

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- Sunday after Ascension Day

In the passage from the Gospel of John today Jesus draws attention to the core principle of being a Christian.

'That the love with which you have loved me may be in them,'

There it is in less than 60 characters. A prayer of Jesus that his followers might put down their differences and be drawn together in love which creates unity. It is very simple but of course not simplistic and we have never been very good at it, preferring to quarrel and to try and get our own way.

Jesus makes it clear that he expects his followers to be drawn together in unity. He captures this principle with the wonderful catch phrase

'that they may be one as we are one'.

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**Thy Kingdom Come – 14th to 24th May –
A message from Archbishops Sarah and
Stephen**

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part AND join in. More information can be found on the Church of England website.

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APCMs

Congratulations to all those who were elected or re-elected for the PCC, as Churchwardens and Sidespeople at Holy Innocents APCM last week.

St Mark's APCM will be held during the 10.00am Eucharist on Sunday 24th May.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

An important reminder that our new Vicar of the Benefice, Revd Jessie Daniels-White, will be licenced on Monday 1st June at 7.00pm. The service will be held at St Mark's Church, Albert Road and will be conducted by the Bishop of Southwark.

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CHRISTIAN AID DONTATIONS

Please return your Christian Aid envelopes over the next few weeks, so that they can be collected up and given to our CA representative, Dr Lawrie Bannister. Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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



17th May 2026

Vicar: Vacant

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

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

**1.00pm Imprint Contemporary Church
(Holy Innocents)**

*Acts 1.6-14 * Psalm 68. * 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-22*
John 17.1-11*

Today we welcome **Father Charlie Baczyk-Bell** who will presiding at the 8.00 am Mass and **Father Paul Smedley** who is presiding and preaching at the 10.00am Mass at St Mark.

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 Cicelyn Hinds 0208656 2474 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 our Archbishops Sarah and 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 **For the Bishops, priests, deacons and** people of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. **Christ Church, West Wimbledon** Lotwina Farodoye (Vicar), Felicity Banks (Reader) (PTO) and Farhad Hedayati (Reader) (PTO). **For the sick** – Richard, Barbara, John, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Fred, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Shirley, Luke, Beverley, Susan, Jean, Nicholas, Orlando, Thomas, Christine and Maureen. **We pray for the bereaved** Pauline, Malik, Maya, Jamaal, Kayla and the Powell family, the Nicholls family. **The recently departed** Ethel Powell, William Nicholls **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**