# Sunday

# 7 September 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

**Thur** 2.30pm Mothers' Union meeting

Fri 10-11.30am St Mark's Magpies

7pm Gents Curry night - Everest Brasserie

**Sat** 11am-1pm St Mark's Summer Fete/Ride + Stride

# Please pray for:

- Service leaders and preaching teams
- Salisbury Foodbank (September mission focus)
- Prayer ministry team
- Mothers' Union / St Mark's Women's Group
- Afghanistan Ministry
- Media

# For those who need our prayers

John King Audrey Hill Ann Bull Ina (Amanda's mum) Simon Thomas

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# Today @St Mark's

#### Sunday@10

Series: "Called—A Simple rule of Life" Transform your life by Prayer Luke 11:1-14

Please be aware Sunday@10 is livestreamed via our <u>website</u> and <u>YouTube</u> and some central seating areas may be caught on camera.

#### Also Today:

**Prayer@6** in **Zoom** open to anyone



#### Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF**

**MOTHERS' UNION Meeting Thursday 11th Sept** Curtis Room at St Andrew's **- New members very welcome to join!** . We have 2 speakers from Salisbury's Eco Hub – Richard Sharp and Caroline Lanyon – who will be presenting a talk with visuals about the work and the aim of the Climate Hub and also a little about recycling.

**GENTLEMEN'S MEAL -** Also known as Men's Curry... at Everest Brasserie **Friday 12th September** 7pm. Please register through Church Suite, or via the church office.

**St Mark's FETE/RIDE & STRIDE** On **Saturday 13th September 11-1pm**. A variety of stalls and activities. If you can help please let Jo know. Please come along, bring a friend... **Donations needed:** PLANTS, BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS, TOMBOLA ITEMS PLEASE (bottles, non alcoholic and other items suitable to win). Thanks.

**QUIET PRAYER & HOT CHOCOLATE** for Creationtide/Animal Welfare Sun 14 Sept at St Andrew's 6pm.

**PASTORAL SKILLS COURSE starting 13 Sept.** 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. Please see website notice sheet p4 for info or contact Jane Foster (St Mark's) or Diane Roberts (St Andrew's) to register interest.

**LINK TO ROTAS** on the Website in News Stories section. August. September—December.

FIRST FRIDAY FOOD CLUB COMING SOON... for ages 13-19 Starts October 3rd see p7.

#### **Mission Partner News:**

Our September Mission Focus is Salisbury Foodbank - please read our September news for ways to support them. We prayed for them at our Parish Share meeting last Wednesday.

**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 -** 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.

Silver Salisbury's Festival 2025 - A fantastic line up of activities for older people. See link.

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(Office hours Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-12.30pm)

**Churchwardens** stmwardens@stmarkstandrew.org / stawardens@stmarkstandrew.org **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



# 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 <u>revkarenhutchinson@gmail.com</u> for more information or see <u>lpa-handbook-aug-2023-new-.pdf</u> for course content





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 doe

forgiveness mean?

What makes me happy?

What would I ask God if I met him today?

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 21<sup>st</sup> - December 7<sup>th</sup>

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

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Female Volunteer required



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