

# ***Sunday***

**21 December 2025**

# St Andrew

SERVING JESUS, EACH OTHER, OUR WORLD



**Welcome to St Andrew'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 in church. ***St Andrew's is wheelchair accessible and has a hearing loop.***

### **Through the week in the parish:**

(all events at St Andrew's unless indicated otherwise)

**Mon** 4pm The Elf Nativity (see below)

**Wed** 4pm Christingle (St Mark's)  
11.30pm Midnight Communion service

**Christmas Day Together at 10am St Mark's**

### **Please pray for:**

- **Andy and Barry** leading and preaching today
- **Worship ministries - musicians**
- **Homegroups and Pastoral Care**
- **Christmas Outreach** - (Dec mission focus)
- **Bible Society & Good News for Everyone**
- *Families*
- **For those who need our prayers**



### **Today @St Andrew's Advent 4**

Come, Jesus, be with us

- ♦ **Breakfast@9**
- ♦ **Holy Communion@10.30**

### **Bible Readings:**

Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:10-16;

### **Also Today**

- ♦ **CHURCH ON THE GREEN  
SOCIAL**  
Hampton Park Pavilion @4pm
- ♦ **Carols by Candlelight at St  
Andrew's Church 6.30pm**

### **Collect for Advent 4**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of  
your Son, so we wait for his  
coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs  
of this present age to see, with  
her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Post Communion**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised  
saviour:  
fill us your servants with your  
grace, that in all things we may  
embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your  
salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE WEEK...

**The ELF Nativity** - 4pm Monday 22nd Dec at St Andrew's.

**Christingle Service** - 4pm Christmas Eve at St Mark's Church.

**Midnight communion service** - 11.30pm at both churches

**Christmas Day celebration** - at St Mark's at 10am (actually starting at 10!)

**NEW YEARS DAY WALK** Everyone welcome! Meet at Curtis Room, St Andrew's at 10.30 for coffee ready for a short walk round Laverstock before ending at the village hall for soup and roll lunch. If you are unable to walk, join us for lunch and fellowship at 12 o'clock. If you are hoping to join us please sign sheets at back of churches.

**CROSSBARR CAFÉ** is taking a break and will be back on Monday January 5th at 11am.

**MAN-CHAT** is taking a break and will return on Wednesday January 7th at 11am.

**CURTIS ROOM CRAFTING** will next be happening on Saturday 10th January at 10.30am.

**COMMUNITEA** will return on Tuesday 13th January 2pm.

**MENS WALK** Please note that the next Men's Walk will be on Saturday 7th February, starting at 10 a.m. More details to follow nearer the time.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR MISSION** - **Join the team at Church on the Green** every third Sunday - see Charles and Wendy, details are on page 6.

**2026 ROTA** has been filled in for most roles in **MyCHURCHSUITE** for the next few months. Please check the dates you have been given and fill any gaps if you wish. If you cannot do a date please swap with someone in the team and let the office know. Any problems with *MyChurchSuite* get in touch with Jane. A printed version will be available in church asap and a copy at the church website.

**STAMP COLLECTION** - Medic to Medic collect all stamps (not Scout ones).

### Community News and Dates:

**Christmas Day Community Lunch** for anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day. Salisbury Baptist Church 12noon-2:30pm. To book phone 01722 697424 or see page 7 online.  
**Last day to sign up 19th Dec.**

**Date for the Diary. CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ** - Friday 30th January at St Mark's Church 7-10pm more details to follow soon.

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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

**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



All Elves  
Welcome!

## A Christmas Celebration for all the family

Mon 22nd Dec 4pm  
St Andrew's Church

You are warmly invited to join us for a family Christmas Celebration featuring carols, storytelling and craft. The perfect way to start your Christmas Week!

Christingle Service  
St Mark's Church  
4pm Christmas Eve



Nativity Costumes welcome!





# **CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNITY LUNCH**

For anyone who will be  
alone on Christmas Day.  
You are invited to be our  
guest for lunch at  
Salisbury Baptist Church.

**12 noon – 2:30pm**

Transport is available in the  
Salisbury area

To book in for lunch, or for more information

Email: [christmaslunchsbc@gmail.com](mailto:christmaslunchsbc@gmail.com)

or phone 01722 697424 (and leave a message)

Closing date for  
bookings  
19th December 2025



# CHURCH ON THE GREEN

## **An opportunity for mission in our parish**

Many of you will be aware of our monthly outreach to families on the Bishopdown Farm/Hampton Park/Riverdown Park Estate at **Church on the Green** which takes place at Hampton Park Pavilion every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday afternoon from 4-6pm and includes a Bible story, prayers, a talk, craft and tea. A small team of people representing several churches in Salisbury get together to plan each month's session and for prayer.

Charles and Wendy have been part of this team but are now wishing to take a step back and would therefore be pleased to hear from any who might feel the Lord calling them to join this important work. Specifically, Wendy shares responsibility for providing the buffet tea (on alternate months) so it would be helpful to recruit someone willing to help with this. Numbers vary but we have between 20 & 30 people (adults and children) coming along each month.

## **BIBLES FOR GHANA COLLECTION**

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An Anglican/Methodist Theological College in Ghana is desperately in need of:-

- Bibles; old, new, any version
- Hymn, Carol, Psalm, song, anthem, Sankey and praise books, with or without music.
- Music books for piano, violin or guitar tutor books
- any other related books that might help churches in Ghana.

Shipping these books to Ghana is free, once they are delivered to Catherine Brown, c/o Brown Logistics, Unit 4, Regent Court, South Way, Andover, SP10 5NX. 07412 687214. Please email Cornelius Nii Quarshie on [niiamquarshie@gmail.com](mailto:niiamquarshie@gmail.com) to inform him as to what you might be able to send him. (The Theological College: <https://trinity.edu.gh/> )