

FOR ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS TIDE

From its earliest days, the Church has recognized as its foundation stones those heroes of the faith whose lives have excited others to holiness and has assumed a communion between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven. Celebrating the feast of All Saints began in the fourth century. At first, it was observed on the Sunday after the feast of Pentecost; this was to link the disciples who received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the foundation of the Church, with those who were martyrs, giving their lives as witnesses to the faith. In the eighth century, a pope dedicated a chapel to All Saints in St Peter's at Rome on 1 November. Within a century, this day was observed in Britain and Ireland as All Saints' Day. Today we are reminded that we are saints as well. This is because we are already holy by virtue of being God's children. 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.

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COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ALL SOULS

This evening at 6.00pm at St Mark's Church. If you haven't done so already, please add any names you would like to be remembered at the service, even if you can't be there. The list is at the back of the church.

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SANDWICH MAKING FOR CROYDON'S HOMELESS

"Offering hope to the homeless through
faith in action"

We still need volunteers to cover any Friday from 7th November to 26th December (we need 3 people each week). This is an opportunity for joint mission in our United Benefice, so please sign up or contact Ann Squirrell by email squirrell700@btinternet.com

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+ DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES +

JPIC Conference – Saturday 8th November

We have one spare ticket if anyone wishes to attend this worthwhile conference at St John's Church, Waterloo. Please contact Ann Squirrell for details.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November

Our United Benefice mass for Remembrance Sunday will be at Holy Innocents Church, at 10.00am. Poppies are at the back of the church.

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The Benefice Interregnum Prayer

Heavenly Father, we glorify Your name for Your blessings upon us. We pray for guidance and wisdom, Holy Spirit, in the process of appointing a new vicar for our United Benefice. Give us the right person to help us fulfil our vision here in South Norwood. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*United together in Christ, shining Christ's light
in our community*



2nd November 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Priest (PTO): Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

ALL SAINTS' DAY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

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

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: for enquiries regarding Holy Innocents, please contact Mother Susan 07890780572 fs.kiley@btinternet.com and for St Mark, please contact Mother Ada 07961728618 a_onye@yahoo.co.uk or Cicelyn Hinds (both churches) 02086562474 cahinds@btinternet.com

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) and Cicelyn Hinds (cahinds@btinternet.com) Holy Innocents – Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk

+++++ **We pray:** for the Archbishop of Canterbury elect, Sarah Mullally, Archbishop Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie, Alastair and Martin.

For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and The Church of the Province of West Africa.

Bletchingley & Nutfield (United Benefice)
St Mary the Virgin, Bletchingley & St Peter & St Paul, Nutfield Paul Fitzpatrick (Priest in Charge) (CA) (Vocations Advisor Co-ordinator) Penelope Sherrington (PTO) Kerry Tucker (PTO) John Buck (Reader) (PTO) Liz Windridge (Reader) (PTO).

For the sick – Richard, Barbara, Emma, Rona, John, Leonard, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Fred, Ethel, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Revd Barbara, George and Rowena.

The bereaved – Bianca and the Henry and John families, Stanley's family, Ann Squirrell, the Stephens and the Collins families, the Nicholls family. **The recently departed** – Algena (Shirley) John, Stanley, Malcolm Stephens and Graham Nicholls **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**