

# NEWS

Sunday 27 September 2020



**TODAY** at St Andrew's  
Next week at St Mark's

Donations for Salisbury Food bank. Please see their [website](#) for up-to-date needs.

## Dear Family of Christ

*"Hear my teaching, O my people, incline your ears to the words of my mouth." [Psalm 78:1]*

Today's Psalm reminds us of the importance of listening to the word of God, so let us pray this weekend, like Paul, for 'the eyes of our hearts' (Ephesians 1:17-18) to be opened by the Spirit as his word is preached and heard this Sunday.

Following our new pattern, last Sunday's services are available for **viewing online** this Sunday. We hope our whole church family can therefore take part in person or online and that the written contributions here from Rachel and Morris assist you as you read God's word this weekend.

Our **APCM** has now been scheduled for Wednesday 14 October at St Mark's Church from 7.30pm. Please see Maureen's notice about this, look out for the APCM report, and do get in any nomination forms. We do not have the ability to livestream this meeting but questions can be submitted to the church office.

With the coming of new NHS COVID-19 APP, we have on display at our venues QR-code posters for **test and trace**. If you are able to install the app on your mobile and scan yourselves in when you arrive this will help assist the overall medical effort to stop the spread of the virus.

Finally, a song: "[Facing a task unfinished](#)" reminds us of our vision 'to serve Jesus, each other and our world' as we go into all the world (or stay here) and make Him known.

Warmly in Christ, Andy Bousfield

## LIVE ON SUNDAY

for all three congregations

**Breakfast@9**  
**09.00-09.40 Worship**

**St Mark SUNDAY@10**  
**09.30 Sunday Prayer**  
**10.00 Gathering**

**St Andrew 10.30 HC**  
**10.30 Holy Communion**

## ONLINE THIS SUNDAY

Please visit [Breakfast@9](#), [Sunday@10](#) or [Sunday at 1030](#) at our website if you are viewing from home.

[B@9 ZoomChat](#) at 7pm

## NEXT SUNDAY 4th October

**Breakfast@9** with Diane in  
Philippians 1:27-2:11  
**Sunday@10 HARVEST** at  
St Marks with Andy and St  
Andrews **Sunday at 10.30**  
with Diane in Philippians  
3:4b-14.

**WEDNESDAY 9.30am** Holy  
Communion at St Andrews

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### Bible readings:

Philippians 1:12-26

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Luke 12:16-31

*Psalms 78 & 65 (Harvest)*

**Collect:** Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around  
and within us:  
open our eyes to your  
wonders, that we may  
serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at  
our lives' end, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Post Communion:

Almighty God, you have  
taught us through your  
Son that love is the  
fulfilling of the law: grant  
that we may love you  
with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as  
ourselves; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Rachel on Philippians 1:12-26 'Courageous: Life in Christ'

We are carrying on through Paul's letter to the Philippians, written by Paul when he was under house arrest, unable to leave his home, and in constant danger... for a letter written two thousand years ago, it has a very 2020 feel about it! Despite this, Paul manages to talk about joy and how he is still able to rejoice in his life.

The standout verse is this: "*For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain*" (Philippians 1:27). Paul's secret to happiness is this- his greatest joy in life is in Christ; nothing about his circumstances, however bad they may be, can take Christ away from him. Even facing up to death for Paul means coming face to face with the thing that makes him happiest- Christ. As we head into winter and get used to the latest rules about meeting with loved ones, we are perhaps having to say goodbye to some of the things that bring us joy. This is really hard! Especially this week at Harvest Festival, when we are thanking God for his beautiful created world, it is very difficult to deal with feeling shut off from that world, as well as many of the people we love. The only thing we can do is to strive, like Paul, have Christ as our deepest joy.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul described Christ like this: "*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" (Romans 8:38-39). Writing in 2020, we might want to add that the love of Christ is also is weather-proof, lockdown-proof and entirely Covid-safe! /

### Morris on Philippians 2 'Imitating Christ'

Reading other people's letters can be fascinating, especially when you know who they are talking about. Andy introduced us to the 'founder-members' of the church at Philippi (Lydia etc.) and Barry pointed out some of the other actors in this drama (Euodia and Syntyche) and today's reading features Timothy and Epaphroditus. However, the letter wasn't written to pique our curiosity, it was written to encourage a congregation facing opposition and help us live Christ-like lives. Paul wanted them to 'Shine like stars in a dark world'.

How were they to do that?

By 3 interconnected ways of imitating Jesus.

1. **Thinking** 'have this mind in you' This is to do with our intellect, but it is more than that, it is the direction of our will. 'Mindset' as NIV helpfully translates. It is easy for our thoughts to be moulded by the world around us. (Rom.12:2) Jesus's will was directed towards doing the Father's will. We can't do that on our own. We need to be 'remade'. 2.13 'work out your salvation for it is God who works in you to will and act....'*Serving Jesus*

## ZOOM daily social

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

[ZOOM SOCIAL](#)

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

**2. Being** 'taking the very nature of a servant' (properly slave) he humbled himself. 'Thinking' overflows into our *attitudes*, into 'being'. The incarnation 'God with us' sharing our humanity. Jesus gave a pattern for us to follow as he washed the disciples' feet. 2:3&4, 2:14 'Do everything without grumbling and arguing' *Serving each other*.

**3. Doing** 'becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross' Jesus gave himself for the world. Paul is doing the same. *Serving our world*

**Timothy and Epaphroditus** are 'worked examples' of how to serve, to encourage our response. Timothy v.20, 'concern for your welfare'  
Epaphroditus v.25-27 nearly died, but he's worried about them!  
*'In the Kingdom of heaven, service is not the stepping-stone to greatness, it's the only kind of greatness there is.'* T. W. Manson. /

### The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM is on 14th October.

Links here for the nomination forms for:

[PCC members](#),  
[Deanery Synod Members](#)  
[Church Wardens](#)

We have 6 vacancies at St Mark's and 1 for St Andrew's. We also have vacancies for Church Wardens, 2 per church and 3 Deanery Synod Members need to be appointed for 3 years.

Please send your responses to Maureen Snook, completed and signed via email or they can be handed over at church. Nominations can be taken up to the date of the APCM but if there are more candidates than vacancies, we have to have a vote so it would be worth knowing who wishes to stand beforehand.

The APCM report and the Agenda for the meeting with last year's minutes will be available in due course so that people can access this as well.

**Homelessness in the Bible and Today** - Alabaré are launching a new 5 week course about homelessness read about it [here](#). Homelessness in the Bible and Today is available to download from the Alabaré website [here](#).

St Paul's invites you to an event - **Making sense of a Post-Covid world** - **Saturday 3rd October 7:30pm** Click [here](#) for more details and to hear Speaker Andy Moore from the Ravi Zacharias Trust explaining more about the evening. No booking required just go to the [link](#) to join on the evening.  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 865 8853 2118**  
**Passcode: 100320**

Please feel free to invite non-Christians along, it's the sort of event that they may well come to.

### CAN YOU HELP?

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

Contact Maureen Snook if you are interested in joining the PCC.

Here is a link to the [PCC nomination form](#).

### Welcoming & Tech

Full training given. Contact Jo King at St Mark's or get in touch with the office.

**Do you know someone who would value receiving this newsletter? Please encourage them to subscribe using [this link](#).**

**Safer Salisbury resource** - The latest of what is going on in Salisbury right [here](#).

### 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.**

# Mission News

Our focus mission partner this month is the **Yei Diocese in South Sudan**.

## 'We're all in this together'

The churches in Yei are giving a lead with Covid education. You can read an article about the C-19 task force developed by Bishop Hilary and his team [here](#).

"The role of the pastors to disseminate information on Corona virus disease is of great importance as the community listens to pastors more carefully, compared to other people's voices..." (Wani Justin Francis, Education Coordinator, Diocese of Yei)

Please pray for Bishop Hilary and his team as they carry out their work and for lasting peace for South Sudan.



## Our Mission Partners

Yei Diocese

David and Shelley Stokes  
The Bridge Project  
Alabaré

Salisbury Street Pastors  
Salisbury Food Bank

## David & Shelley Stokes



Please pray for them as they are preparing to leave Argentina (they are aiming towards end January early February). They would appreciate prayers that they may be able to carry out goodbye visits and for all the arrangements for ending their tenancy and the practical details that need to fall into place.

# PRAYER POINTS

- **Andy, Morris and Rachel and Jill** preaching and leading this weekend.
- **Homegroups and Pastoral Care**
- For those on our **Prayer Chain: Phil Clements; Peter Gallagher; Janet Dominy** in hospital after a stroke, sadly she is not improving, and will need a longer stay before coming home; **Margaret** (Bob Wilson's Sister)- diagnosed with terminal lung tumor; **Elizabeth** (Ken's Cousin) - at home as she regains her strength; **Antony** (Jane's dad) in hospital.
- **Alabaré** and the work they do to support vulnerable people.
- For the control of the spread of the virus and for the development of a vaccine.
- The **Crisis in Yemen**

# DONATE

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



## St Marks Kitchen Equipment needed

To view the full list of items needed click [here](#).



Contact the office if you would like to donate items.

# Contacts

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

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](mailto:prayer@stmarkstandrew.org)

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Do pray for us and contact the office with suggestions.

**MALT - 15 October**  
**SALT - 2 November**

This link is for SALT & MALT and PCC members.

["Cobra" ZOOM](#)