

## **FOURTEENTH DAY AFTER TRINITY**

Almost everybody says that the parable today from Luke is very difficult. Jesus appears to be commending the behaviour of a dishonest manager. Would Jesus really extol the virtues of corrupt business practice? We need to remember that the parables of Jesus do have some fairly horrible people used as examples. It is not that we should copy these people, rather there are lessons to be observed from what they do. Jesus told this story not to encourage dishonesty, but to draw attention to the foresight of the steward. He continues: *And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.* Jesus' choice of a "manager" or 'steward' in today's passage is altogether to the point. We need to be constantly reminded that we are the stewards and never the owners of what we possess. We have no absolute right to anything we have. So the question of a successful life is not "How much did you make?", but "How did you use what you had for the general welfare of all?" That is the way to make the friends Jesus talks about in the Gospel.

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\*\*\***GOOD NEWS!**\*\*\*

The advert for a new Vicar for the United Benefice of Holy Innocents and St Mark is now live on Pathways <https://www.cofepathways.org/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=9064>. Interviews will be taking place on the **10<sup>th</sup> December**. Please feel free to share with anyone you know who may be interested. We pray for the right person to be moved by the Holy Spirit to come forward to apply.

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### **Black History Month**

A reminder of the Diocesan BHM event at the Cathedral. The conference "Who do you say that I am?" will be held on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**, 10.30am till 1.30pm. Please check the Diocesan website to book tickets.

### **Macmillan Coffee Mornings**

And another reminder! Please support either or both Coffee Mornings in the Benefice. On **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – St Mark, 10.00 till 2.00pm, and on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**, Holy Innocents, 11.00am till 1.00pm, with soft play for the children.

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### **From Bishop Rosemarie**

The Bishop of Southwark has announced the appointment of Revd Dr. Geoff Dumbreck, to be the new Archdeacon of Reigate. Geoff is currently Vicar of the South Croydon Benefice and Area Dean of Croydon Central. In early 2025, he served as Acting Archdeacon of Croydon. We pray for him as he prepares to take up his new role in January 2026.

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### **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.

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

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



**21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**Vicar:** Vacant

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

**Priest (PTO):** Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

**Reader (PTO):** Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

## **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)**

**10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)**

*Amos 8.4-7 \* Psalm 113 \* 1 Timothy 2.1-7 \*  
Luke 16.1-13*

**Access online worship via**  
[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

## **CHURCH NOTICES**

**Pastoral Care:** for enquiries regarding Holy Innocents, please contact Mother Susan 07890780572 [fs.kiley@btinternet.com](mailto:fs.kiley@btinternet.com) and for St Mark, please contact Mother Ada 02086574018 or Cicelyn Hinds (both churches) 02086562474 [cahinds@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto:ndwillis12@outlook.com)) and Cicelyn Hinds ([cahinds@btinternet.com](mailto:cahinds@btinternet.com)) Holy Innocents – [Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk](mailto:Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk)

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**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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist** International Day of Peace "The Rights to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70" Pray for the Anglican Peace and Justice Network as it shares justice and peace issues from local contexts and brings stories of hope to the wider Communion.

**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. **The recently departed** Pancelena Fritz - **and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.**