

Sunday

24 & 31 August 2025



Welcome to St Mark's. If you are new or visiting we hope you feel at home.

Please complete our 'Get Connected card' to stay in touch. For more events and news please read our monthly newsletter available on our website or at the back of the church. ***St Mark's has a hearing loop (best reception within the pillars) and is wheelchair accessible.***

Through the week in the parish:

Mon 11am-2pm Crossbarr Café (Bishopdown)

Wed 9.30 Holy Communion
11-noon MAN CHAT
(13th) 7.30pm Parish Share St Mark

Thur (14th) 2.30pm Mothers' Union Garden party

Please pray for:

- Jane (on summer leave)
- Service leaders and preaching teams
- Christian Aid & Tearfund (August mission focus)
- Alabare (24th)
- Hope Home Trust (31st)
- Police & PCSOs (24th)
- Laverstock area (31st)

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Ina (Amanda's mum);
Family/friends of John Watts (passed away 15/07)
Simon Thomas.

24 August @St Mark's

Sunday@10 All Age Holy Communion

Summer Specials in Judges:#5
Jephthah the Tragic - Judges 10-12

Please be aware Sunday@10 is livestreamed via our [website](#) and [YouTube](#) and some central seating areas may be caught on camera.

Also Today:

Beach Trip with picnic. Meet at St Mark's 12.00 for cars to Mudeford.

Prayer@6 in [Zoom](#) open to anyone

31 August @St Mark's

Sunday@10 All Age
Summer Specials in Judges:#4
Samson the Sinner - Judges 13-16

Also Today:

BBQ at St Mark's after church.

Prayer@6 in [Zoom](#) open to anyone

Collect 24 August

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion 24 August

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect 31 August

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

GREAT & SMALL - Eco-church/Animal Friendly event at St Andrews on **Saturday 23rd August** from 10am - 3pm. Come and enjoy the peace and wildlife in the church & churchyard.

GET TOGETHERS AT ST MARK'S AFTER CHURCH - **Sunday 24th** is a trip to Mudeford beach. Meet at St M at 12noon for cars. **Sunday 31th** is a BBQ after church—please bring something to cook.

FUNERAL OF ANNE WATSON will be held at St Mark's Tuesday 2nd Sept 12.30pm.

GENTLEMEN'S MEAL - Curry at Everest Brasserie **Friday 12th September** 7pm. Register with Andy or a Church warden.

QUIET PRAYER & HOT CHOCOLATE for Creationtide/Animal Welfare Sun 14 Sept at St A's

PASTORAL SKILLS COURSE starting 13 September. For anyone already involved pastorally with others or keen to have more confidence in this ministry, and for those who might want to become pastoral visitors or Lay Pastoral Assistants in our parish. Please see website notice sheet page 5 for information or contact Jane Foster (St Mark's) or Diane Roberts (St Andrew's) to register interest.

HUGE THANKS from Pip and Jan to everyone who contributed in any way to MU Garden Party – it was a lovely afternoon. We raised £393.45 on the day, plus an earlier donation of £50. More than enough to send another family to our caravan at Rockley Park next year.

Mission Partner News:

Our August Mission Focus is the relief and development work of Christian Aid and Tearfund - we will be praying for them at our Parish Share meeting on 13th August (see above)

Omega Church, Nepal now using their new building. Thank you for donations received. They have borrowed to pay for the building, all gifts welcome to complete their payments. If you'd like to visit Nepal Easter 2026 get in touch with Andy (hikers and non-hikers welcome).

Community News and Dates:

An Evening with Tim Farron MP. Tim is one of the most high-profile politicians who is known as a committed Christian. He will be at Lansdowne Church, Bournemouth at 7pm on Saturday 20 September 2025.

YOUTH ALPHA - SAVE THE DATE starts Sunday evenings 5-8pm from September 21st. [Link](#)

The Listening Place Open Evening with guest speaker Alex Ewing - Director of the Bridge Project. Tuesday 23rd September 6.45pm for 7pm at Salisbury Methodist Church.

BRIDGE VACANCY - Operations Lead, start date as soon as possible. See [advert](#) attached.

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Prayer Chain Please email any prayer requests to:

prayer@stmarkstandrew.org

Pastoral Care Please email pastoral needs to:

care@stmarkstandrew.org

Deadline for items for Sunday notice sheet: *Thursday morning.*

www.stmarkstandrew.org



**ALL CREATURES
GREAT & SMALL**

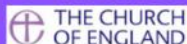


INSIDE & OUT

YOU ARE INVITED TO EXPLORE ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
COME AND ENJOY THE PEACE AND WILDLIFE IN THE CHURCHYARD
HUNT FOR ANIMALS HIDING IN THE CHURCH
FAMILY FRIENDLY TRAILS AVAILABLE, ALL WELCOME



SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST FROM 10AM TO 3PM



#GreatAndSmall

GET TOGETHER AFTER CHURCH

You're all invited after the Sunday morning services during the school holidays for the following...
(all starting at St Mark's)



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| 27 July | <i>Bring & Share Lunch</i> |
| 3 August | <i>BBQ - Bring something to cook</i> |
| 10 August | <i>Bring your own lunch and walk</i> |
| 17 August | <i>Picnic + rounders at Bishopdown Pavilion</i> |
| 24 August | <i>Bring your own lunch + beach trip</i> |
| 31 August | <i>BBQ - Bring something to cook</i> |

Pastoral Skills Course Autumn 2025

The Pastoral Skills Course was updated in 2023 to equip all those wishing to follow the call to service through lay pastoral ministry – as chaplains, LPAs, church officers, or as general church members.

The course consists of ten sessions (each 90 minutes – 2 hours):

- Who are we?
- Who am I?
- Journey of life
- Healthy boundaries in pastoral ministry
- Leading to listen
- Engaging with families
- Coming alongside those with illness or disabilities
- Valuing later life
- Our role at a time of loss
- Ministry matters

(In addition those who are hoping to be commissioned as LPAs will need to do the Basic and Foundation courses in Safeguarding, as well as Awareness of Domestic Abuse.)

The plan is to offer this at St Michael's Community Centre, Bemerton Heath, on a mix of Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings on the following dates:

Saturday 13th Sept 0900 - 1300

Wed 24th Sept 1900-2100

Saturday 4th October 0900-1300

Tuesday 21st Oct, 1900-2100

Tuesday 4th November 1900-2100

Saturday 15th November 0900-**1530**

A commissioning service for those becoming Lay Pastoral Assistants can be arranged once all participants have registered.

Contact revkarenhutchinson@gmail.com for more information or see [lpa-handbook-aug-2023-new-.pdf](#) for course content



Tim Farron MP

Come & hear a politician talk about Jesus

Talk and Q&A
Saturday 20 September
7-9pm at Lansdowne Church



Timothy Farron © House of Commons

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose
alpha.org/youth | @alphayth

Have questions about life, faith and purpose?

Save the date: Youth Alpha

young people
sharing their experiences

Games

dinner

WATCHING A VIDEO

Asking questions like:

What makes me happy?

What would I ask God if I met him today?

What does forgiveness mean?

Salisbury Baptist Church and
St Francis Church

Co-hosted by leaders and youth

Who: Everyone within school years 6 to 13

Where: Salisbury Baptist Church

When: Sunday evenings 5pm - 8pm

Term Time only

September 21st - December 7th

To find out more or to sign up, get in touch!

Hannah @ SBC: 07786 000256

Sophie @ St Francis: 07830 021272



The Listening Place Open Evening

You are cordially invited to join us at our Open Evening. We are welcoming **Alex Ewing, Director of The Bridge Project** as our **Speaker**

'Bridging The Gap for Young People'

Alex will be talking about 'The Bridge' - an exciting and unique project. Working with 29 schools across Wiltshire, Bridge Chaplains provide a listening ear and facilitate communication between pupils, staff and parents in a calm, on site environment. Come and find out more!

When?

Tuesday 23rd September

Start Time: 6.45pm for 7pm

Where?

Salisbury Methodist Church

St Edmunds Church Street, SP1 1EF

BIG 'Thank You'

This evening we will be saying a BIG 'Thank You' to Sue Robbins who is retiring as Manager, after fourteen year's service to The Listening Place.

Light Refreshments and Chat!

Come and Join Us!

For more information and RSVP: Jill Lakeman

Email: thelakemans@hotmail.co.uk Phone or Text: 07718 796 533



Operations Lead

Join our team and help power the purpose behind our work. Support the systems, people, and processes that make our mission possible.

Start date: As soon as possible

Salary: £32,00 FTE (7.5% pension)

Hours: 24 hours per week, 52 weeks of the year (flexible)

Apply: Visit www.the-bridge.org.uk for more info!



Bringing Christian Faith, Hope & Love to Children and Young People
The Bridge Youth Project is a registered charity: 1184436
We take safeguarding seriously at every stage of the application process