

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH!

Today, on Whitsunday or Pentecost, we come to the end of the Easter Season, as we celebrate the coming of God's Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.



Pentecost (from the Greek *pentekoste*, 'fiftieth' of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his

Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it; and he inaugurates the messianic community of perfect communication.

Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church.

It was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the medieval West, did it become a new festival season of its own.

After the Easter Vigil, the time of Pentecost was a preferred occasion for baptism in early Christian centuries, and the services of Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme.

Christ's disciples are born again of water and the spirit. There is some evidence that the ascension was first celebrated on the fiftieth day of Easter, but it was soon moved to the fortieth day in faithfulness to Luke's chronology. Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.



Today, as we come to the end of the **Thy Kingdom Come** season, I hope you have been praying for at least 5

of your family members /friends /acquaintances to come to know the love of the Lord Jesus Christ in their lives and that you have been playing your part in showing such love to them.

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Funeral Service of the late Doreen Macan, last Wednesday at Sanderstead, St. Mary.

Father Peter sends his love and gratitude to all of you for your continued prayers for him and his family. He promises not to 'retire' just yet but will visit us in due course.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



28th May 2023

Vicar: The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley
Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley
Reader: Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY)

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10.00am Parish Mass (both Churches)

*Acts 2.1-21 * Psalm 104.25-35, 37 * 1 Corinthians 12.3-13 * John 20.19-23*

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com N/A on Mondays; Mother Susan is contactable on 07890 780572, N/A on Fridays.

We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen;
For the Bishops in this diocese - Christopher, Karowei, Rosemarie and Martin;
For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe; **and** The Extra-Provincial Churches.

For All Saints, Spring Park Yvonne Clarke (Vicar), Bethlem Royal Hospital: Mary Geoghegan (Chaplain)

For the sick – Richard, Jennifer & Reuben, Rose, Caroline, Susan, Pauline, Sigi, Marie-Gabrielle, Colin (Castle), Carmen, Rodney, Marina, Linda, Fred, Peter (McGill), Alec, Kieran, Neil, Deanne, Kay, Shaun and Matthew Smith.

The bereaved – the Taylor, Welcome and Bogle families.

For the recently departed – Daphne Taylor, Joyce Welcome and Daphne Bogle. **Years Mind.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Today, during 10am Parish Mass - Holy Innocents APCM

9th June, 6pm – Fairfield Halls, Croydon for the Borough of Culture's Free Concert of music and dance.

10th June, 4pm, £10 – Fairfield Halls, Sound of the Trumpet Concert (Croydon Churches in Worship).

19th June, 8pm - Archdeacon's Visitation Service – St. Mildred's Church, Bingham Road, Addiscombe.

We continue to pray for Marcia, Mahalia and the Bogle family as they prepare to say goodbye to mum and grandma Daphne, on 9th June here at St Mark.