

TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday is a special time in the church year when we remember who God is - Father Son and Holy Spirit, The Holy Trinity. This is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian and yet it is very difficult to believe that God can be one and three. Of course it is beyond human understanding, God is a mystery to us and it would be a remarkable thing if we were able to capture God within the measure of our human mind. God is the Creator of the Cosmos, was human in Jesus Christ and lives in our hearts today through the Holy Spirit.

Today is Father's Day! We pray for God's Blessing on all who are fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers and those whose role is a father figure in many different ways. We pray for all who mentor, coach, encourage and support children and young people in our communities.

Happy
Father's
Day

MISSION ACTION PLAN Moving forward – three out of the four groups covering our mission priorities have now met. They are: Children and young people, Communication Together, Outreach into the community. Discipleship is yet to meet. Each group will be providing a mission statement/ action plan which will form part of the overall mission statement/action plan for the benefice, and the Neighbourhood Profile. We aim to have this work completed by the end of July so that we can place an advertisement for a new incumbent.

Deanery Synod meets on **Wednesday 18th June**, 8.00pm, St John's, Upper Norwood. The meeting is open for anyone to attend.

Ministries Training – Saturday 28th June, 11.00am at Holy Innocents Church. This is for anyone who is a Sidesperson/Welcomer, Chalice Assistant, Lesson Reader, Intercessions Leader, or for anyone interested in taking up one or more of these roles. An informal, friendly, sharing and getting to know you morning – with refreshments of course! Please chat with Revd Ada or Mother Susan if you have any queries.

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

United together in Christ to shine his light in our community



15th 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)

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31 * Psalm 8 * Romans 5.1-5 *
John 16.12-15

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 La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

Christ Church, Surbiton Hill John Shepherd (Vicar) **Emmanuel, Tolworth** Emmanuel Baikie (Assistant Priest).

For our young people, Teddy and Lizzie, and others, who have started their exams.

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

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

Our new vision statement for the United Benefice is **“United together in Christ to shine his light in our community”**. This has been formally approved by both PCCs and will appear on all joint communications from now on.