

ALL SAINTS DAY

This Sunday we combine the Solemnity of All Saints, and later, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The word Hallow means 'Holy', (blessed, consecrated or set apart in a special way) and so 'All-Hallows' or 'All Saints' refers to the Saints - the Holy Ones - those who died for their faith or who lived extraordinary lives. This day dates back to 5th century Antioch in Syria when the church dedicated a day to the memory of all those who had been killed for their faith. Until then the church had remembered martyrs on special days of the year, but there became more martyrs than days in the year, and there were some whose names were not known. In 835 the 1st of November was given the title 'All Saints.' The saints are our ancestors on earth and precede us in heaven. Many people experience a strong sense that the saints are still with us, and that they watch over us and pray to God for us.

On this day too, we pray not just for those who have been specially recognised as Saints, but for all of our loved ones as we pray for their peace.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mass for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed is at 6.00 pm at St Mark's Church **TODAY**. Please write the names of loved ones you wish to be remembered on the sheet at the back of the church.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November.

Unless a member of the Royal British Legion is available to lay a wreath at the War Memorial outside Holy Innocents Church, currently the Service of Remembrance will be held at St Mark's Church, at 10.00 am.

Faiths Together Interfaith Remembrance event is on **Wednesday 7th November in the Braithwaite hall at 7.00 pm**. Our speaker this year is Colonel Ray Wilkinson, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and our Faiths Together representatives will be speaking about Peace. Do come to this event where we remember that people of all faiths that fought in the world wars, everyone welcome.

On **Monday 11th November** there will be a Peace vigil at **5.30 pm** at The Minster with children of many faiths presenting their thoughts on Peace. It will be very nice to see some of you at these events.

WE NEED YOU!

Both churches are in need of Chalice Ministers and Intercessions leaders. Please see Robert McCann or Mother Susan if you are interested in taking up either or both of these important ministries.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



3rd November 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)

*Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9 * Psalm 24.1-6 * Revelation 21.1-6a * John 11.32-44*

Today we welcome **Fr Charlie Bell** at the 8.00 am Mass at St Mark and **Fr Meelis Suedl** 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 the Province of South East Asia.

Windmill United Benefice St Bartholomew, Burstow, St John the Baptist, Outwood and St Mary the Virgin, Horne Alan Bayes (Rector) (Rural Officer & CA Inter-faith Advisor), Stephen Bishop (Assistant Curate) and Charles Sargent (Assistant Priest)

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

The bereaved – Julia, Angela and the Dickson family. The Jordan, Holder, Fowler and Hinds Families. **The recently departed** – Enid Dickson and Merle Jordan - **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**