# *All Soul's Commemoration*

Remembering those we have loved and have lost

## Wednesday 4th November, 1pm

A service of Holy Communion with commemoration of the departed and prayers for those who mourn
Followed by tea

If you would like someone to be remembered by name on 4th November, please add their name to the list which will be in the hall after this morning's service or contact office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk

# St Mark's

The Church at the Heart of Wimbledon
Sunday 25th October 2026

Welcome! Whether you are a visitor or a regular member of the congregation, we pray that you might come closer to God during the service.

**Children & young people***:* We currently have a single group for children pre-school age and above that meets in the hall after the first hymn. We ask that children under four are accompanied. Do join us!

**Parents with babies & toddlers** are welcome to use the chapel at the back of the church behind the glass windows. There are toys and books provided, & a loudspeaker so you can hear what is happening during the service.

**Thinking of making a donation to the church?** You can give contactlessly using the card reader at the back of church, or via your mobile phone using the QR code in the Entrance Area. If you give regularly, why not join the Planned Giving Scheme? This is an easy way to give and helps the church plan its finances. Contact Paul Dorman: treasurer@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk for more information or pick up a Planned Giving form from the back of St Mark's.

**Mobile telephones**: Please ensure these are turned off / silent during the service.

**After the service** please collect a tea, coffee or squash in the hall.

**Can't be here every Sunday?** We can help you stay in touch with St Mark's by emailing the notice and readings sheets to you each week. Please email your request to office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk.

**Our mission statement, purpose, and reason for being here:**

- **To be enriched by the love of God**
- **To extend the welcome of God**
- **To express the compassion of God**

**Vicar:** Revd Jane Andrews 07591 203468 jane.andrews@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk
**Pastoral Minister:** Paula Thorvaldsen 07711 887430 paula@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk
**Church Wardens:** Nick & Beth churchwardens@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk.
**Church Office hours:** Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am – 1.30pm (please check overleaf for any amendments) 020 8944 8436 office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk

*Items for inclusion should reach the Church Office by 9am Wednesday of each week.*

**Prayer requests - please pray for:**

Gerald Dorman
Valerie Topp
Andrew Ross
Gloria Bone
Jenny Broadley
Charmaine Bosser
Matina Stylianou

**Those who have recently died:**

Janet McKenzie
Yvonne Whitecross
Audrey Stewart

Organisations that St Mark's supports: this month we are praying for **Our link diocese of Jerusalem**

*If you would like to add an individual to our prayer request list, please email the Church Office or use the intercession folder at the back of the Church.*

**Janet McKenzie**'s funeral will be held at St Mark's on Wednesday 28th October at 3pm. *Jane Andrews.*

Join us for our **Festive Toy Swap** at Wimbledon Library on Tuesday 17th November, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Bring children's toys, games and books you no longer need, and swap for something new to you. Get your kids Christmas gifts sorted for free, clear out the clutter and enjoy an evening out with friends. *Jane Andrews.*

**Volunteers needed.** Could you come on the morning of Saturday 14th November to accept donations for the Christmas Toy Swap? We need to welcome, check and sort ahead of the swap on the following Tuesday evening. *Jane Andrews.*

This is your last week to **nominate a charity** for our onward giving. St Mark's give 10% of gifts we receive to other organisations also supporting the values of God's kingdom. Nominations are sought for charities with national, international, or local focus. *Jane Andrews.*

## Notices

**Services this week:**

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| Tue, Wed, Thu | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday | 1pm | Holy Communion |
| Thursday | 2pm | Team Prayers at St John's |

Morning and Evening Prayer and a midweek Eucharist are also held at St Matthew's and St Mary's. Please see their websites for details.

**Upcoming meetings**
Wardens & Vicar: Wed 4th Nov, 10am
Finance team: Mon 16th Nov, 11am
Standing Committee: Tue 17th Nov, 12.30pm
DCC: Wed 25th Nov, 6pm (with Evening Prayer at 5.30pm)
PCC: Wed 2nd Dec, 8pm

Enormous thanks to all who have returned a red envelope as part of our **Generosity campaign**. If you would still like to make your pledge, we would be welcome them at any time. Giving of the gifts we receive is an important spiritual discipline and helps shape our relationship with our money and talents. *Jane Andrews.*

Please pray for the people of the **Diocese of Matabeleland** in their discernment and election of a new Bishop, for wisdom and good judgement for those who are electors, for Christ's peace and assurance for all the candidates, and for strength and courage for the new Bishop, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit as they are anointed for this task. The election will take place on 31st October. *Martin, Bishop of Kingston.*

**A Milestone for Our Church:** We are delighted to share that our church has officially been awarded a **Bronze Eco Church certificate** by A Rocha UK. This scheme looks at how we care for God's world through our worship, buildings, land, and community engagement. It is a brilliant reflection of the small, steady changes we've been making, and provides a foundation for us to build upon. A massive thanks to everyone who contributed, from Saturday morning litter picks to supporting the Repair Café initiative to simply praying for our environment. It's an encouraging milestone on our ongoing journey to care for creation.
*Church wardens.*

## Children & Young People

**Sunday Club** is taking a break for Half Term. On Sunday 1st November we will worship together to celebrate All Saints Day. We look forward to Sunday Club returning on 8th November to complete our season of Caring for God's World. *Beccy and Steph.*

**Rafters** for young people in years 8-13. Sunday evenings 6pm - 7.30pm. We will resume after Half Term on Sunday 8th November.

This term we will hold **services** that include all generations at All Saints (1st November) and Advent Sunday (29th November).

The **Bible Course part 2** starts in November. Over 4 more session we will cover Exile, Jesus, the church and our ultimate hope. *Jane Andrews.*

**The Repair Cafe** is next open on Saturday 31st October 10.30am in St Mark's church hall. We will do our best to repair clothes, electricals and other household items. More details from Merton Friends of the Earth on www.mertonfoe.org/wimbledon-repair-cafe.
*Jane Andrews.*

**Altar Flowers:** To donate towards flowers for sponsorship, the flowers cost £25 per week, part donations welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church or email Sandy at sblewitt@email.com. Thank you! *Sandy Blewitt-Reynolds.*

The **Church Office** will be closed from Tuesday 27th October to Sunday 1st November. Notices for 1st November should reach the Church Office by 9am on Monday 26th October. *Becky Bryant.*

**Next week** is All Saints Day when we celebrate Christians past and present who have lived lives of faith and service. We will pray to be "in that number, when the saints go marching in". *Jane Andrews.*