

VOCATION SUNDAY

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand." As Christians, our vocation, or calling, is fundamental. It's part of our journey of discipleship, the lifelong pursuit of what God calls us to do with our entire being. It encompasses how we are called to live, who we are called to be, and how we are called to serve. While we often slip into talking about vocation as meaning a call to priestly ministry or another licensed or authorised role, it's clear that every person has a unique call from God.

Christian Aid Week begins today. There are envelopes and posters at the back of the church. Please take one, or more, and return them as soon as possible after next weekend.

Vacancy for Parish Nurse The Diocese of Southwark and the parish of St Michael's Croydon are looking to appoint an experienced, full-time nurse to develop and lead an exciting new Parish Nursing Ministry. The Lead Nurse will play a full and visible part in the daily worship of this traditional Anglo-Catholic Parish and be responsible for developing a suite of new nursing services to create great health outcomes for service users in the community. In time, lessons learnt will be shared with other churches who are interested in developing similar ministries. For further details, please visit

<https://www.cofepathways.org/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=8439>

Mission Action Planning Thank you to everyone who contributed to the next stage of developing a Mission Action Plan for the United Benefice. The outcome of the meeting will be shared shortly and there will be further opportunities for everyone to be part of this.

The May edition of The Bridge is also available at the back of the church

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



11th May 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Priest (PTO): Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Acts 9.36-end * Psalm 23 * Revelation 7.9-end *
John 10.22-30*

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 02086574018 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 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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

Holy Cross, Motspur Park Rachel Taylor (Vicar), Anne Cocking (Associate Priest), Elaine Miller (Reader), John Barrow (Reader) (PTO) and Kenneth Dovey (Reader) (PTO).

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 – Josephine, Russell and the Kennedy and Williams families.

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

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship (both churches)