SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thy Kingdom Come: Light Up the World in Prayer 9 - 19 May 2024

During Thy Kingdom Come (TKC), our mission is to introduce people to the love of God in Christ, and to see his Kingdom come on earth as in heaven. I am writing to you so that you may feel encouraged in your churches to pray together during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost.

I would particularly like to encourage engaging children and young people to join in, as thousands of young people come together to pray The Lord's Prayer – in one mighty voice – on the day of Pentecost. There are many ways to help you pray during this season and you will find a list of the contents of the pack on the reverse of this letter, along with details of other resources, some of which are available centrally from the official site https://www.thykingdomcome.global

The Diocese's own dedicated website page https:// southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/mission/mission-evangelism/thy-kingdom-come/ also has links to the materials and other useful resources. This year we have moved to a wholly digital offering of resources in order to fulfil our pledge as an eco-diocese.

The Bishops and Archdeacons of our diocese will be seeking to make time during these nine days to engage with parishes and deaneries, taking opportunities for both private and corporate prayer. The nine days of prayer culminate on Pentecost Sunday across the Diocese on Sunday 19 May. May this time between Ascension and Pentecost be an opportunity to nurture our faith and that of others to come to know Christ.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Christian Aid Week 12th to 18th May. This year the theme is Act on Poverty. Working with the very poorest in our world, Christian Aid aims to eliminate the effects of poverty and restore people's dignity and ability to support themselves. Please take donation envelopes at the back of the church and share with your friends and family, bringing the sealed envelopes back to church.

REMINDER - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Holy Innocents APCM is on **Tuesday I4**th **May** at 7.00pm, in the Church Hall.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



12th May 2024

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

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

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8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)
10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

Acts 1.15-17 21-end * Psalm 1 * 1 John 5.9-13 * John 15.9-17

Today we welcome **Mother Barbara Gentilella** at Holy Innocents

Access online worship via 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 or Cicelyn Hinds 07484 677951. Please note that Mother Susan's day off is Friday.

The Benefice is in vacancy. For Parish matters, please contact in the first instance, the respective church wardens, St Mark – Donald Ferguson (mr.dferguson@hotmail.com) Holy Innocents – Church.warden@holyinnocentschurch.co.uk

<u>We pray:</u> for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie and Martin.

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For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and The Anglican Church of Burundi.

St Saviour, Raynes Park Peter Kelley (Priest in Church) and Christian Aid Week begins.

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.