

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Today is often known as "Good Shepherd Sunday". The image of the Good Shepherd is one of love, care, protection, intimacy and closeness. This text about the Good Shepherd has implications for us who are followers of Jesus. We are challenged to share his concern for those who are in trouble, for those who suffer injustice, for the sick and for the poor. As his followers, we share the same concerns as he does, and show our love in very practical ways, as Jesus did.

In other words, we need to become shepherds to one another. We are to be shepherds to one another as members of our congregations. We are to be shepherds to one another in our families. Just as Jesus guides and protects his sheep, mothers and fathers guide and protect the lambs he has given to us in our families. Just as Jesus shepherds us with patience and love, we shepherd those whom God has entrusted to us. Just as Jesus, the good shepherd, gives protection and guidance through the ups and downs that life brings so too must we give guidance and help to the lambs God has given.

We don't know what tomorrow will bring, but we do know that we have a loving shepherd who walks with us through thick and thin.

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**Bishop of Croydon  
Rosemarie Mallett**

On **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** we welcome the Bishop of Croydon, +Rosemarie Mallett to the United Benefice. She will be presiding and preaching at Holy Innocents Church, and all are invited to the joint 10.00am Mass. Please note there will be no 10.00am service at St Mark's that morning.

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 3pm, St Oswalds Church**

Piano Recital. Pianist Holly Cullen-Davis will perform works including Bach, Debussy, Nina Simone. Tickets £15.00, under 18s free.

**Young people to unite the world in prayer  
Pentecost Sunday 19 May**

On Pentecost Sunday, young people are invited to join with thousands of others around the UK to be part of *The Prayer*. At 5.15pm BST there'll be a live link with contributions from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York, Rachel Gardener and the team from The Way, all building towards the moment when young people will unite together at 5.30pm BST as one voice to pray The Lord's Prayer. Young people in church, please arrange to meet on Pentecost Sunday afternoon and as part of your time together join in the national moment of youth uniting in prayer? Find out more [www.thykingdom.com/global/prayer](http://www.thykingdom.com/global/prayer)

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

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



**21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**Vicar:** Vacant

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

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

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

*Acts 4.5-12 \* Psalm 23 \* 1 John 3.16-end \* John 10.11-18*

Today we welcome **Revd Tomos Reed** at 8.00am and **Revd Paul Smedley** at 10.00am at St Mark

**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 – [Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk](mailto:Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk)

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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 Anglican Church of Australia*.

**St Margaret, Streatham Hill** Pray for the Venerable Simon Gates (Priest in Charge) and for the continuing praying community and the Norwood & Brixton Foodbank central warehouse and the STMTQ Community Hub.

**For the sick** – Fred, Revd Andy Dovey, Joy, Sharon, Marina, Richard, Alec, Malik, Simon, Mei, Caroline, Susan, Kay, Sacha, Marlise and Amanda.

**The recently departed and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**