

Sunday

26 October 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 (St Andrew's)
11-noon MAN CHAT (St Andrew's)

Fri 4-6pm Light Party

Please pray for:

● **Jo, Andy and Guest Speaker Martin Povey**

leading and preaching today

- Home & Overseas Missions Groups
- St Mark's CoFE Junior School and St Andrew's Primary School / Open the Book
- Mission in Asia, People International (October mission focus)
- The Bridge project
- *Teachers*

● **For those who need our prayers**

Amanda, Jim and family after the loss of
Amanda's mum Ina

Debi, Andy and Izzy after the loss of Sam
Andy Holme's dad (Andy) in hospital

Jane Foster is our **pastoral care** coordinator at St Mark's. Please contact her directly if you have news or concerns to share or use the parish wide pastoral care email listed over. For prayer concerns please email the prayer chain.

Today @St Mark's

Sunday@10 + Short HC

'Transform God's world by Sharing'

With guest speaker Martin Povey

Bible reading: Colossians 4:2-6

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

Also Today

◆ **StMARKS@SIX (SMS)**

An hour of worship, prayer, and more...

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to
an end: grant us the grace to trust
you and to receive the gifts of your
love, new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and
blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today: Meeting for young people/
children's groups after the service,
see Wendy Dew-Jones.

PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

LIGHT PARTY Friday 31st Oct 4-6pm at St Mark's Church. Wear sparkly clothes, bring torches, there will be activities, music, games & party food!

REMEMBER WITH THANKS Memorial service Sunday 2nd Nov 3pm at St Mark's Church.

YOUTH EVENTS: FIRST FRIDAY FOOD is back on Friday 7th November, if you would like to join please fill out a form (at the back of the church) see page 6&7 (digital version).

FUNERAL RECORDING Sam's funeral recording can be found on our Youtube channel.

NEW WINE FESTIVAL 2026 - We are registered as a camping church. If booking select - St Mark Salisbury & St Andrew Laverstock. Please tick YES to give permission for New Wine to share names with camping leader to assist planning. Website for booking <https://www.festival.new-wine.org/>.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING AT THE CARE HOMES - Wed 3rd Dec 6pm - if you would like to come along this year please let Yvonne Banton know, the more people we have to sing, the more care homes we can add to the list. Sign up on ChurchSuite.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL Leaflets about how to pack a shoebox are on the table by the church door. The deadline is **Sunday 9th November**. There will be a large box in church for donations of shoebox items if you are unable to put together a whole box. We also need donations of £5 to cover postage for each box. (Please put in envelope clearly marked for the shoebox appeal and give to Joan). Last year, 51% of the shoeboxes collected in the UK went to countries where Christians are marginalised and persecuted. These are places where the message of Christ is suppressed and Christian activity is heavily censored, so every shoebox sends God's love and is gratefully received. For more information, contact Joan Prior.

Mission Partner News:

Our October monthly Mission Focus is Lucy Monk and People International in Asia - please read our October news for ways to support them. We prayed for them at Parish Share last week and David & An Bolton visited St Mark's on 19 October.

Community News and Dates:

Digital help with healthcare services - Tues 4 November 1-4pm. Free of charge. [See attached.](#)

Listening Place day course on Christian Listening. Suitable for anyone who visits, does pastoral care or cares for Christians. Saturday 19th November 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. Salisbury Methodist Church, St Edmunds Church Street. Bring your own lunch. Let Cecil know if you'd like to attend by emailing bcking108@btinternet.com or look on The Listening Place website.

Alabaré Jingle Bingo - 27th November 7-11pm [see attached](#). Please support this if you can.

Care for the Family events - let the office know if you are interested in either event below as we have been offered two complimentary tickets. Tickets £6 on Early bird if you purchase see links.

An Evening with Rob Parsons - Southampton - Testwood Baptist Church 19 November. [Link](#)
Tweens+Teens What every parent needs to know -Andover Community Church 25 Nov [Link](#)

YOUTH/CHILDREN & FAMILY EVENTS see pages 5-9

Vicar Andy Bousfield 07866 434117

vicar@stmarkstandrew.org

Parish office Jane Holme 07933 952171

office@stmarkstandrew.org

(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

PCC Secretary (Helen Pessell)

pcc@stmarkstandrew.org

Deadline for items for Sunday notice sheet: Thursday morning.

www.stmarkstandrew.org



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EVERY
SUNDAY
@ 6PM

Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna In the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna In the highest

SUNDAY
WORSHIP

WORSHIP, PRAYER,
TESTIMONIES,
TEACHING,
WHEREVER GOD
LEADS...

LIGHT PARTY

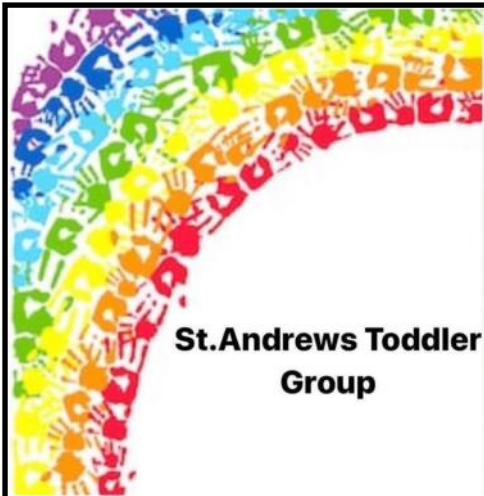
Friday 31st October

4-6pm

**Fun and games, music,
party food and activities**

**Dress in sparkly clothes and bring
torches**

At St Mark's Church,



**St.Andrews Toddler
Group**

**THURSDAYS
TERM TIME ONLY**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**LAVERSTOCK &
FORD
VILLAGE HALL**



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

FIRST FRIDAY FOOD CLUB

6.00-8.00pm

**the first Friday of
the month
(starts 3rd October)**

**@St Mark's
annexe kitchen**

**Age range
13-19**



BIZARRE Bible



with 4Front Theatre
at St. John's Church

Friday 31st October at 3pm

Tickets £5
+ booking fee;
under 5s free
with paying adult



The Bible is so much more than a "dusty old book,"
it's filled with Adventure!

There's a SUPERHERO, a NINJA and even
a Guy that can summon BEARS! 🐻



NEW FOR 2026

TAG

Young Leaders

After the amazing response to TAG Pioneers, we're launching a brand new journey to help you grow as a Christian leader.

Join us for **local mentoring** and **six online sessions** packed with inspiring national speakers, honest conversations, and the kind of challenge that helps your faith go deeper and your leadership grow stronger.

If you're ready to step up, this is for you.

Starting October 2025
15-19 year olds
£20

swym.org.uk/tag



GUESTS: elle limebear >
grace wheeler > john mcginley >
dave plowman > jodie lintern >
roscoe crawley > sophie gillbert >
sam burton > south west YA leaders

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A SOUTH WEST GATHERING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

TICKETS:
worshipawaken.com

AWAKEN
Charity number: 1181615

Partnering with:

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UK EUROPE

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INCOMING
MINISTRIES



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Bath & Wells

Living and telling the story of Jesus



Dig deep into the many ways
the arts inspire us to engage
afresh with God's story



Creative arts in ministry day

Saturday 29 November 2025

9:30-15:30 at Flourish House, Wells

Free to attend!



Led by Gill Sakakini,
Pioneer Priest in the Arts,
and Ruth Slade, Go Team
Adviser

No experience needed, just a willingness to have a go!

Book now via the QR code or the link below:

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/calendar/1425>



3rd November 2025
Lee Abbey, North Devon

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP AND OUTREACH

How do we reach and disciple children across every part of life?

For ministry to children and families to thrive, it needs to be rooted in three distinct but connected contexts—home, church, and community. This day will explore how these spheres shape faith formation and why each is essential for long-term discipleship.

Through teaching, discussion, and practical tools, we'll reflect on how discipleship happens in multiple places and what it means to share the gospel effectively with children and families. Whether you're working in schools, churches or homes, you'll leave with renewed clarity and vision for your ministry.



Mark Griffiths is the Director of Mission for the Scripture Union National Team. He has a PhD in Child Evangelism, has led New Wine's children and family ministry for over a decade, and teaches at St Padarn's Institute.

23rd February 2026
Lee Abbey, North Devon

REACHING THE SPIRITUALLY CURIOUS... AND UNCURIOUS

How do we connect with a generation that's both open and indifferent?

Some young people are spiritually curious, others seem completely disengaged—yet the Spirit is at work in both. This day will explore how to recognise spiritual hunger, even when it's not obvious, and how to begin where young people are, rather than where we wish they were.

We'll share fresh approaches to evangelism that create space for meaningful conversations about faith. Expect an interactive day, filled with creative ideas, time to reflect, and space to dream about what God might be calling you to next in your youth ministry.



Darin and Joy Stevens are from the new startup charity, Start to Str. Their first tool, the Str Course is being used in over 300 churches in 8 different countries.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Training days to inspire and encourage youth and children's leaders.

BOOK ONLINE
SWYM.ORG.UK/EVENTS

Day Ticket
10am – 5pm (Includes Lunch)

£45

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10am – 5pm (Includes Lunch)

£45

20th April 2026
Lee Abbey, North Devon

KNOWING YOURSELF: GROWING AS A SELF-AWARE LEADER

What does it take to lead with integrity, health and authenticity?

Effective leadership starts with self-awareness—knowing your personality, recognising your strengths and blind spots, and understanding how you lead and relate to others. This day will create space to reflect on who you are and how God has wired you for ministry.

Through practical input and guided conversations, we'll explore how self-awareness fuels resilience, deepens relationships, and helps you sustain your calling. Whether you're new to leadership or have been at it for years, this day will help you grow from the inside out.



Alex Drew is the Director of Training at Youthscape as well as running a coaching business as an accredited ACC coach. Alex loves to wild swim, mostly for the bacon sandwich and chats over a cuppa after!

8th June 2026
Lee Abbey, North Devon

COACHING & MENTORING: TOOLS FOR OUTREACH IN YOUTH MINISTRY

Can coaching and mentoring shape the way we reach young people?

This day will equip you with the core characteristics, mindset and practical skills needed for effective coaching and mentoring in youth ministry. You'll gain hands-on experience in techniques like active listening, insightful questioning and leading constructive conversations.

We'll explore how these skills don't just build deeper connections with young people, but also open doors for mission and discipleship. Rooted in Scripture Union's Revealing Jesus framework, this session will help you support young people who don't yet know Jesus and walk with them on their journey of faith.



Prince Layrea is a Team Lead for Scripture Union in the South of England. He founded Acts 29, a founding member of The 29th Chapter, a UK band presenting the gospel to thousands of young people through hip hop.



Lee Abbey is situated on the spectacular North Devon coast. Join with the SWYM team, find a quiet space to relax and explore the 288-acre Lee Abbey Estate, which includes woodlands, streams, fields, and even a private beach.

SPECIAL OFFER BOOK ALL 4 FOR £150

We are offering a "bundle and save" offer for churches and individuals to book into all four Professional Development Days for £150, saving £30. This booking is flexible, so a church or organisation can purchase the bundle but send different team members to each day.

Day Ticket
10am – 5pm (Includes Lunch)

£45

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PRACTICAL HELP WITH ONLINE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Funded by the
Salisbury Area Board

Do you need support with the
NHS app, repeat prescriptions
or GP online consultation tools
to request appointments?



Tuesday 4 November 2025
1.00pm - 4.00pm

(45-60 minute sessions available)

St Paul's Church Hall, Fisherton Street, SP2 7QW



Join us for one to one support for any online healthcare questions - bring your phone, laptop or tablet



Free of charge and refreshments provided



Accessible venue and free parking onsite

For more information or to book a place, please contact:

Karlene Jammeh, Engagement and Partnership Lead -



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karlene.jammeh@wiltshire.gov.uk

Hi everyone, here is an invitation from Alabaré to an event we are running in November to have some fun and raise a bit of money for Alabaré. Perhaps the housegroups might like to go as their Christmas celebration? Disco Dion is an amazing entertainer. I've asked about the price of the tickets and am reassured that the ticket price covers the cost of the event with a little going to Alabaré funds. This could be a St Mark's/St Andrew's take over!! See you there maybe?

Jo

ALABARÉ

Homes. Hearts. Minds.

JINGLE BINGO

Hosted by

DISCO DION

SALISBURY GUILDHALL

27 NOVEMBER

7PM - 11PM

TICKETS £22

includes bingo cards 18+

SIGN UP -

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Ideal work
Christmas
Party!

#BreakTheCycleOfHomelessness



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