

NEWS

Sunday 30 August 2020

Bank Holiday Walk



Through Clarendon Estate
Meet St Andrew's Church
Monday 2pm.

Please bring your own refreshments as there won't be any on the hike.

St Mark SUNDAY@10
09.30 Sunday Prayer
10.00 Gathering
& Worship Service
With communion

St Andrew 10.30 HC
10.00 Doors Open
10.30 Service
11.30 Close

17.00 REWIND ONLINE
18.00 Zoom Chat

LIVE SUNDAY

Live worship at St Mark
[Sunday@10](#) and St
Andrew [Sunday at 1030](#).
See the links for *REWIND*
our online recordings
available from 5pm.
[Ruth](#) activity sheet.

ONLINE THIS SUNDAY

Please visit [Breakfast@9 Online](#) for this week's online service & [Zoom@9](#)

[You Tube Channel](#)

[Sunday Zoom](#) at 9am and
at 6.00pm Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY 6th September

Breakfast@9 with Sharon in
Acts 27
Together@10 at St Marks in
Joshua 1:9 and
St Andrews HC at 10.30 in
Romans 8:12-28

This news sheet is available
at our website in full colour
with click-able links.

Information about our Sunday Services (from the website)

- St Andrew's **Breakfast@9** is online posted on Saturday ready for viewing when you like and we meet together for **Zoom Discussion at 9am Sunday & Churchyard Chat at 7pm** at church. Please bring your own chair + blankets!
- **Sunday@10** is a live service at St Mark's. Though we are unable to serve refreshments on arrival we will use that time to chat. The service will include communion (either during or at the end). We have a family friendly area at the back for up to 6 households and tables around church for other groups. Please wear a mask if you are over age 11. We have plenty of spares if you need one.
- St Andrew's **HC at 10.30** is a Holy Communion service with social distancing. Please wear a mask.

You can find all our services on our [YouTube Channel](#) and they will be available there the moment they are uploaded.

Phil Clements on Ruth 4

In our short series on the book of Ruth we have been tracing some aspects of God's providence that the story reveals. God is active in our world and in our lives, and through this activity we can be sure that God cares for us, he provides for us and he is

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12th Sunday after Trinity

Bible readings:

Acts 17-20

Ruth 4

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 16:21-end

Psalm 105:23-36

Collect:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to
save us: remind us of
your goodness, increase
your grace within us,
that our thankfulness
may grow, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

ZOOM daily social

Join us for a social chat on
Sunday at 6pm and on
Monday - Saturday 4pm by
following this link.

[ZOOM SOCIAL / PRAYER](#)

Please feel free to use this
for your own personal
church meet-ups.

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in control in all that happens to us. In Ruth chapter 2 we asked the question "where do you go for refuge"? Have you been thinking about that one? For Ruth the answer was found in 2:12 "May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." In chapter 3 we were challenged to think about how God is in our decisions. Naomi was desperate – she had described herself as 'empty'. Ruth was determined to do something about their situation and God, in his providence, brought them both into contact with Boaz – their 'kinsman – redeemer'. This essentially meant he was a family member with a responsibility to help out those in need, in this case Naomi and Ruth. This side of the cross we cannot but be reminded of the work of Jesus – our perfect 'kinsman-redeemer'. Well the story ends in chapter 4. Ruth gets married to Boaz and has a son, Obed. Naomi moves from 'empty' to fullness again. Through all of it we see God's plan working out, not only in the ordinary lives of ordinary people, (you and me?) but in the bigger plan of God, as Obed was to become the grandfather of King David – who was in direct line of succession to Jesus himself.

Robin Scott on Acts 17-20 -Paul on Mars Hill, Athens.

Speaking to a Greek audience, Paul does not use Jewish scriptures on his audience but rather finds wisdom in their own poets. Who are the prophets in the literature and drama of our culture today? How do we recognise truth when we hear or see it? Is everything in the Bible necessarily "true" for today? Truth resides in God rather than in a book. Jesus speaks of the "Spirit of Truth" who will lead us into all truth. The Spirit bears witness among us. We won't necessarily all agree on truth, but the greatest truth is love and we can all do that.

Paul says that God hoped people would look about for him and perhaps find him. Where would we expect to find pointers around us to the existence of a God – if you didn't already believe in one? In the heavens? In nature? Is there a direct creation-connection between God and nature? How does scientific theory of cosmic evolution over billions of years following the Big Bang come into it all?

The Living God who is the source of all life and gifts has no need of temples and their processes. Since we are God's "offspring", why would be so silly as to think that God could be identified with temples and idols of wood and stone. Why, then, does the church have such a major emphasis and financial outlay on buildings and religious rituals? Where does this cross the line into idolatry? Jesus was in constant conflict with the Temple and its ways and claimed to be the true temple himself. His Body is his gift to us and our identity. The early church was Spirit-filled people living in radical community as Christ's Body. How can we recapture this simplicity – free of buildings and rituals?



St Mark's Mini "Summer" Fete

An invitation to the St Mark's Church Mini Summer Fete
in the church garden on:-

Saturday 12th September from 11.00-1.00.

Fun and games with social distancing, all welcome!

Can you help with the tech at St Mark's (computer, sound desk, filming)? Full training given. Contact Jo King 07771 858547 johnandjo.king@gmail.com



Can you help?

We are creating a Facilities Group for St Mark's which will look at ways in which we can improve the way we use our buildings. If you would like to join contact Jo King.



Accommodation needed...

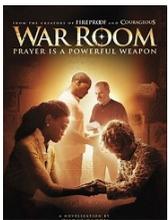
Paul Obudo a Moorlands College degree student from Axminster is planning to join us. We have committed initially to his Foundation year: to raise support and accommodation.



Could you host him?

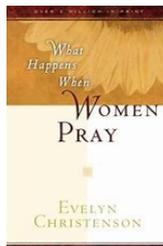
It's a great opportunity to support a young person in their training... please prayerfully consider and speak to a Churchwarden or contact the office.

Charles and Wendy Dew Jones have kindly sent us a video clip sharing their experiences and talk about the benefits of hosting students. View their video [here](#).



Movie Night- about twenty people gathered at St Mark's on the 19th August to watch a Powerful film called **"War Room"**. This is a story about one woman's experience of prayer and supporting a younger woman in deepening her relationship with God. If anyone would like to borrow the DVD please contact Jo King.

Jo also offered on the night the opportunity of meeting - either in person or on zoom - to study a book called **'What happens when women pray'** written by Evelyn Christensen. "I read this book just after I became a Christian and it transformed my prayer life. So, if you would like to join a couple of us to explore prayer through reading a chapter or two each week for a few weeks please get in touch." This is open to anyone in both our congregations. Jo's contact details are Johnandjo.king@gmail.com / 07771 858547.



Is God calling you to be part of the Leadership Team of St Mark's or St Andrew's?

Contact Maureen Snook if you are interested in joining us.

Send us your clips!

These are still very welcome as we seek to include those who can only watch online. Clips, photos, and stories to camera can be left [here](#).

Thanks for sharing.

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Salisbury Transition city are looking for helpers for the event 'People in the Park'. They would also appreciate contributions to their newsletter. Read their email [here](#).

Mission News

Update from Yei - Girls project
www.immanuelkindergarten.org

Things are difficult for so many people all over the world currently and life in Yei is hard for families.

Teenage girls, many of whom are graduates of Immanuel Kindergarten in South Sudan are selling themselves to pay for soap and food for their families. Immanuel

Kindergarten are seeking funding ([link](#)) for a special education project **Keep Teenage Girls in Yei Safe**.

The Head teacher of the Kindergarten who is leading this initiative said 'The proposal is to use local radio broadcasts and workshops working with girls from the local senior schools in Yei to raise awareness and teach life skills as well as give out soap.'

Our Mission Partners

Yei Diocese

David and Shelley Stokes

The Bridge Project

Alabaré

Salisbury Street Pastors

Salisbury Food Bank



Please click the [link](#) to read the recent update about the progress of the project - including photos of face to face teaching (see above) and giving out of soap plus the radio talk show and the preparation for recording an awareness raising drama to be aired across South Sudan. If more money becomes available they plan to continue the work.

PRAYER POINTS

- **PCC & Church Leadership**
- For those on our **Prayer Chain: The Edwards family** - Amelia (3) arthritis and leukemia, Great-grandfather biopsy due; **Zane Wang** (foot injury); **Elizabeth** (Ken's Cousin) - out of HDU and doing well please continue to pray for the long time of recovery she faces; **Ben** (long-term illness)
- **Bible Society** - Bookshops and ministries at risk of closure. Bible work in 88 countries is at risk as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and lockdowns.
- **Schools** - as children return this week.

DONATE

Please use the link below if you would like to give to Church or Mission funds.



Grand decluttering sale

Saturday

September 5th.

All proceeds to  Christian aid. See [poster](#) and [link](#) for more details. If you would like to donate items Morris Munns can help arrange (no 3 piece suites or fridges)



If you would value prayer for anything please send requests to our prayer chain. This will be shared with home group leaders and passed to our dedicated pray-ers. All details will be treated respectfully.
prayer@stmarkstandrew.org

Contacts

All enquiries and requests for support to Jane Holme:
church@stmarkstandrew.org or by calling 07933 952171

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Do pray for us and contact the office with suggestions.

SALT 1st Sept 7:30pm

MALT 3rd Sept 7:30pm

PCC 7th Sept 7:30pm

This link is for SALT & MALT and PCC members.

["Cobra" ZOOM](#)