

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

James and John, apostles of Jesus, had grown up learning about the Kingdom of God. They waited for, and expected it. They learned it would arrive in power and glory, with armies of angels ready to punish Israel's enemies and vindicate God's chosen people. They wanted a place in that Kingdom. They were ambitious and wanted the status leadership in God's Kingdom would bring them. But...the Kingdom preached by Jesus was utterly different. "Forgive your enemies", "wash each other's feet.", "The first will be last and the last first." James and John heard Jesus say these things and they liked what he said, but, they were unable to let go of what they had been taught and as a result totally misunderstood what Jesus was offering.

It is a Gospel with much to say to us – much that is challenging, inviting, exciting and rewarding.

It is a Gospel not to be ignored.

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**This evening** St Luke's Church, Woodside, is the service of Healing and Wholeness, at 6.00pm. All invited.

**REMINDER** Deanery Synod meeting is on **Wednesday 23 October** at St Mark's Church, 8.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

**All Saints tide** will be celebrated on **Sunday 3rd November** in both Holy Innocents and St Mark, 10.00 am. **The service for the Commemoration of the faithful departed (All Souls)** will be a joint service at 6.00pm held at St Mark. The church will be open from 5.00pm for private prayer or if you wish to light a candle.

Faiths Together Interfaith Remembrance event is on **Thursday 7th November** in the Braithwaite Hall at 7pm. The speaker this year is Colonel Ray Wilkinson, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and Faiths Together representatives will be speaking about Peace. At this moving event we remember that people of all faiths fought in the world wars, everyone welcome.

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**ATTENTION!!!**

**Sandwiches for Croydon Nightwatch.** In previous years, both churches have prepared sandwiches for Nightwatch on a weekly basis from November to December joining a rota of several churches in the Croydon area. We would like to offer to do this again. It would be on Friday evenings from November 1st to December 27th and providing 12 loaves worth of sandwiches. We would need 12 volunteers at least from both churches, preferably more so that we can do this on a rota basis. Please see Mother Susan or Cicelyn if you are interested and/or can volunteer to help.

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

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



**20<sup>th</sup> October 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 53.4-end \* Psalm 91.9-end \* Hebrews 5.1-10 \* Mark 10.35-45*

Today we welcome **Fr Charlie Bell** at the 8.00 am Mass at St Mark and **Mtr Barbara Gentilella** at Holy Innocents

**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 in vacancy. For Parish matters, please contact in the first instance, the respective church wardens, St Mark – Norma McKnight ([ndwillis12@outlook.com](mailto:ndwillis12@outlook.com)) and Cicelyn Hinds ([cahinds@btinternet.com](mailto:cahinds@btinternet.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, Martin, Rosemarie and Alastair. For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and the Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

**St Stephen, Norbury and Thornton Heath** Daniel Burton (Vicar), Joyce Forbes (NSM) and Aileen Ross (CPML).

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

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