

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus signed his death warrant when he cast commerce out of the temple. He stood up for the truth about God and about religion and the poor, as the business people of the temple were exploiting the poor with high prices. Lent gives us new insights into how Jesus lived his life, always within the shadow of his death, but a death that would lead ultimately to Resurrection and life. Jesus declared a different mission in the sacred environment of the temple. He spoke of himself as the new temple. Lord, help us to see beyond structures and buildings, beyond the material things of this world, to the person of Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith.

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Bishop Christopher will commission Marie Williams as Croydon North Deanery Lay Vocations Champion at evensong in Southwark Cathedral **TODAY at 3pm**. We are all encouraged to attend the service and support Marie in this calling. We ask God to bless Marie in her new ministry.

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## THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL

### **St Martha's House, the Diocese of Jerusalem**

St Martha's House is a Day Care Centre for Christian women in Bethlehem, in the West Bank. It was established in May 2010 to provide loving care to elderly women, mainly widows who live alone. Many of them can no longer manage to live alone independently and they are often isolated and lonely. St Martha's House's mission is to help the elderly Christian women in their local area who lack financial and family support. St Martha's House provides a safe and a caring environment where there are no worries about where the next meal is coming from or if they will see anyone that day.  
<https://southwark.anglican.org/lent-call/>

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**An Invitation from Faiths Together in Croydon** An Interfaith Service of Peace and Unity will be held at St Barnabas Worship Centre Croydon University Hospital at 6.30pm on **Thursday 7th March**. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Penny Smith-Orr, Chair FTiC  
<http://www.faithstogetherincroydon.org.uk/>

**St Mark's Easter Fair** will be on **Sunday 17th March** after the 10.00am service. Easter Eggs and donations of prizes etc all needed. See Jan for more information.

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

*Sharing God's grace and love in our community*



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

**Vicar:** Vacant

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

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

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

*Exodus 20.1-17 \* Psalm 19 \* 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 \* John 2.13-22*

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*Today we welcome at St Mark's Church for our 10.00am Mass, Fr Paul Smedley from St John's Church, Waterloo.*

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**Access online worship via**

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

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## 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](mailto:fs.kiley@btinternet.com) or Cicelyn Hinds 07484 677951. Please note that Mother Susan's day off is Friday.

The Benefice is now in vacancy. For Parish matters, please contact in the first instance, the respective church wardens, St Mark – Donald Ferguson ([mr.dferguson@hotmail.com](mailto:mr.dferguson@hotmail.com)) Holy Innocents – John Gaisey ([johngaisey1975@gmail.com](mailto:johngaisey1975@gmail.com)) and Laurél Hird ([lhird@btinternet.com](mailto:lhird@btinternet.com))

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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 Diocese of The Church of the Province of Uganda. **For St Hilda w St Cyprian, Crofton Park** Stuart Bates (Vicar)

**For the sick** – Fatma, Sharon, Marina, Richard, Alec, Malik, Simon, Caroline, Susan, Kay and Sacha.

**The bereaved** – the Elliott family, Mark Collymore and his family, Vincent Osborne and his family

**The recently departed** – Norman Elliott and Dorothy Collymore, Vincent's father **Years Mind**