

## CHRIST THE KING

This Sunday is a special one, and the last Sunday of the Church year. Next week we begin the Church year with the four Sundays of Advent. Our Post Communion sentence today reminds us that it is 'Stir Up Sunday' a Sunday synonymous with Christmas puddings. The great cry 'stir up' was a reminder to congregations to get the Christmas pudding made in plenty of time to mature before Christmas. However, the prayer is actually asking God for something much more important. We are now reaching the end of the Church's year. With the beginning of Advent, we begin again the cycle of the birth of Jesus, his ministry, his death, Passion and resurrection. The ending of a year is a good time to assess where we have been, what has been achieved, and perhaps most importantly, where we are going with our journey of faith.

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### 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign that raises awareness and galvanizes action to end violence against women and girls. Spanning from **Monday 25th November**, the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women*, to **Tuesday 10th December**, *International Human Rights Day*, this annual campaign reminds us that a brighter, violence-free future is within our reach. For more information: [www.unodc.org](http://www.unodc.org)

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Friday 29th November** is designated the Day of Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church. We give thanks to all those who have worked to bring the Good News in historic and more recent times, and we respond to God's call in our own day to spread the gospel and proclaim his kingdom.

Preparation sessions for admission to Communion before Confirmation will begin on **Wednesday 27th November**, in church (St Mark) at 6.00pm.

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## **HUGE THANK YOU!!!!**



A huge thank you to everyone who helped out with cooking, running stalls, setting up and clearing up, and those who supported the St Mark Christmas Food Fair yesterday.

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

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



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### 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Vicar:** Vacant

**Priest (PTO):** Revd. Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley, TSSF, SCP

**Reader (PTO):** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds

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### **CHRIST THE KING**

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

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

*Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14\*Psalm 93\*Revelation 1.4b-8\*John 18.33-37*

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Today we welcome **Mother Barbara Gentilella** who will be presiding and preaching at the 10.00 am service at St Mark

**Access online worship via**

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

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### **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 Archbishop 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 Anglican Church of South America.

**Croydon Minster w St George, Waddon** Andrew Bishop (Priest in Charge) David Adamson-Hill (Assistant Priest with care of St George, Waddon) John Ackland (PTO) Arthur Quinn (PTO) Elaine Cooper (Reader) Diana Hemmings (SPA).

**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, Orlando and Richard.

**The bereaved** – Julia, Angela and the Dickson family. The Jordan, Holder, Fowler, Hinds and Manful Families.

**The recently departed** – Enid Dickson, Merle Jordan, Patience Felicity Wilberforce - **Years Mind.**