

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

To see and know Jesus in our lives is, at the same time, to recognise where he comes to us and at the same time to be ready for day-to-day opportunities when we can bring him into the lives of others.

Above all, can we be true to the mission Jesus gave to his disciples to be makers of reconciliation, to be peacemakers, breaking down walls of hatred, prejudice and fear? We do this by living lives of integrity, of love and compassion, of real justice for all. When we do that, Easter is celebrated and Jesus is alive among us.

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BIG THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone in both churches who helped to make our Easter Day services special. Many thanks too, to Cicelyn and her team for working so hard to provide the Easter lunch and tea for those who would not normally get out. I know everyone enjoyed the day.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The funeral of Marina Williams will be held at St Mark's Church on **Thursday 15th May** at 1.30pm.

Faiths Together in Croydon – Big Picnic is on **Monday 26 May** this year. Usual fun at Parkhill Park from 2-5pm – food provided by the faith communities or bring your own. Also coming on **Saturday 5 July** is the interfaith walk – round Coulsdon this time – further details soon.

'God has done great things and will do greater things' – the theme of the Thanksgiving Service for South Norwood Methodist Church's 150th anniversary this year. The service will be held on **Sunday 8th June** at 3.00pm in SNMC, and all are warmly invited.

Dates for the APCMs are as follows: St Mark - **Sunday 11th May**, during the parish Eucharist. Holy Innocents - **Sunday 18th May** at 11.30am. Please be guided by our relative PCC Secretaries as to submission of reports, nomination forms for PCC membership, as well standing to be a Sidesperson (Welcomer).

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The Benefice Interregnum Prayer

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we glorify your holy name. Thank you for your love and care. Heavenly Father, as we journey through this period of interregnum, we pray for wisdom, patience, guidance, and renewed hope. Help us to work together in love and unity. And as we seek to find a new Vicar for this United Benefice of St. Mark's and Holy Innocents, we pray O Lord, for someone filled with compassion, Godly love, and is steadfast in prayer, passionate in growing the Church, children and youths work and able to work collaboratively with others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen.

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

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



27th April 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Priest (PTO): Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Exodus 14.10-end, 15.20-21 * Psalm 150 * Acts 5.27-32*
John 20.19-end*

*Today we welcome **Father John Ohen** who
will be presiding and preaching at Holy Innocents*

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

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We pray: for 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 the Indian Ocean.

Holy Trinity and St Matthias, Tulse Hill

Richard Dormandy (Vicar), William Sharpe (Honorary Curate), Gloria Otu-Simon (Reader) Angela Jowsey (SPA). St Martin in the Fields High School for Girls: Esther Moorey (Chaplain)

For our young people, Teddy and Lizzie, and others, preparing for their GCSEs, till after the exams.

For the sick – Barbara, Emma, Rona, Don, John, Richard, Leonard, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Graham, Luke, Linda, Fred and Maxine.

The bereaved – for Josephine, Marina's daughter, and her family.

The recently departed – Marina Williams - **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**