


# NEWS

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

**Sunday 18 July**

## CHURCH AFTER 19TH JULY

Dear church family.

The end of lockdown on 19<sup>th</sup> July will come as good news to some but not to all. We remain committed to making everyone feel safe when you come to church so will only make cautious changes at first. We would dearly love you all to be able to return to worship in the building with us as soon as you feel able to. In the meantime we will continue to livestream from St Mark's for your convenience.

Best wishes Andy

### SUNDAY ON-SITE

**Breakfast@9**

**9.00 outside - BYO  
coffee! Chairs provided**

**St Mark SUNDAY@10**

**10.00 Worship (+HC)**

**St Andrew 10.30**

**10.30 Holy Communion**

### SUNDAY ONLINE

**St Mark SUNDAY@10**

**Livestreamed** via our  
[website](#) and [YouTube](#).

Followed afterwards by

[CoffeeChat](#) in Zoom1

**PavilionPrayer@4** in  
Zoom1

**Prayer@6** in Zoom1

### IN THE WEEK

See page 2 for what's on  
this week.



**Church Connect**

...Pick up a Phone...Care,  
Share and Prayer Who will  
you encourage this week?

Contact a churchwarden if  
you need help to get started.

**VERSE for 2021:**

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus." Hebrews 12:2 (NIVUK)

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## TODAY

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

[Torchlight](#)

#### Lectionary readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

[Worksheet](#)

Mark 6:30-34, 53-end

Psalms 89:20-37

#### Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

## Zoom links

### [Zoom1](#)

Meeting ID 251 131 0154  
Passcode zoom2020  
Phone 0330 088 5830

### [Zoom2](#)

Meeting ID 923 007 5605  
Passcode 0GmyyD

Our Zoom rooms are available for you - to use either of them please inform the office first.

## What's on this week:

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

7pm - Christianity Explored

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

9.30am - Holy Communion (St A's)

7.30pm - Home group (see right)

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

10.00am - St Mark's Magpies

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July

11.00am-1.00pm St Mark's church open for a visit or prayer.

## HOME GROUP IN 1+2 SAMUEL.

A small group is meeting in St Andrew's Church Curtis Room on Wednesdays 7.30-8.45pm to follow our current Sunday series. If you'd like to join The Evans' and the Southam's do get in touch with them or just come along!

## SUMMER PROGRAMME

### JULY

18 : A Great Promise : 2 Samuel 7

25 : A Great Fall : 2 Samuel 11:1-15

### AUGUST

1 : The Path to Grace : 2 Samuel 11:16-12:13

8 : A Song of Praise : 2 Samuel 22-23

15 : Make me Wise! : 1 Kings 2

22 : God Keeps his Promises : 1 Kings 8

29 : Walk Faithfully with God : 1 Kings 9

### Next Sunday – 25<sup>th</sup> July "A great fall" 2 Samuel 11

#### St Andrew's

B@9 (9am outside)

10.30 am Holy Communion

#### St Mark's

Sunday@10 Begins shortly after 10am. Family and all age friendly.

#### Prayer@6

Open to anyone in the Parish.

## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July** -Praise, Prayer & Pizza 6pm at St Marks Church (see [page 3](#))

**28<sup>th</sup> July** - Mother's Union meeting 2.30-4pm

**29<sup>th</sup> July** - Eco Church meeting (St Andrew's Curtis room) 7pm

**1 August** - Parish picnic and walk after the Sunday service - at St Marks (See [page 3](#) and [page 9](#) for details)

**29 August** - BBQ 'open day' at the vicarage (come when you like, bring what you want) 1-8pm

**30 August** - Bank Holiday Community Picnic at Pavilion from 12

**11 September** - St Mark's Church Fete + Ride & Stride

**13 September** - PCC meeting

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

After many years of devoted service Barbara Thomas has now retired from her Church cleaning duties and the cleaning teams are getting a bit thin on the ground, so would appreciate some additional volunteers. We usually work in teams of two, it would be 1-2 hours work a month. Also brass cleaning volunteers required. Please speak to either Liz or Mike Bunting

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO JOIN ALABARE

Alabare are desperate for volunteers, they have lost nearly 50 since Covid. There are over 50 vacancies please see the adverts on pages [10](#) and [11](#) for more information.

## ARK PROJECT

Now that the project has been approved, join in our sponsored event! **"Sponsored Animal Selfie"**. Anyone (child or adult) can join in trying to take as many selfies of themselves with different creatures in an hour. If you complete the task and get some sponsor money towards building the Ark you will receive a certificate. Why not send the information to a friend, your school, your

scout group, nursery.....or even to someone you know who doesn't live in Salisbury.....Let's get everyone involved! See the details on the sponsor form via this [link](#) or in the [short film](#).



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**PARISH ROTA** Please email the office with your availability between September and December. **New ROTA members very welcome!** If you would like to do a reading or prayer, help with welcoming, serving refreshments or the sound desk/tech (training will be provided) email/call the office or contact a churchwarden.

## HELP WITH SHOPPING

We have received a request from Anne Trevett, Chair of the Safer Salisbury Group, for someone from St Mark's Church who might be able to assist a resident of St Mark's House, St Mark's Avenue, with their shopping. If you feel you may be able to help in this way, please contact Elizabeth Bartlett on 07812 381463

# Mission News

## July Focus:

**Lucy Monk- Interserve (3) (LaBBS)** Due to the COVID peak the **Literacy and Basic Business Skills (LaBBS)** classes were suspended for a few weeks, but the teachers have decided that they need to help students keep their momentum of gaining literacy skills going and so plan to meet with the women in small groups once a week. This year we have expanded the project and now have 7 teachers, each with 2 classes and a total of about 280 women. Four of these classes are in the IDP camps which is a new experience for the teachers as well as the women there - many of whom don't speak the same mother tongue as the teachers and so the teachers have been learning a new language at the same time as teaching the women to read and write in an unfamiliar

language! Despite all the odds, the women in the camps are learning just as well as any in the rest of the classes! In March, coinciding with World Women's Day, the LaBBS classes of 2020 had their graduation ceremony - 200 women who have learned to read and write and many of them with stories of how their lives have changed and how they have been able to start up a small home-based business and supplement their family's meagre income.

**(4) (ILD)** The graduation of last year's **Institute of Leadership Development (ILD)** class was also held in March, just after the new class for 2021 had begun. During the month of fasting (in April / May) the classes have a break but we held "Iftar" (when the fast is broken at dusk) pot-luck suppers for both this and last year's classes and it was a privilege to be together with the students as they broke their fast and had much fun and laughter! The classes have now moved again to online, with a few students who don't have internet allowed to come to class. Before I came away I was able to meet one-to-one with a number of the students for "coaching" sessions - often an opportunity for them to talk over issues with someone from outside their family or other close circles of friends or work colleagues.

## GIVING

If you are looking to donate to our work please visit the [Giving Page](#) at our website.



Subscribe to our digital or printed newsletter via our website or using [this link](#).

## Contacts

All enquiries and requests for support to **Parish Administrator** Jane Holme - [office@stmarkstandrew.org](mailto:office@stmarkstandrew.org) or call 07933 952171

**Prayer Chain** - [prayer@stmarkstandrew.org](mailto:prayer@stmarkstandrew.org)

**Items for the Newsheet** - [news@stmarkstandrew.org](mailto:news@stmarkstandrew.org)

**Hall Bookings** - please see our [website page](#) or call the office.

**Vicar** - Andy Bousfield (07866434117) [vicar@stmarkstandrew.org](mailto:vicar@stmarkstandrew.org)

**Churchwardens, St Mark's** - Jo King (07771 858547), Sarah Hardy [sarahhardy40@gmail.com](mailto:sarahhardy40@gmail.com)

**Churchwardens, St Andrew's** - Sue Gallagher (332619), Russell Jugg (07703 170308) [russell.jugg@ntlworld.com](mailto:russell.jugg@ntlworld.com)

**Safeguarding** Veronica Burton (01722 741639) [safeguardingconcerns@stmarkstandrew.org](mailto:safeguardingconcerns@stmarkstandrew.org)

## PRAYER POINTS

• **Barry, Phil, Peter D, Andy and Bryan** leading and preaching on Sunday

• **Those who lead intercessions**

• For those on our **Prayer Chain**: **Joy** - chemo hasn't worked trying new treatment which is a worry; **Trevor** - soon to have stats operation; **Jill Offer**; **Laura** - healing for her back & ribs to mend; **Trevene Reeves**; **Michele** - pray for the right drug to be found; **Joyce Williams, Sheila Walker, Mike Claydon, Geoff Jones, Teresa Donaldson, Gordon** (Alma's Brother)

• **Lucy Monk (Interserve)** see insert

• **The Care Homes and Grouped Accommodation in our Parish**



If you would value prayer for anything please send an email to our prayer chain. This will be shared with home group leaders and praying people. [prayer@stmarkstandrew.org](mailto:prayer@stmarkstandrew.org)

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Do pray for us and contact the office with suggestions

**Next MALT 19 August**

**Next PCC 13 Sept**

All meet in **Zoom1**



# TORCHLIGHT

18/07/21

## THEME: NO IS YES AND STOP IS GO!

BY TONY WALKER.

**Hello Torchlighters!** No I haven't gone bonkers. This will make sense very soon. This week the Church is looking at 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a. We will be looking at a little bit of it today.

### The Story

So, King David has brought the Ark to Jerusalem. He then sits down on his new Ikea sofa (or equivalent for those times) and looks around his fine, luxury living room. He thinks to himself, "blimey, you know what, here I am sitting in this palace of a house, and where is God's house?"

The presence of God had of course been in the ark. You know, the big gold box with the two gold angel statues sat on the top. Tents had been made in the past to house the ark as the people moved around quite a bit, but David now decides that a proper house should be built instead. He wants to do something for God. Basically, because David thought that God was more important than him and God should have a better house than him. They are going to hang around in Jerusalem and not travel around anymore (so the tents can go on eBay now).

So, what do you think God said? Very nice thank you, a very good idea, please can you build it on a hill with a view of the whole city?

God said no. He said that He would build a house for David. God wanted to do things for David, not let David do things for Him on this occasion.

For starters, why would David need another house?

God said that He will build a house meaning a “Kingdom” for David. That David’s family after he has died will continue to be the Kings of the people after him. God said that one of them would build a house for Him. (this ended up being David’s son Solomon). God also said that one of David’s descendants will build a kingdom to last forever. Now we can play the “Spot Jesus in the old testament game” again. Yes, Jesus was a descendant of David and He is the only one who can rule a kingdom forever.

Once again, the usual question.

### **What has this to do with me nowadays?**

John F Kennedy, once an American president said “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country”. Now for us and God it is kind of the other way round. We might say Don’t ask what you can do for God, ask God what He can do for you. Feels a bit cheeky doesn’t it. One of the big differences between the Christian faith and other religions is that Christians can say this, that it pleases God when we let him do things for us. Other religions say that they have to work for God to please Him.

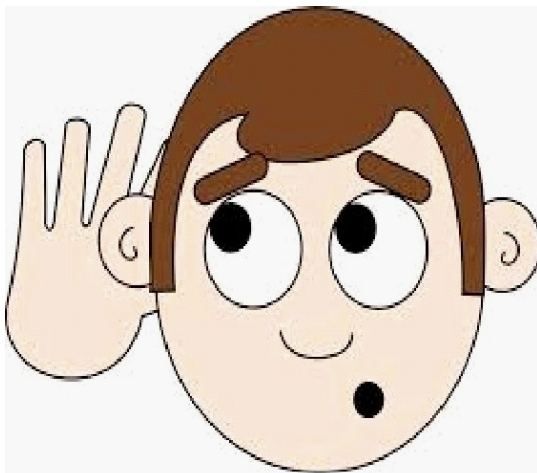
It is of course great to do some good things and say it is for God, but first you have to get your head around the Him doing things for us bit. He loves us so much. When we have problems or need assistance, we can pray and ask God to help us. We can always trust Him that He will be with us through good and bad times.

Here is an example. I had a problem recently. I spoke to God about it whilst driving my car. A bible verse came into my head which gave me so much help. I then turned on the music on and the words of the worship song were of this bible verse. When I got to where I was going I was diverted somewhere where I do not usually go. I looked up and there on the wall was a poster on the side of a church with the same

bible verse on it. I then had so much peace. This is only one example and lots of people have great stories of how God has helped them.

We need to be prepared and be constantly seeking and learning from God to do His works. Before the disciples went out to do good things, they had lived with Jesus for three years, they had learnt that they are loved by God and had lots of schooling. They still could not go out until the Holy Spirit of God had fallen on them to assist them in their tasks. God gave to them. Elsewhere in the bible, God says that He doesn't even like work or anything done for Him unless it is done in love.

So Guys, I would say listen and learn everything you can about following Jesus in any way you can. There is so much on youtube that you can watch and so many books. When you are in a church group and at home keep those little ears of yours soaking up the words. Nothing else that you could ever learn in your life will be as helpful or important.



**He that  
hath ears  
to hear, let  
him hear.**

**Matthew  
11:15**



# All About David

To learn more about King David, fill in each blank by identifying the picture next to it.

David had seven \_\_\_\_\_



He worked in a field as a \_\_\_\_\_



David's great \_\_\_\_\_



was named Ruth.

David would play the \_\_\_\_\_



for King Saul.

God tells Samuel to choose David as the  
next \_\_\_\_\_







St. Mark's and St. Andrew's

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Many of our homes in Salisbury  
are desperately needing a  
volunteer gardener.

We need volunteer gardeners to help maintain the gardens in our homes, we have vacancies within all our services Veterans, Young People, Homeless and LD.

We are looking for people who are happy to work alongside our service users to encourage them to undertake practice garden maintenance tasks.

Please contact Claire or Katrina:

e: [volunteering@alabare.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@alabare.co.uk) or t: 01722 344479 / 344470.

**[www.alabare.co.uk](http://www.alabare.co.uk)**

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## Volunteers needed to join our team at Alabaré

Alabaré works with vulnerable and marginalised people. We have over 50 vacancies within our homes and services and in our charity shops.

Volunteers make a significant difference to the service that Alabaré can offer. Whether you have some skills you could share with us or are looking to gain some work experience please visit our website **[alabare.co.uk](http://alabare.co.uk)** to find details of the volunteer roles that we have available.

Contact the volunteering team at  
e: [volunteering@alabare.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@alabare.co.uk) or t: 01722 344479.

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