

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – VOCATIONS

Today is Vocations Sunday, where – based on this reading from John 10 – we are invited to think about the voice of Christ, the call of Christ, to each one of us. He is the shepherd, the gatekeeper, the gate, who call us through into good pasture, into abundant life. So, the question that presents itself is, what is this abundant life? If Jesus calls us into it, how do we find it, or receive it, or live in it? Today in our readings we are given some clues - It is a call to ensure every part of who we are, and what we do, and what we aim at is Spirit Filled. It is a call to generosity, knowing it is more blessed to give than receive. It is call to praise, in every season, knowing that all things will be made well in Christ. May we have courage to walk through the gate and into the pastures of such a life, to which Christ calls us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings will be taking place during the respective services as follows:

Holy Innocents – Sunday 10th May, St Mark – Sunday 17th May. Nomination forms for various roles are/will be at the back of both churches. This year the term of current Deanery Synod members comes to an end, and new members will need to be elected.

Taizé workshop

East Croydon URC is running a Taizé workshop on Saturday 9th May 2026 From 1:00 p.m at 86 Addiscombe Grove, Croydon. CR0 5LP. This is an ecumenical event. The workshop is free and open to singers of all abilities, with a service using some the music learned during the workshop. More details available from the URC

Remembering Alec Randall. Just over a year ago, Alec Randall died. He was a long and faithful member of Holy Innocents and a pioneer in the Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary Ministry being the first man to be commissioned as a SPA. He was also a long-standing member of All Saints Concert Band. On **Saturday 16th May, 7.30pm**, a concert will be held in his memory at Holy Innocents Church. All are invited – tickets are £10, under 12s £5, available from ASCB website, or on the door.

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship (both churches)

We pray for the bereaved Pauline, Malik, Maya, Jamaal, Kayla and the Powell family, Beverley and the Herbert and the Graham families, Norma, David and the McKnight family, the Nicholls family, and Mark Hitchens

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 April 2026

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)

1.00pm Imprint Contemporary Church (Holy Innocents)

*Acts 2.42-end * Psalm 23 * 1 Peter 2.19-end * John 10.1-10*

Today we welcome **Revd Funke Ogbede** who is presiding at the 10.00am Eucharist at St Mark, and **Br Tobias Evans, SSF** who is preaching at the 10.00am Eucharist at Holy Innocents

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@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk

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 Diocese of the Church of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). **For the parish of St Thomas w St Stepen, Telford Park** and Nicki Pennington (Vicar), Sarah Cornick (Assistant Curate), Glenn Bee (Reader), Fiona Carnegie CPLM (SPA)

For the sick – Richard, Barbara, John, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Fred, Ethel, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Shirley, Luke, Beverley, Susan, Jean, Nicholas, Orlando, Thomas, Christine and Denise. **The recently departed** Cliff Hitchens, Ethel Powell, Coreena Graham, Leonard McKnight, William Nicholls **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**