

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST – BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ. Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls 'this most joyful period'. It is sometimes also called 'Great Sunday'. In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season. On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's Ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The Ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival and announces the Birthday of the Church.

Happy Birthday Celebration Everyone!

Ministries Training - A further training session for Sidespeople/Welcomers, Chalice Assistants, Prayer leaders, Lesson Readers, or for anyone interested in taking up any of these roles, will be held at Holy Innocents Church on **Saturday 28th June, from 10.00am**. This will be a sharing and friendly morning and cake will be served!

Congratulations to The Ven. Moira Astin

Moira Astin will shortly be leaving us to become the Bishop of Crediton and we invite you to send a farewell message to Moira. To add your message, visit <https://groupcards.app/share/WTSjRVUTggor> or if you prefer, email your message to Kathleen Bailey who will add it to the card. Moira's final service is the Visitation Service on **Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 7.30 pm**. You are welcome to attend the service which will be followed by cake and prosecco. Place: St Patrick's, Park Hill Road, Wallington, SM6 0RQ.

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



8th June 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Priest (PTO): Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

PENTECOST

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Acts 2.1-21 * Psalm 104.25-35, 37 * Romans 8.14-17 *
John 14.8-17, 25-27*

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@holynnoccentschurch.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 Melanesia.

St John the Baptist, Malden Michael Roper (Vicar), Milly Broome (PTO), Marilyn Burkett (Reader)(PTO(and, Anthony Pullen (CPLM). Malden Parochial School, Malden Manor School and Green Lane School.

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)