

Sunday

23 November 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)
Tue 2-4pm CommuniTea (St Andrew's)
Wed 9.30 Holy Communion (St Andrew)
11-noon MAN CHAT (St Andrew)
Fri 10am Magpies Toddler Group (St Mark)
Sat 29 6pm St Andrew's Fish & Chip Supper

Please pray for:

- **Andy** leading and preaching today
- **Those that lead and preach at our services**
- **Magpies / Laverstock Toddler Group**
- **Hope Home Trust** (Nov mission partner)
- *Laverstock Community*
- **For those who need our prayers**
 - Veronica Burton recovering
 - Amanda
 - Ann's daughter, Melody

Today @St Mark's Sunday@10 - with Short HC

'Christ the King'

Colossians 1:15-29

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

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.



Our Advent Devotional this year is inspired by Handel's Messiah. Available for £2. We also have some Christmas cards at £4.

MY CHURCHSUITE workshop
TODAY after the service. Bring a device and your questions.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS MEAL -

Date: Saturday 13th December

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Venue: Sarum College, The Close, Salisbury



Sign-up sheet at back of St Marks with menu choices 2/3 Courses Traditional/ Other Options/ Special Food dietary requirements to include

PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

CHURCHSUITE is our new church directory (and more) so we encourage you to join. If you need help getting started please take a look at the userguide [My ChurchSuite - Getting Started](#) or talk to Jane who can give 1-1 help. There will be a workshop Sunday morning at St Mark's.

OUR CAROL SERVICES please sign up in Churchsuite/contact the office if you would like to read, pray, or help with refreshments, welcome etc. Thank you.

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. Please sign up in church or on ChurchSuite.

Scout Christmas Post: Scout Christmas Stamps are available from Jim Robertson, St Marks Church; 40p each. Post box will be in St Marks church until Sunday 30 November. Locations where cards can be delivered available from Jim.

St Andrew's Day Meal & Quiz- 6pm Saturday 29th November at Laverstock Village hall sign up in church with food options. There will be a service of celebration on Sunday morning at St Andrew's. **Numbers are needed by Sunday 23rd November please.** Cost £12, Children are free. Fish, Sausage or Veggie option with chilps. £5 deposit is requested if possible.

Decorating St Mark's & St Andrew's for Christmas come and join us **Sat 6 Dec** at 9am.

Crossbarr Christmas Celebration with carols - Monday 15th December 11am please support this event if you can. Carols from around 11.30. Usual soups , tea/coffee and cake!

HELP! We're looking for someone to help out with cleaning the Curtis Room at St. Andrew's Church. This is done every four weeks and usually takes no more than an hour. If you think you can help please get in touch with Liz or Mike Bunting.

Mission Partner News:

Our November monthly Mission Focus is **Hope Home Orphanage, Tanzania**. Link to their [Autumn Newsletter](#). Hope Home have a project to refurbish their toilets total cost £3000, with a £400 shortfall, donations welcome! <https://www.hopehometrust.org.uk/>

Community News and Dates:

Alabaré Jingle Bingo - 27th November 7-11pm [see attached](#). Please support this if you can. (p4)

Care for the Family event - Tweens+Teens What every parent needs to know - Andover Community Church 25 Nov [Link](#) - let the office know if you are interested in the event below as we have been offered two complimentary tickets.

Christmas Tree Festival—St Thomas's Church 2-7 December.

Middle-East Peace Vigil—Every Saturday 5pm at the Cheesemarket outside the Library.

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.

Please email notices to news@stmarkstandrew.org

www.stmarkstandrew.org

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 -

ALABARE.CO.UK/EVENTS



Ideal work
Christmas
Party!

#BreakTheCycleOfHomelessness



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Hello

It is not long now until our Annual Celebration Service with Carols and we would love it if you could join us. It will take place at Salisbury Methodist Church on Tuesday 2nd December. As a valued supporter, it would be wonderful if you and a guest are able to come. We will celebrate our work through stories, readings and prayers and there will be contributions from staff, volunteers and residents.

The full details can be found on the invitation below.

ALABARÉ

Homes. Hearts. Minds.

warmly invites you to our

Celebration Service with Carols

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm (Doors open at 1:45 pm)

Salisbury Methodist Church
St Edmund's Church Street SP1 1EF

Retiring collection for Alabaré

Hot drinks and mince pies

Parking available in Salt Lane Car Park or other city centre car parks

RSVP supportercare@alabare.co.uk or 01722 344484 by Tuesday 25th November

We hope to see you there!

Registered Charity No. 1006504

I would be grateful if you could confirm to me by Tuesday 25th November. With very best wishes, **Rachel** supportercare@alabare.co.uk



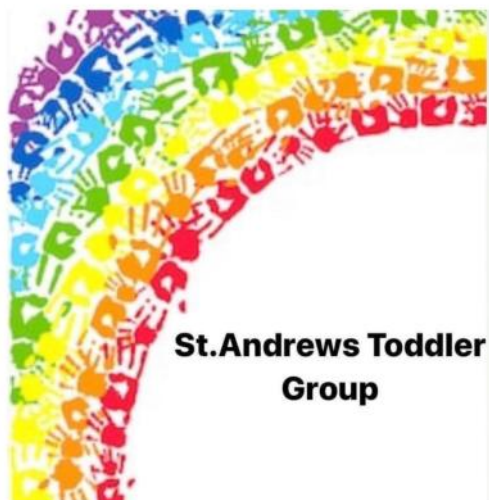
Monday 15th December

11am at the Barrington Centre

*Crossbarr Christmas
Celebration with carols*

All Welcome!

*Crossbarr will be closed on Monday 22nd and 29th December.
We will re-open for the new year on Monday 5th January.*



**St.Andrews Toddler
Group**

THURSDAYS
TERM TIME ONLY

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

LAVERSTOCK &
FORD
VILLAGE HALL



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ST THOMAS'S
CHURCH SALISBURY

Tuesday 2nd December -
Sunday 7th December 2025

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 6pm
Sunday 12 noon - 6pm
Last entries 5:30pm

CONTACT 01722 323266 or 07495 154012

Celebrating 21 YEARS of trees and music



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FREE ENTRY