

### Sundays of Epiphany

The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas). Today we are called to think about what the invitation to 'come and follow' means for our lives

### Season of Lay Ministry 2024

Last Sunday, our Season of Lay Ministry began. It's an opportunity to celebrate all that our wonderful lay ministers do and to recognise that all Christians are called to serve Christ in every aspect of their lives – at home, in their work, in the Church. The Season is designed to encourage people to think about whether God might be calling them into new things.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am; send me!" (Isaiah 6.8)

Lord Jesus,  
We give you thanks that  
you consider us worthy to serve you  
and have called us into ministries of many different kinds.

We pray for all those who are exploring what God's call means in their lives.

Help them to know God's peace and guiding as they listen for God's voice.

And we pray for those already in ministry that as they carry out your work you will help them to demonstrate your love,

your compassion and your truth

so that others may see your beauty and embrace you as Lord and Saviour

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**26 January, Holocaust Memorial Day**, will be held in the Council Chambers at 12.00 noon. The theme this year is "The Fragility of Freedom". Please respond to [community.relations@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:community.relations@croydon.gov.uk) if you wish to attend.

**27 January, All Saints Concert Band** are presenting an evening of "magic" to chase away the winter blues. The programme 'A Kind of Magic' will be a presentation of music including from films such as The Lion King, How to Train your Dragon. Interactive and lots of audience participation for the young and the young at heart. Venue: Holy Innocents Church, 6.30pm for 7.00pm, entry free, but donations welcome. For more information contact Mother Susan.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



**14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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

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

*Samuel 1.3.1-10 (11-20) \* Psalm 139 \* Revelation 5.1-10 \* John 1.43-end*

Today at St Mark, we welcome our President and Preacher, Father Anthony Atherton, SCP, from the parish of St Laurence, Catford

Access online worship via

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

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Pastoral Care:** Funerals, baptisms, weddings, please contact Mother Susan 07890 780572, [fs.kiley@btinternet.com](mailto:fs.kiley@btinternet.com) or Cicelyn Hinds 07484 677951. Please note that Mother Susan's day off is Friday.

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**We pray:** for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie and Martin.

For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and The Church of the Province of South East Asia.

**St Dunstan, Bellingham** Timon Singh (Vicar)  
David Riley (Assistant Priest)

**For the sick** – Marina, Richard, Alec, Malik, Caroline, Susan and baby Mabel.

**The bereaved** – the Powell, Robinson, Sarah and the Cromwell-Price families.

**The recently departed** – Ruth Robinson, Lee Powell and Kyria Cromwell.

**Years Mind** (those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time).

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## PANTOMIME TICKETS

Last call for St Mark's Players pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January. If you would like a ticket(s), please speak to Ann Squirell today.