

NEWS

St Mark
St Andrew
SERVING JESUS, EACH OTHER, OUR WORLD

Sunday 11th October 2020



Dear church family

Thanks to both churches for your kind donations for Salisbury Food Bank. We have our APCM this coming Wednesday and I hope many of you will be able to attend. We will record it for viewing after as we are unable to show it live. May I encourage you to take one step forward in one of these ways?

- Get in at the start of our 1Thessalonians series "Staying Strong - Living Ready" from Sunday 18 October and join with your existing housegroup discussions afterwards.
- Join a *new* six-week-only online housegroup 7.30pm on Wednesdays from **21 Oct** in [Zoom1](#) with Andy.
- Explore Prayer on Sundays at 6pm from **25 Oct** with Jo King in [Zoom2](#).
- Enrol in DigDeeper (with Phil Clements) and explore ways to really hear God through his word for five Tuesdays from **17 Nov** in [Zoom2](#).

This aren't the only ways you could take one step forward this Autumn, but how will *you* take one step forward - and hopefully not two steps back?! In Christ, who is coming again, Andy

Barry Blackford writes on Philippians 2 "Shining"

A torch, no matter how small the beam and weak the battery casts light into a dark place, the stronger the beam, the more we can see, but even the weakest light can be seen from far further than we can see with it. Over the last few weeks in Breakfast@9 we have been looking at Paul's letter to the Philippians and his teaching on what it means to be a follower of Jesus' Way, a way that we now call being a Christian. Paul tells us that Jesus' followers shine like "stars in the sky," or

LIVE ON SUNDAY

for all three congregations

Breakfast@9
09.00-09.40 Worship

St Mark SUNDAY@10
09.30 Sunday Prayer
10.00 Worship + HC

St Andrew 10.30 HC
10.30 Holy Communion

ALSO ONLINE 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

WEDNESDAYS 9.30am Holy Communion at St Andrews

NEXT SUNDAY 18th October

Breakfast@9 with Robin and Mary in Philippians 3:1-9
Sunday@10 at St Marks with Andy and **Sunday at 10.30** at St Andrews with Barry in 1 Thessalonians 1.

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18th Sunday after Trinity

Bible readings:

Philippians 2:12-20

Philippians 4:4-9, 12-14,
19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Psalms 106

Collect:

God, our judge and
saviour, teach us to be
open to your truth and to
trust in your love, that we
may live each day with
confidence in the salvation
which is given through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion:

We praise and thank you, O
Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your
passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled
with grace, and here a
pledge of future glory is
given, when we shall feast
at that table where you
reign with all your saints for
ever.

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.

If you would like to set up a
zoom meeting for more than
the free allowance please
contact the office to book a
time slot and receive a code.

"lights in the world". This, Paul says, comes through living obediently; just as Jesus obeyed his Father, so we must obey our Father as well. This obedience mustn't be an attempt to earn our salvation because Jesus has already earned it for us. However, Paul says that we do need to "work out" our salvation. Note he says "work out", not "work for", our salvation. Our obedience comes out of our love for Jesus and the Father. Unlike following a religion, which says, 'I obey, therefore I'm accepted', Jesus' followers say, 'I'm accepted, therefore I obey'. What he is saying is that by working *out* our salvation we are trying to act in line with our salvation which means obeying Christ in every aspect of our lives. Jesus told his followers, also called disciples, that they should be disciple-making disciples that is why true followers of Jesus want to tell others about him rather than keeping him to themselves and Paul finishes this part of the letter off with a couple of examples of true disciples; Timothy and Epaphroditus.

Phil Clements on Philippians 4 "Content in Christ"

How content do you feel? Many of us might say it depends on what we mean by being content. A dictionary definition is helpful here – "a state a peaceful happiness". Do you sometimes find yourself saying "if only..." If only I had this or that, if only this situation would change – then things would be different and I would be ...content. Sadly the realities of our lives are that when one of our "if only's" is satisfied then another will take its place.

Paul had *learned* that deep contentment was independent of our physical circumstances, and unrelated to what we have or do not have. For him, ultimate, lasting and deep contentment was to be found in Jesus. He talks about 'learning the secret'...

Philippians 4:12b-13 "...I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength".

As we take another step forward in our personal walk with Jesus we would do well to share in this secret. We can understand from this passage (4:10-20) how Paul learned to be content in Christ in terms of three dimensions. First – Christian generosity – the Philippians supported Paul generously and self-sacrificially. Second – Christian discipline – we can make a proactive decision not to *covet* - that yearning to possess something that someone else has. Third – Christian trustfulness. Paul knew, and trusted in the truth of what he says in verse 19 "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Jesus Christ".

A question for us all is "where does our contentment lie"? I'm reminded of the words of the lovely song by Stuart Townend: 'In Christ alone my hope is found...' Listen to the full lyrics [here](#).

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Wednesday 14 October at St Mark's 7.30pm

The APCM is an opportunity to reflect on where God has led us over the last year and to galvanize our parish vision as we meet and pray together. It is also a legal obligation as a registered charity and as a church, at which we communicate our Annual Report and appoint officers. To keep the meeting to an hour this year we will only have verbal reports from the vicar, treasurer and church wardens, but you may read our Report in full. It includes a financial report and reports from the ministries of our parish. We will be taking questions on the evening if you have any. We do not have the ability to livestream this meeting but questions may be submitted to the church office in advance.

Links here to the reports and agenda:

[Annual Report](#)

[Minutes from 2019](#)

[Agenda for 2020](#)

Links here for the nomination forms for:

[PCC members](#),

[Deanery Synod Members](#)

[Church Wardens](#)

Is God calling you to be part of the Leadership Team?

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

**If you would like a paper version of the
Annual Report please get in touch with
the office ASAP.**

We have 6 vacancies at St Mark's and 2 for St Andrew's. We also have vacancies for 3 Deanery Synod Members for a 3 year term.

Please send any applications or nominations to Maureen Snook, completed and signed via email or they can be handed over at church. You just need to complete your section and can leave the rest of the form blank. 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 advanced notice would help.

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. We continue to keep a written record of attendance for three weeks.

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

SOME ONLINE EVENTS

Care for the Family - Online Autumn events

Simply browse the website [here](#) and register to book those you would like to watch, they are all free to view. This week is The Wisdom House with Rob Parsons 13,14, 15 October at 7:30pm.

The Global Leadership Summit 2020

If you are interested please follow the [link](#) for more information and details on how to book.

The Silver Salisbury film Supporting Each Other During Lockdown is available to view on www.silversalisbury.co.uk

**Remembrance
Sunday 8th
November**



Remember with Thanks our
loved ones who have passed
All Saint's Day Sun 1 Nov
3pm at St Andrew's Church

Mission News

Our mission focus this month is the **Northern Estates**. As long as the Pavilion remains closed Flipside and the Cafe and Toddler work is on pause. So too is our plan to launch a mission church for the area on Sunday afternoons.

On **18th October** there will be a prayer meeting at the Pavilion 4-5pm. We shall continue to pray for the area and consider the next steps for our mission to this part of our parish.

Please join us if you have connections with Bishopdown Farm, Hampton Park, Riverdown Park or Greentrees Schools.

Our Mission Partners

Yei Diocese
David and Shelley Stokes
The Bridge Project
Alabaré
Salisbury Street Pastors
Salisbury Food Bank

Homelessness in the Bible and Today - Alabaré are launching a new 5 week course about homelessness read about it [here](#) and download the studies [here](#).

Salisbury Food bank is looking for a volunteer Secretary for their Trustee Board as they launch the new charity with local governance but supported by the Trussell Trust. If interested please Contact lucy.duffy@trusselltrust.org 07990 017 116

PRAYER POINTS

• **Barry, Jo, Jill, Phil and Andy**, preaching and leading this weekend.

• **Our APCM on the 14th October.**

• For those on our **Prayer Chain**: **Janet Dorniny** in hospital after a stroke; **Elizabeth** (Ken's Cousin) ongoing recovery and Chemo this week; **Antony** (Jane's dad) in hospital; **John Michael** (Steph's Brother) and his wife **Ashlee** both have Covid and their 2yr old son also has fever; **Colin Finch** back in hospital after a fall; **John Read** in hospice; **Tina Damarell** recovering from back surgery.

• **Salisbury Street Pastors**

• Those affected by Coronavirus

DONATE

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



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.

Contacts

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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

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](#)

Serving Jesus, each other, our world

EXPLORE JESUS

READ THE BIBLE

JOIN A GROUP

JOIN DIG DEEPER

EXPLORE PRAYER

How will you take

One. Step. Forward...

with God in 2020-2021?

SEE ST MARK'S WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS - WWW.STMARKSTANDREW.ORG

EXPLORE EVANGELISM

COME AND PRAY

DAILY DEVOTIONS

READ 1-2-1

JOURNAL WITH GOD

Knowing God & Making God Known

ONE. STEP. FORWARD...

We all need a bit of a nudge, and coronavirus won't stop us from keeping the important things at the forefront in our lives as Christians. Here and at the St Mark's part of our parish website we list a number of ideas and resources that can support you in your walk with Jesus. Please see the website for further links and updates.

Explore Jesus - How can I know if I am really a Christian at all?

This is the place to start. God has made you for a relationship with him. See the website for a couple of links you could follow to explore Jesus' his invitation to life, hope, forgiveness and eternal love. But getting involved in any of the things listed on this page will help you to discover where you are with God.

Join 'Dig Deeper' - A short course on getting the most out of the Bible

Five Tuesday evenings this Autumn with Phil Clements exploring ways to really hear God through his word, **from 17th November** in Zoom.

Read the Bible - Commit to a daily reading plan and personal time with Jesus.

Sanctification doesn't generally happen in leaps and bounds. It's a constant, daily and hourly process of God working in us, as we read his word, reflect, and pray. See the website for some tips. See Andy for some materials to support you.

Explore Prayer - By joining 'What happens when we pray'

Sunday evenings at 6pm with Jo King **from 25th October** - first meeting in Zoom but maybe moving to St Mark's. This will start as a book discussion group reading "What happens when women pray" experimenting in praying the Evelyn Christensen way.

Join a Group - One of our many Housegroups that meet midweek.

This Autumn many of our housegroups will be following the Sunday series in 1 Thessalonians, but house groups are about far more than bible study, they are an opportunity to process faith and life together with others who care about you. Please see our housegroup list at the website and get in touch with Mary or a house group leader to come along for a taster. Most of them are currently meeting in Zoom.

Explore Evangelism - Be inspired to share your faith along with others.

Andy will be hosting a group exploring the ideas in the book 'Natural Evangelism' by J. John. One session **monthly starting soon** and through the Winter and Spring on Zoom for anyone who knows in their heart that Jesus is good news for people but feels unsure where to start and would value the support of others as we seek to do this.

Read 1-2-1 - And enjoy God's word with others.

We all know the value of sharing a meal with others. Reading the Bible is similar to eating food—we can do it alone, but we're missing something if we never share it with others. See some tips for getting started at the website.

Come and Pray - At St Mark's 9.30am every Sunday and every First Wednesday of the month for a new magazine-style prayer and sharing time 7.30-8.30pm on Zoom.

Journal with God - Try taking notes on sermons, and when meeting with God noting reminders for reflection or sharing with others later in the week. See website for tips.