



Celebrating
**ALL SAINTS' DAY
& ALL SOULS' DAY**

No Christian is solitary.
Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

One family, we dwell in him, one Church, above, beneath; though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death. (Charles Wesley)

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging.

All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith. Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy; and this instinct also is expressed in the liturgy of **All Souls' Day**.

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In place of Evening Prayer at 6pm today, we will instead be Commemorating the Faithful Departed at our All Souls' Mass.

Please see the Lists of Names at the back of the Church and tick off or add the names of your loved ones whom you would like to be remembered this evening. Do come along and light a candle for them.

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As we bring our month long celebration of 170 years of the dedication of St. Mark as a parish Church to a close, I take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers, your generosity in purchasing memorabilia and for returning your Gift envelopes. For all the hard work you've put in to making this celebration possible including attending last night's event here at church with local historian, John Hickman.

Please do continue to peruse the exhibition of 'historical documents' and don't forget there are still lots of items for sale in our 'display' cabinet plus the **£5 Anniversary magazine**, which I totally commend.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



30th October 2022

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

ALL SAINTS' DAY

10am Parish Mass & Holy Baptism

President and Preacher: Mother Roxanne

*Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 * Psalm 149 * Ephesians 1.11-23 * Luke 6.20-31*

Access online worship via
www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Today, we especially welcome the parents, godparents, sponsors, family and friends of **Kymaia, Kiyana and Kaliyah** who will be baptised during the Mass. They begin their Christian journey today when their parents and godparents make promises on their behalf. As they become members of the Church of God, we welcome them into this Christian community here at St. Mark, praying for them as they embark on this journey.

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is available (except on Mondays) on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or mtrroxanne@gmail.com
Mother Susan and Fred are on holiday.

To hire the Church Halls, please call:
Jan on 020 8653 0447 for St Mark; and
Annette on 020 8771 5779 for Holy Innocents.
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We pray: for Archbishops Justin and Stephen.
For the Bishops in this Diocese - Christopher, Karowei, Rosemarie and Richard (about to retire).
For the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe, their clergy and people.

For the (Diocesan) Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Department Nicola Thomas (*Head of JPIC*); Together Southwark (*Nelly Misenga*); Jonathan Macy (*Diocesan Disability Adviser*); Jack Edwards (*Diocesan Environment Officer*)
For the Bishops, priests & people of the Anglican Church of Chile

For the sick – Claude & Richard, Helen, Jennifer & Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Rose, Caroline, Sigi, Anecka, Lynn, Ronald, Tommy, Ena, Rudolph, Pamela, Barry, Dennis, Linda, David, Adrian, Jacqueline, Colin (Castle), Carmen, Annetta, Fay, Marina, Pauline (Riches), Karen and Fr. Tom Hurcombe.

The bereaved – the McKnight family, the Onyiaike and Irono families.

The recently departed – George McKnight, Fidelia Onyiaike. **Years Mind.**