

NEWS

Sunday 8th November 2020

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Dear Friends and family

We find ourselves again in lockdown. As I shared on Wednesday at our *Monthly Parish Meeting* 'God works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.' (Philippians 2:12-18) You may recall that Paul was writing these words whilst 'in chains' under house arrest in Rome. He says his life is being 'poured out ... like a sacrifice'. Things weren't good for Paul but he could see that the sovereign God was still at work: what has happened to him has served to advance the gospel, so he is glad and rejoices.

You may not feel like rejoicing at this time! But no lockdown can bring us down because God works in us according to his good purpose. I hope you will find this encouraging and give you reasons to keep holding firm to the word of life, and taking steps forward in faith and action. Have you thought about what your next step will be?

We will be meeting online with two main events each **Sunday at 9am and at 10.30am** each with it's zoom chat afterwards. Our homegroups continue to meet midweek. *Explore Prayer* continues and *Dig Deeper* will be starting up (page 3) so there are great opportunities for you to grow in prayer and bible study. Look out next week for the launch of *Church Connect* which encourages us to pick up the phone and stay in touch with each other. Or just pick up the phone!

Torchlight magazine (pages 5-6) is for children and families. (Could you write for this?)

We are joining with other Anglicans to pray at 6pm every day. I hope you will commit to this with me, for a moment, and maybe choose to fast on Thursdays for the healing of our land and the progress of the gospel. Details are on page 2. We will ring the church bells every day we can as a sign of this. *Let's see if we can continue to rejoice and be glad for God is at work in us!* Andy.



LIVE ON SUNDAY

St Andrew
10:30-11:05
Act of Remembrance
Outside with social distancing

ONLINE SUNDAY

Breakfast@9 Online
9.00 (recorded)
Please visit [Breakfast@9 Online at 9am](#) followed by [B@9 ZoomChat](#) 9.25-10am

St Mark & St Andrew
10.30 Online (live)
Please join our [Joint Parish Service](#) which will be broadcast live via our website from 10.15am or through [YouTube](#). Followed by [CoffeeChat](#) at 11.30-12.00
[Explore Prayer](#) at 6pm

NEXT SUNDAY

15th November

Breakfast@9 online with Rachel
10:30 St Mark & St Andrew Joint Parish Service online with Andy and Phil in 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

3rd Sunday Before Advent

Bible readings:

Philippians 4:10-23

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

Matthew 25:1-13

Revelation 21:1-7

Psalms 23 & 70

Collect:

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars
shall cease
and poverty and pain shall
end, that earth may know the
peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Post Communion:

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ
proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to
wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the
anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and
nations;
through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.

Mary Fisher writes on Friendship and Longing to Share **1 Thessalonians 2:17 - 3:13**

I wonder if you have ever had the experience of being about to do something or go somewhere that you are convinced is right and is God's will, then you find yourself presented by powerful circumstances beyond your ability to alter. If so, we can relate to Paul in this passage and perhaps be more ready to come to terms ourselves in similar circumstances. Maybe some of us feel a bit like that with this fresh Covid lockdown.

Paul had been preaching the good news of Jesus to mixed groups of people – some Greeks and also Jewish people. Many had responded and been born again and were following the Lord Jesus. Some of the Jewish people were hugely threatened and Paul and his followers were experiencing really harsh persecution. They could not go to the Thessalonian Christians without exposing them to this persecution.

We then have in our passage Paul's response to this unavoidable situation. We see God always has a way through, whatever may appear difficult circumstances or blockages. He writes, giving us insight into God's heart for each one of us, his children – "Our hope, our joy, our crown, in which we glory" – when Jesus comes again. Paul sends Timothy, who he loves and calls "my true dear son in the faith".

The message is the same for us today. That God wants to encourage and strengthen each one of us in our faith in the Lord Jesus and against Satan's temptations. Paul rejoices and is excited and thrilled - that even in the middle of cruel persecution and suffering, he sees Christians are strong in the Lord Jesus and standing firm. And then we have Paul's prayer which we can each appropriate for ourselves – let's pray: "*Dear Lord Jesus, please make our love increase and overflow for one another and for everyone else. May you strengthen our hearts so that we shall be ready when the Lord Jesus returns. Amen!*"

#PrayerfortheNation - a call to prayer

"The Archbishops are encouraging daily prayer for the nation throughout the month. **We are encouraged to pray daily for a specific area of national concern culminating in a collective moment of prayer at 6.00pm each evening**, with cathedrals and churches across the country invited to ring a bell at this time. There is a simple seven-day prayer cycle, praying for a specific area each day" Behind the clickable links below is a prayer you can pray each day at 6pm.

[Sunday](#) Family, friends and loved ones

[Monday](#) Schools and colleges, children and young people

[Tuesday](#) Elderly, isolated and vulnerable

[Wednesday](#) Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing

[Thursday](#) The NHS and other Key workers

[Friday](#) National and Local Government

[Saturday](#) All who are grieving and all who are suffering with physical and mental ill-health

Prayers & other resources will be shared on social media with the hashtag #PrayerForTheNation

****One Step Forward****

- A new **six-week online housegroup** continues on Wednesdays 7.30pm in **Zoom1**. Other housegroups run.
- **Explore Prayer** continues on Sundays at 6pm with Jo King in **Zoom2**. Contact Jo (07771 858547) to find out more.
- **Dig Deeper** (with Phil Clements) starts soon - see below.



Dig Deeper – Tools to unearth the Bible’s treasures



Starting **Tuesday 17th November** - each week we will be thinking about one or two tools to help us get more from the Bible. The whole course is based on the book by Nigel Benyon and Andrew Sach, published by IVP. In each session we will draw on the tools presented in the book and have a go at using some worked examples to apply them.

We will meet in **Zoom2** and aim for each session to be about 1 hour.

If you would like to join, please e-mail your interest to the church office at church@stmarkstandrew.org

You may choose to get hold of a copy the book yourself.

<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/dig-deeper> (£6.29)

Amazon..... (£7.78)

Week 1

- Approaching the Bible
- The author’s purpose tool

Week 2

- The context tool
- The structure tool

Week 3

- The linking words tool
- The parallels tool

Week 4

- The narrator’s comment tool

- The vocabulary tool

Week 5

- The translations tool
- The tone and feel tool

Recorded events and online material

You can view all our recent recorded events and online material including **David and Shelley Stokes interview**, the **Remember with Thanks service** and **John Read’s funeral** [here](#) on our website.

Care for the Family - Free Online Autumn events

Go to the website [here](#) to book.

The next event **RUN THE RACE**

geared for men is on 10,11,12

November at 7:30pm.



Poppy Appeal



There will be a tray of poppies and a collecting tin at **St Andrew’s Church** this **Remembrance Sunday** for the 2020 poppy appeal.

This year more than ever, our help is required by the Royal British Legion to raise money to assist veterans and their families who are in need in these difficult times.

If you can, please give generously.

Christmas Boxes Appeal 2020

EXTENDED UNTIL DECEMBER 18th

Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas....

If you would like to make one, download a leaflet [here](#), or contact the office. **Instructions here on how to make up a box.**

We have gone with locally based **FSCI** this year who send boxes to SE European children and refugee families. You can also donate money towards a box through this link [here](#). Please bring boxes to the church office on **Friday mornings** during lockdown. **Enjoy making your boxes and helping to spread the joy!**



***New* St Mark’s Magpies toddler group**



When restrictions lift and we are able to meet it will be on Friday mornings in term time. To start with we will meet in a small group of 6. We will need 2 church people (not the same people needed every week) to volunteer to help Adele (first aider), to chat to the families and talk to the children. Please contact the office or Adele (mrsprice39@gmail.com/ 329820) if you can help. Click the logo above for facebook link info. Thank you!

Mission News

Salisbury Street Pastors (November focus partner)

Some Fridays and on every Saturday **Street Pastors** have been patrolling the streets in the centre of Salisbury until 11pm (during the current restrictions - usually until 4am!) assisting any in distress and sharing the good news when asked. Street Pastors are trained to help, listen and care. Out in all weather...talking to so many people around Salisbury.... the rough sleepers under Sainsbury's, the group's of teenagers, and the people moving between venues. Here is

Our Mission Partners

Yei Diocese

David and Shelley Stokes

The Bridge Project

Alabaré

Salisbury Street Pastors

Salisbury Food Bank

a link to their recent [word on the streets](#) newsletter.

Please pray for:

- Street pastors who have needed to isolate
- For the teams as they patrol at earlier times.
- All who make Salisbury a safer and better place.
- Finances which have taken a Covid hit.

PRAYER POINTS

- **Andy, Mary, Diane and Barry** preaching and leading this weekend.
- For **Anton Prior** for all the technical support he gives us.
- For those on our **Prayer Chain: Janet Dominy** making good progress please pray for preparations for coming home; **Elizabeth** (Ken's Cousin) ongoing recovery; **Antony** (Jane's dad) preparations for palliative care at home; **Colin Finch** recovering after time in hospital; **Tina Damarell** recovering from back surgery.
- **Medical Professionals** who are putting their health on the line for us in this present crisis.
- For those affected by the terrorist attacks in **France and Austria**. And for **Peace**.

DONATE

Please use the link below if you would like to give to Church or Mission funds or speak to our treasurers, the Parish Giving Scheme is the most efficient and preferred method, click the logo for information from the website.



PARISHGIVINGScheme



Zoom links

[Zoom1](#)

Meeting ID 251 131 0154
Passcode zoom2020

[Zoom2](#)

Meeting ID 923 007 5605
Passcode 0GmmyD

ZOOM daily social

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

[ZOOM SOCIAL \(Zoom1\)](#)

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

Contacts

All enquiries and requests for support to Jane Holme:
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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.

Standing Com - 9 Nov

This link is for SALT & MALT and PCC members.

["Cobra" Zoom1](#)



TORCHLIGHT

08/11/20

THEME: FRIENDSHIP & REMEMBRANCE

This sheet is for children. Younger ones will need help with some of the activities, its just a fun sheet linking with what the theme for Sunday. The theme this week is Friendship which in wars have been needed by all. So you have a game, a story to read and a craft. Good luck and have fun. Send us your feedback and pictures too. church@stmarkstandrew.org

Legs eleven - Just for Fun

Equipment: Something to tie legs together with - scarves would do.

Get into 2's and stand side by side and tie your inner legs together - as for a three-legged race. Practice walking around. Now get each pair to find another pair and stand side by side with them. Tie the legs of the middle two children together so that now there are 5 legs. Get them to walk around. If you are feeling brave, you could get two fours to join together to make 9 legs. If you have more in the family, keep going as long as you feel safe.

Is it easy to be stuck to other people? It isn't really - you have to co-operate! Today we're going to be thinking about the people you spend time with - your friends - and how we make sure we can get along well with them.

Bad Friends

Have your friends ever tried to get you into trouble. What happened? What should a friend do?

Storytime:

Once upon a time there was a wise and famous king called Solomon. He ruled the people of Israel who were God's special people. He was a good king and he had a son named Rehoboam. When Solomon died, Reho (for short) was the next person in line to become king.

Some of the people of Israel decided to go and see King Reho and ask him to give them less work to do. They said, "Your father made us work really hard but if you make our work a bit easier then we'll be really good people for you and do whatever you say."

Reho wasn't sure what to do so he told the people to go away for a few days while he had a think and then to come back for an answer. The people went away and Reho went to see the people who had been his father's friends to ask them what they thought he should do. They told him that he should do what the people wanted: give them easier work and then they would do what he wanted them to. Reho didn't really like this advice though, so he went to see his friends instead.

Reho told his friends what had happened and asked them what they thought he should do. Their advice was a bit different: "Tell them that you'll make them work even harder than your dad did," they said, "Tell them that you'll punish them far harder than he ever did if they don't work hard and do as they're told!"

After a few days, the people of Israel came back to King Reho to hear his answer. Reho decided to ignore the advice of his father's friends and instead said what his friends had told him to say: "I'm going to make you work much harder than my father ever did," he said, "and if you don't, I'm going to punish you much harder too!"

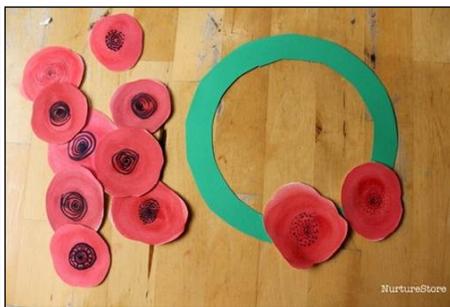
The people were not happy! They said they didn't want Reho to be their king, they weren't going to do what he said and they stormed off home! Reho sent some of his men to talk to them but they killed the men. Then Reho got scared and ran home too! Because of what happened, God's people didn't live together well: some families turned against other families and Reho was never king over everyone.

What went wrong in this story? What should Reho have done? Were his friend's good ones to have? What do good friends do for one another? (They try and give good advice!) Is it important that our friends are good people? Why? Is it important that we are good people for our friends?

The Point: To think about how important good friends are..

Poppy wreath

Equipment: Thin red (or any colour) paper cut in circles with a 10cm diameter, black circles of the same size, made out of thicker paper. Glue, paper plates.



To make a poppy you need 4 or 5 red circles, arranged in an overlapping circle.

Glue the back of a black circle and stick it on top of the overlapping red circles – this should be sufficient to stick them all together, but have an adult ready to touch up the back of the petals if need be.

When the children have several poppies, they can be glued in a circle around the edge of a paper plate.

You could write in the middle of the plate, "We shall remember them" or "The greatest love is to die for your friends" if you like – it is probably best if the adults write, but some children may be able to do this themselves.

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.