

FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

There is a beautiful phrase in the reading from Mark today, it says simply 'He has done everything well.' We live in an age of pop stars and notoriety; everybody wants to be famous. Young people especially face incredible challenges in our society, because they are led to focus their aspirations on the rich and famous and encouraged to believe that they can be the next pop idol or football star. The old values of working hard and earning a living have been shifted towards personal gratification and the aspirations and fashions of a consumer society. However the truth is that whilst the prevailing culture tells us that our achievements should be to earn lots of money and have a glamorous lifestyle, we know that this is not something which causes happiness or provides lasting significance. We should cast our attention upon Jesus and the type of life which he lived and the example which he gives to us. He did not belong to the rich and famous, he lived his life with the same issues which we deal with, paying bills, caring for relatives and getting on with the ups and downs which life throws at us.

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GOOD LUCK!!!!!!

This Sunday at St Mark, we take the opportunity to wish our young people well as they continue their further education, and in particular, Angelica and Amarachi who are heading off to university. We ask for God's blessing on them all.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 14th September, 10.00am to 3.00pm, there will be a photographic exhibition of South Norwood's water features and wildlife, curated by Jacquie Mulvaney. This event will be part of the unveiling of the Story Quilt, the patchwork quilt depicting images of South Norwood life, taking place at the Library from 10.00am.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS

St Mark's will be holding their coffee morning on **Friday 27th September** from 10.00 am and Holy Innocents on **Saturday 28th September**, to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. All offers of help and cakes will be gratefully received.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



8th September 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)

*Isaiah 35.4-7a * Psalm 146 * James 2.1-17 * Mark*

*Today we welcome **Fr Sam Dennis** at the 8.00am Mass and **Mtr Jean Yearwood** at the 10.00am at St Mark and **Mtr Susan Height** 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 – Norma McKnight (ndwillis12@outlook.com) and Cicelyn Hinds (cahinds@btinternet.com) Holy Innocents – Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk

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We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Martin, Rosemarie and Alastair. For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

St Andrew, Kingswood & Wisdom of God, Lower Kingswood Christine Colton (Priest in Charge) and Ron Searle (Reader)

For the sick – John, Emma, Marina, Richard, Alec, Malik, Simon, Caroline, Kay, Amanda, Sigi, Barbara, Anthony, Myrna, Peter, Martyn, Luther, Genevieve, Roma, Colleen, Leonard, Leon, Jason, Michael, Graham, Diane and Joyce.

The bereaved – Legay and McCann families and the Bailey family **The recently departed** – Laurent and Trevor **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**