

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In the passage from the Gospel of John today Jesus draws attention to the core principle of being a Christian.

'That the love with which you have loved me may be in them,'

There it is in less than 60 characters. A prayer of Jesus that his followers might put down their differences and be drawn together in love which creates unity. It is very simple but of course not simplistic and we have never been very good at it, preferring to quarrel and to try and get our own way.

Jesus makes it clear that he expects his followers to be drawn together in unity. He captures this principle with the wonderful catch phrase

'that they may be one as we are one'.

Archdeacon's Visitation The Archdeacon's Visitation is on **Tuesday 3rd June, 8.00pm** at St John the Divine, Selsdon, Upper Selsdon Road, CR2 8DD. The 412 bus route passes the door and the 64 stops nearby. All Churchwardens need to be sworn in, and Sidespeople and PCC members are expected to be there.

Belated Congratulations to all those who were elected or re-elected as PCC members and Sidespeople at Holy Innocents' APCM on the 18th May.

A reminder '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 the church culminating a week of anniversary celebrations from 31st May – 8th June, 2025. The service is for our community to gather to give thanks for the blessings we have received within our church and local community throughout these many years. The service will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet the members and guests.

Deanery Synod Meeting Wednesday 18th June – the meeting will be at St John the Evangelist, Upper Norwood at 8.00pm. All are invited.

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



1st June 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Priest (PTO): Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

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8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Acts 16.16-34 * Psalm 97 * Revelation 22.12-end *
John 17.20-end*

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 Anglican Church of Korea.

Kingston Deanery Adam Rylett (Area Dean), Lindiwe Maseko (Assistant Area Dean) and John Dewhurst (Lay Chair). "Oxygen", the Deanery Youth Project; Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness.

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 recently departed and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.

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