

## **We are featured in the Bridge this month**

**Little church by the railway celebrates 170th anniversary!**

Last month, St Mark, South Norwood celebrated the 170th anniversary of its dedication. Here is a look back on its history and how the congregation celebrated the momentous occasion.

On Thursday 13 October in 1852, St Mark was dedicated as the Parish Church of South Norwood – in the Diocese of Canterbury under the tenure of Archbishop John Bird Sumner (1848–1862).

The parish now in its own right, and no longer the daughter church of All Saints, Upper Norwood joined the Diocese of Southwark in 1985 when 32 parishes of the Croydon Episcopal Area were added to complete the Diocese (created in 1905 from part of the Diocese of Rochester, covering the whole of the county of London south of the Thames and the Parliamentary divisions of East and Mid Surrey) as it exists now.

As the congregation grew, it soon became necessary for another place to host the new congregants, and the decision was made to build Holy Innocents which later became a South Norwood Parish Church, in its own right and was dedicated in 1895.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018, in accordance with the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, St Mark and Holy Innocents were united again, under the new title of the United Benefice of South Norwood, Holy Innocents and South Norwood, St Mark.

To mark the 170th anniversary, a Dedication Festival Mass was held on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October** at the Church with the **President and Preacher, The Most Revd Josiah Idowu-Fearon, former Secretary General of the Anglican Communion. Archbishop Josiah was accompanied by his wife Comfort, with whom the parish celebrated, as she is the first UKME Southwark Diocesan Mothers' Union President.**

Commemorating the occasion, a special anniversary edition of the parish magazine was produced, which includes the history, mission and work of St Mark's, formerly referred to as 'the little church by the railway'; and celebration items on display in the church were (and still are) available to purchase by the congregation (and visitors).

Access the entire Bridge Newspaper via this link or QR code <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/the-bridge-newspaper/>



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**In commemoration of 170 Years of the Dedication of Saint Mark as a Parish Church – the church will be opened on Saturdays in November from 2-4pm. 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, including the £5 Anniversary magazine.**

**A reminder that St Mark's Christmas Fayre takes place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, from 11am-2pm in the Hall.**

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

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



**20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

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

**CHRIST THE KING**

**8am and 10am Parish Mass**

**President, Mtr. Roxanne Preacher, Wendy Robins**

*Jeremiah 23.1-6 \* Psalm 46 \* Colossians 1.11-20 \* Luke 23.33-43*

**Access online worship via**

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

**We especially welcome and pray for Alana Rose who will make her First Communion before Confirmation today, during the Parish Mass.**

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Advent Sunday, the 10am Parish Mass resumes at Holy Innocents.**

**Pastoral Care:** Mother Roxanne is available (except on Mondays) on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or [mtrroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtrroxanne@gmail.com)  
Mother Susan, on 07890 780572 or email [fs.kiley@btinternet.com](mailto:fs.kiley@btinternet.com) (not available on Fridays).

**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 the vacancy in Kingston. For the bishops in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe, their clergy and people.**

**For St Mary Magdalene with St Martin, Addiscombe** Amanda Johnson (Vicar); Regina Chitambar (Reader); Sharon Wallace (SPA); Norma Schofield (SPA); Marion Padgham (SPA); Gillian Perrins (SPA)

**For the Bishops, priests & people of the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.**

**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, Gerry and Fr Tom Hurcombe.

**The bereaved –** the McKnight, Legay, McCann, Onyiaike, Irono and Gittens families.

**The recently departed –** George McKnight, Pierre Buire, Fidelia Onyiaike and Iona Gittens.

**Years Mind/ those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.**