

Today, the Church celebrates the Lesser festival of **Hilda, Abbess of Whitby.**

Hilda was born in 614 of the royal house of Northumbria. Baptised in York at the age of twelve by the Roman missionary Paulinus, she was later an influential lay leader of the Church. She was encouraged by Aidan of Lindisfarne to become a Religious, and subsequently established a monastery at Streanaeshalch (Whitby). This house became a great centre of learning and was the meeting-place for the important Synod of Whitby in the year 664 at which Hilda's rôle was that of a reconciler between the Roman and the Celtic traditions. She is remembered as a great educator, exemplified in her nurturing of Caedmon's gift of vernacular song. She died on 17 November in the year 680.

### COLLECT

Eternal God, who made the abbess Hilda to shine like a jewel in our land and through her holiness and leadership blessed your Church with new life and unity: help us, like her, to yearn for the gospel of Christ and to reconcile those who are divided; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On **23<sup>rd</sup> November and every Thursday until 21<sup>st</sup> December** – 6pm, **First Communion Classes, St. Mark's Church** - for children from 8 years old, culminating in their *Reception to Communion before Confirmation* on Advent 4, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December during the 10am Parish Mass (St. Mark's church).

**Next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November**, on the **Feast of Christ the King**, we will welcome Peter Graystone, recently-retired *Diocesan Lay Training Officer* to preach at St. Mark, as we come to the end of Liturgical Year A.

**3<sup>rd</sup> December, Advent Sunday**, directly after the 10am Parish Mass at St Mark, the Christmas Fayre takes place in the Church Hall – please continue to bring in your donations for sale at this well-needed Fundraiser – please be reminded that **we need help to set up beforehand and to pack away too!**

**24<sup>th</sup> December**, we celebrate **Advent 4 at the 10am Mass** (both Parishes) and at **11pm it's Christmas Eve Joint Midnight Mass at St Mark.**

**31<sup>st</sup> December (New Year's Eve), 11pm, Watch Night Mass at Holy Innocents.** The Eucharist will be followed by 'Farewell' drinks and nibbles in the Church – as it will be Mother Roxanne's last working day in the United Benefice.

**Mudlarking - Treasures from the Thames**  
Free EXHIBITION at Southwark Cathedral, Lancelot's Link. The Cathedral is fundraising for new exhibition display cases to help tell the story of mudlarking, in addition to the history of Southwark Cathedral, the local history of the area and the social history of London. To donate, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/mudlarking>

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



**19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Vicar:** The Revd. Canon Roxanne F. Eversley  
**Priest (PTO):** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley  
**Reader (PTO):** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

**8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)**

**10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)**

*Zephaniah 1.7,12-18 \* Psalm 90 \* 1Thessalonians 5.1-11 \* Matthew 25.14-30*

Access online worship via

[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

### CHURCH NOTICES

**Pastoral Care:** Mother Roxanne is usually available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or at [mtrroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtrroxanne@gmail.com) but N/A on Mondays. Mother Susan is contactable on 07890 780572; and she's not available on Fridays.

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**We pray:** for Archbishops Justin and Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie and Martin.

**For** the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and of *The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*.

**For Croydon Central Deanery** Geoffrey Dumbreck (Area Dean); Linda Fox (Asst. Area Dean); Patricia Howard (Lay Chair).

**For the sick** – Richard, Jennifer & Reuben, Rose, Caroline, Susan, Sigi, Marie-Gabrielle, Colin (Castle), Carmen, Marina, Linda, Fred, Peter, Kay, Simon, Alec, Naomi, Michael, Rudolph, Malik, Dionne and Roy.

**The bereaved** – the Appiah and Gaisey families, Patsy and the Williams family; the Robinson family.

**The recently departed** – George Kojo Appiah, Hatford Williams and Ruth Robinson. **Years Mind.**

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We are continuing to provide **sandwiches for Night Watch**, on **Friday nights** from **24<sup>th</sup> Nov** right through to **29<sup>th</sup> Dec**.

We need ideally **3 people per week**, to provide sandwiches from **4 loaves of bread**, each so we deliver **12 loaves of sandwiches** – 4 loaves of cheese, 4 loaves of chicken, 2 loaves of vegan and 2 loaves of your choice of filling. Do let Mother Roxanne know, if you are able to help in this way.

If you're able to provide the sandwiches, that's great but if you need to be refunded for bread and/or the filling, then do let her know and she will arrange for you to be reimbursed. Thank you very much indeed.