at 10.00am, at both churches, and in the evening at 6.00pm, at St Mark's church, we will be marking the **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed** – All Souls, with Mass and the reading of the names of our loved ones departed. Please add the name(s) of those who you wish to be remembered on the lists at the back of both churches.

Thursday 6th November, Faiths Together in Croydon and Mayor Perry invite you to a **Remembrance and Peace** event for all faiths. 6.30-8.30pm in the Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Town Hall, Katharine Street. An opportunity to recognise the people of many faiths who fought in the World Wars, and to pray for Peace in the world.

Friday 7th November, our sandwich making rota for **Croydon Nightwatch** commences. Please think about volunteering for one or more Fridays. Full details are available from Ann Squirrell at St Mark's. We need lots of volunteers, so please consider prayerfully how you can help with this mission!

Saturday November 8th – a reminder of the **Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Conference** at St John's Church, Waterloo. The tickets are £10 each for a group of 4+. Contact Ann Squirrell or Mother Susan

Sunday November 9th, the **Benefice Remembrance Day** service will be held at Holy Innocents church at 10.00am. More details will be given in next week's Pew Sheet.

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Congratulations to St Mark's Church for hosting a successful Harvest Supper and Quiz Night - £60 was raised. Well done to everyone who took part.

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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.

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

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



26th October 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)

*Isaiah 45.22-end * Psalm 119.129-136 * Romans 15.1-6 * Luke 4.16-24*

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 07961728618 a_onye@yahoo.co.uk 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 the Archbishop of Canterbury elect, Sarah Mullally, 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 Diocese of The Church in Wales.

St John the Evangelist, Upper Norwood John Pritchard (Vicar) Tom Hurcombe (PTO) Andrew Wilson (PTO) Rachel Gledhill (Assistant Curate) Robert Barber (Reader) Danny Simpson (CPLM). **For the sick** – Richard, Barbara, Emma, Rona, John, Leonard, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Graham, Fred, Ethel, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Revd Barbara, Shirley, George and Rowena.

The bereaved – Bianca and the Henry and John families, Stanley's family, Ann Squirrell, the Stephens and the Collins families. **The recently departed** – Algernon (Shirley) John, Stanley, Malcolm Stephens **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**