

THIRTEENTH DAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, is HOLY CROSS DAY. Some churches will be using the gospel from John 3 which includes the words "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Early in the fourth century, after the persecution era, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem and to visit and pray at the places associated with Jesus' life. Empress Helena the mother of the emperor Constantine, was a Christian and is said to have uncovered a cross from excavations in the city, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in 335.

This morning we welcome Zahnira Zahneya Carter, her parents and godparents as she comes to be baptised and welcomed into Christ's church. She will be baptised and anointed with the sign of the cross as she begins her journey of faith walking in the light and love of Christ.

ST MARK – OPEN HOUSE FESTIVAL

St Mark's are once again taking part in the Open House Festival this year. The church will be open from 1400 to 1700 on **Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st September.** Booking is not necessary and guided tours are available. Free refreshments including tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes are provided. Come and find out about the history of the oldest church in South Norwood. Everyone is welcome.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS

St Mark's will be holding their coffee morning on **Friday 26th September,** from 10.00am till 2.00pm, and Holy Innocents will be holding theirs on **Saturday 27th September** from 11.00am till 1.00pm, with soft play for children. Please support either or both coffee mornings, and if you can volunteer and/or make cakes, this will be much appreciated.

Churches Together in England is supporting our Member Churches and partner organisations in the call to prayer for peace in the Middle East on **Sunday, 21 September 2025.** More information can be found on the Churches Together website.

A REMINDER of this afternoon's piano recital at Holy Innocents Church, and on **Tuesday 16th September,** Andrew Storey will be giving an organ recital. All free. Refreshments will be served.

The Benefice Interregnum Prayer

Heavenly Father, we glorify Your name for Your blessings upon us. We pray for guidance and wisdom, Holy Spirit, in the process of appointing a new vicar for our United Benefice. Give us the right person to help us fulfil our vision here in South Norwood. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

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

United together in Christ, shining Christ's light in our community



14th September 2025

Vicar: Vacant

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

Priest (PTO): Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

*Exodus 32.7-14 * Psalm 51.1-11 * 1 Timothy 1.12-17 *
Luke 14.1-10*

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 South America.

St Matthew, Redhill Anna Moore (Vicar), Anne Currie (Reader), Julie Knight (Reader) and Georgia Waterton (CPLM). St Matthew's CofE Academy: Janet Lightfoot (Headteacher) Foodbank at St Matthew's Renewed Hope Trust (Homeless drop-in).

For the sick – Barbara, Emma, Rona, John, Richard, Leonard, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Graham, Luke, Linda, Fred, Ethel, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Iris, Revd. Barbara and Nadia.

The Bereaved Lorette Fritz and family and Janet and the Howard family. **The recently departed** Pancelena Fritz and Neil Howard - **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**