

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Let us pray, as the fourth
Advent candle is lit:

The *First* candle is for the patriarchs. The *second* candle is for the Prophets. The *third* candle is for John the Baptist. The *fourth* candle is for Mary.

Lord Jesus, light of the world, blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news; blessed is Mary, your mother and ours. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas; and bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.

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From the Chaplaincy Team at Croydon University Hospital – the carol singing on the wards tomorrow (22nd) evening has been **CANCELLED**.

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--- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ---

Today, 21st December

1.00pm – IMPRINT Gospel Choir Carol Service at **Holy Innocents**

Wednesday, 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE:

11pm - Midnight Mass at **St. Mark**

Thursday, 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY:

8am - (BCP) Mass at **St. Mark**

10.15am – All Age Holy Communion at **Holy Innocents**

Sunday, 28th December

FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS:

10am Mass at Holy Innocents
Everyone welcome

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*** **FAREWELL AND THANK YOU** ***

*** **TO REVD ADA** ***

Christmas Day is Revd Ada's last day at St Mark. We thank her hugely for all she has done in guiding St Mark's Church this past year and through the preparation for a new Vicar. We ask God to bless her and her family as she takes some time off over the coming weeks and for her future ministry.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our New Vicar

Gracious Lord, with joy and gratitude, we thank you for the blessing of our new vicar.

You have heard our prayers and, in your perfect timing, brought a faithful servant to lead and nurture our church family. Pour out your Spirit upon them—granting wisdom to guide, courage to serve, and compassion to care for all in their flock. May their ministry be rooted in your Word, overflowing with grace, and fruitful in every good work. Unite us as one body, eager to walk alongside them in love and service, so that together we may shine your light in our community. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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*



21st December 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*)

10.00am Parish Mass (*Both Parishes*)

1.00pm Contemporary Service
(*IMPRINT Church at Holy Innocents*)

*Isaiah 7.10-15 * Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20 * Romans 1.1-7 *
Matthew 1.18-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 07961728618

a_onye@yahoo.co.uk 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

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We pray: For the Archbishop of Canterbury elect, Sarah Mullally, 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 Burundi.

Pray for those in hospitals and hospice es over Christmas and all chaplaincy teams serving those places.

For the sick – Richard, Barbara, Emma, Rona, John, Leonard, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Fred, Ethel, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Revd Barbara, Shirley, Luke, Beverley, Rowena, Susan, Joyce, Jean, Nicholas and Orlando.

The bereaved – Jackie and David Underwood.

The recently departed – Maurice Underwood - *and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.*