

MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Today is Michaelmas, traditionally celebrated as the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, a time to honour the angels who bridge the gap between the divine and human realms. Archangel Michael, known as the protector and warrior, stands as a symbol of courage, strength, and the vanquishing of evil. Gabriel communicates God's most important messages to humans (eg the visit to Mary). Raphael is God's healing angel and Uriel focuses on wisdom and learning. Today we pray for all those who will be ordained priest and deacon at this Michaelmas tide.

We welcome this morning Eden Rose Hicks-Williams Joseph, her parents, godparents and family, as she comes for her baptism today. We pray for her and her family as we welcome Eden, our newest member, into Christ's Church.

Black History Month – from Bishop Christopher Early next month our diocese will be visited by Archbishop Justin Welby - I am writing to remind you of this visit, to encourage you to pray and to join us for our Black History Month Celebration at the Cathedral on Saturday 5 October. Archbishop Justin will be spending time with parishes and church leaders during a mission weekend from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 October. In consultation with the Mission team at Lambeth Palace and our own Mission Department, a programme has been put together with engagements across our three Episcopal Areas in parishes of different contexts and traditions, praying together and focusing on sharing faith, deepening discipleship and growing younger. On Saturday, 5 October, I have invited Archbishop Justin to participate in our annual Black History Month service in the Cathedral presiding at the Eucharist at 10.30am and then at 12:30pm giving a mission address followed by a panel discussion.

Monday 7th October, 7.30pm - We are invited to the Collation, Induction and Installation by the Bishop of Croydon and the Archdeacon, of the Revd Daniel Burton as Vicar of St Stephen's Church, Norbury. Guests are requested to be seated by 7.15pm. All are warmly invited to a reception after the service.

Invitation From the Black British Classical Foundation - Friday 1st November This will be our concert in celebration of Black History Month. An evening of wonderful music by Black composers including compositions by William Grant Still, S.K.Ore, Margaret Bonds and Hall Johnson. This has been made possible through the generosity of Heath Street Baptist Church, 84 Heath Street, Hampstead, London NW3 1DN, 1900-2100 hrs. Hampstead tube station is a very short walk. Vincent Osborne, Artistic Director.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out, made cakes, and supported the Macmillan Cancer Coffee Mornings in both churches.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



29th 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)

*Genesis 28.10-17 * Psalm 103.19-end * Hebrews 1.5-end * John 1.47-end*

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 – Norma McKnight (ndwillis12@outlook.com) and Cicelyn Hinds (cahinds@btinternet.com) Holy Innocents – Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk

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 Pakistan (United).

Pray for those training for authorised ministries on Diocesan Courses as the new academic year commences. Pray for those responsible for their training, the many course tutors and facilitators.

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

The bereaved - Mulholland family
The recently departed – Marlene Mulholland - and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.