



PALM SUNDAY

Today we begin the journey of Holy Week, the most important week of the Christian year. The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem marked the real beginning of the way of the cross

for him. Palm Sunday was the beginning of the final count-down to the events of Easter. Jesus' manner of entry was carefully chosen. He could have simply walked into Jerusalem, in the usual way, with all the other travellers. Perhaps He was making a statement about being one of the people, ordinary, yet very different. This entry by Jesus perhaps foreshadowed his act at the Last Supper, of washing the disciples' feet, the act which showed the servant nature of this particular leader. It demonstrated the great gospel paradox that strength is made perfect in weakness. Interesting to note that Luke's narrative does not mention palms or indeed any other greenery. He does however mention Peace (Luke 19.28-40) when the disciples call out "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven", which doesn't appear in Matthew, Mark or John.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday to Wednesday evening this week – worship at Holy Innocents, Morning Prayer at 9.15am, and at St Mark, 8.00pm, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - Mass

Maundy Thursday, 28th March, 8.00pm Mass with Foot Washing at St Mark

Good Friday, 29th March– Walk of Witness, Meditation from 1.00pm, followed by the Liturgy of Good Friday starting at 1.30pm at Holy Innocents.

Easter Day, 8.00am at St Mark, 10.00am Parish Mass at Holy Innocents and St Mark.

The **Easter Monday Lunch** will be taking place at St Mark's Church Hall on **21st April**, starting at 12.30pm. If you know of anyone who would like to attend, or who needs transport, please let Cicelyn Hinds know.

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The Benefice Interregnum Prayer

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we glorify your holy name. Thank you for your love and care. Heavenly Father, as we journey through this period of interregnum, we pray for wisdom, patience, guidance, and renewed hope. Help us to work together in love and unity. And as we seek to find a new Vicar for this United Benefice of St. Mark's and Holy Innocents, we pray O Lord, for someone filled with compassion, Godly love, and is steadfast in prayer, passionate in growing the Church, children and youths work and able to work collaboratively with others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen.

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Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



13th April 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Priest (PTO): Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Isaiah 50.4-9a * Psalm 31.9-16 * Philippians 2.5-11 * Luke 19.28-40*

Today we meet at St Mark's at 9.45 am for the blessing of the palms then process to Holy Innocents. The 10 am joint worship is 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 Mother Ada 07961728618 a_onye@yahoo.co.uk or Cicelyn Hinds (both churches) 02086562474 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

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We pray: for Archbishop 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 the Diocese of Matlosane, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

St Stephen, South Lambeth Stephen Coulson (Priest in Church) St Stephen's CofE (JM & I) School.

For the sick – Barbara, Emma, Rona, Don, John, Richard, Leonard, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Graham, Luke, Linda, Fred and Maxine.

The bereaved – for Josephine, Marina's daughter, and her family.

The recently departed – Marina Williams - **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**

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Thank you to everyone who helped at and attended the **St Mark's Easter Food Fair** yesterday, especially those who helped set up, cooked the food, and cleared up afterwards.