

## THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

The crucifixion of Jesus was a most dreadful and frightening event for the disciples. They had seen the Jews and the Romans join forces to kill their Lord, in their post trauma condition no wonder that we read they were gathered together behind locked doors 'for fear of the Jews' John 20:19. It is at this time of defeat and apparent weakness that Jesus appears and asks them to have courage and continue his mission. They are to proclaim the Gospel without fear in the face of the hostility which will present itself. Such a task would not be achievable by human endeavour. It would require the Holy Spirit of God. The Spirit would empower the disciples to proclaim the good news of Jesus to all people who come to the city. Inspired by the Holy Spirit the disciples find the right language to use to communicate the faith to many different people. A lifeless, frightened bunch of disciples were changed into people bold enough to take the Gospel across the world, regardless of what dangers lay ahead. Today the same Holy Spirit empowers us to live as Christians and show in our lives that Jesus is alive today.

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2.00pm till 5.00pm, the annual Faiths Together in Croydon Big Picnic**, Park Hill Park in Croydon. Come and enjoy a free event, explore a fire engine, games for the children, and lovely food provided by the Faith Communities in Croydon. [FTiCroydon@gmail.com](mailto:FTiCroydon@gmail.com)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 11.00am till 12.30pm, Community Café** at Holy Innocents Church. Come along for free tea, coffee, cake and a chance to unwind. Everyone welcome.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 7.00pm** – a reminder about the licensing of our new Vicar, Mother Jessie Daniels While, at St Mark's Church.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 6.30pm** – Poetry evening at Chicory Café, Norwood High Street. All Welcome.

**REMEMBER!** Mass at Holy Innocents 10.00am on Thursdays

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### **\*\*THANK YOU\*\***

**Thank you!** To everyone who helped clean St Mark's Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, and yesterday - Holy Innocents Church.

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**Please join in the fellowship after church today as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church!**

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

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



**24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Vicar:** Vacant

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

**Reader (PTO):** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

### **PENTECOST**

**8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)**

**10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)**

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

*Acts 2.1-21 \* Psalm 104 \*1 Corinthians 12.3b-13\*  
John 20.19-23*

Today we welcome **The Revd Canon Joyce Forbes** who will be presiding at St Mark's and will be chairing the APCM during the service.

**Access online worship via**

[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

### **CHURCH NOTICES**

**Pastoral Care:** for enquiries regarding Holy Innocents, please contact Mother Susan 07890780572 [fs.kiley@btinternet.com](mailto:fs.kiley@btinternet.com) and for St Mark, please contact Cicelyn Hinds 0208656 2474 [cahinds@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto:ndwillis12@outlook.com)) and Cicelyn Hinds ([cahinds@btinternet.com](mailto:cahinds@btinternet.com)) Holy Innocents – [Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk](mailto: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 of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. Anglican Communion Sunday** St Edward, New Addington, Dhanaraj Premraj (Vicar).

**For the sick** – Richard, Barbara, John, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Fred, 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.**