



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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



**10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Vicar:** Vacant

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

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

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

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

*Exodus 2.1-10 \* Psalm 34.11-20 \* Colossians 3.12-17 \* John 19.25b-27*

**Today we welcome Mtr Barbara Gentilella at the 10.00am Mass at Holy Innocents**

**Access online worship via**

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

## 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 Episcopal Church.

**For St Philip the Apostle, Sydenham** Chika Nduku (Vicar).

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

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

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

Mothering Sunday is celebrated in churches on the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Traditionally it is a day when we thank God for the love of our mothers, and we thank them in person for their care for us. In the UK, the service dates back hundreds of years to the time when people were encouraged once a year, on Laetare Sunday, to return to their home or 'mother' church or cathedral. This means that there is a small but distinct difference between Mothering Sunday, and 'Mother's Day', the more commercial celebration.

Today when we celebrate Mothering Sunday, the focus is mostly on celebrating the mothers in our lives and it is a great opportunity to acknowledge and reflect on all the people in our lives who have "mothered" us in various ways. One could make the link to being thankful to those who first introduced you to Jesus and welcomed you into the church.

The main service on Mothering Sunday in churches across the country is central to the life of the church. The church recognises that the day may be difficult for some people and so it is common place for services to include prayers for those who don't find the day particularly easy.

Families across the country will be preparing little presents and cards and, in some churches, flowers are blessed and handed out during the main service.

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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