

Sunday

14 December 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 Christmas carols (Bishopdown)
- Tues** 7pm Carols at the Duck Inn Laverstock
- Wed** 9.30 Holy Communion (St Andrew)
11-noon MAN CHAT (St Andrew)
- Fri** 6pm Nativity on the Green (Bishopdown Pavilion)

Please pray for:

- **Martin** leading and preaching today
- **Those who maintain our buildings and fabric**
- **Breakfast@9**
- **Christmas Outreach** - (Dec mission focus)
- **Omega Church Kathmandu, rev Bikash & Kalpana**
- *Wider Church Leadership*
- **For those who need our prayers**
Martin Walter

Today @St Mark's Sunday@10 Holy Communion

Prophetic Christmas

The Perfect King: Isaiah 9:1-7;
Matthew 24:36-42

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

Also Today

♦ Carols by Candlelight at St Mark's Church 6pm

Collect for Advent 3

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to
prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for
these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his
face;
who is alive and reigns now and for
ever.

If you would like to share a Christmas message with
members of St Mark's family, please sign the card at the back

PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

CROSSBARR CAFÉ CHRISTMAS CAROLS - Monday 15th December 11am please support this event if you can. Carols from around 11.30. Usual soups, tea/coffee and cake!

YVONNE WOOLLEY FUNERAL 12noon Monday 15th December at St Andrew's. Everyone is invited and to the Duck Inn afterwards.

CAROLS AT THE DUCK INN, LAVERSTOCK - Tuesday 16th Dec 7pm. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available on the night.

NATIVITY ON THE GREEN - Friday 19th December 6-7pm at Hampton Park Pavilion

WOMEN'S REFUGE COLLECTION Our MU supports Salisbury Women's Refuge and they have asked for Christmas presents for the current residents this year. They ask that all items are new and please do not wrap them as they have to check each item.

For the ladies they ask for: toiletries, Cosmetics, Perfume, Jewellery, Diffusers (no candles), Socks/tights, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Hair accessories and brushes, Hot water bottles, Snuggly blankets, Umbrellas, PJ's and dressing gowns, Diaries, Crafting materials, Notebooks, Adult colouring books, Chocolate/sweets.

For the children (girls aged 1yr -10yrs and boys 1yr-8yrs):Toys, Games, Books, Colouring books, Crayons, colouring pencils, felt tips, Socks, Gloves, Hats, Scarves, Chocolate/sweets. There is a box under the table by the door in both churches for you to contribute an item or two, if you would like to. Thank you, in advance from the Mother's Union and the families at the refuge this Christmas. Joan

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.

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 page 7.

CHURCHSUITE is our new church directory (and more) so we encourage you to join. If you need help take a look at the userguide [My ChurchSuite - Getting Started](#) or talk to Jane who can give 1-1 help. If you are able to, you can start to sign up for the rota from January onwards. Please fill in any dates you are unavailable which helps Jane to fill gaps.

Community News and Dates:

Salisbury Community Choir - Twilight Carols at St Mark's church Sat 13 Dec 5.30pm. Tickets from [TicketSource](#) or on the door. see attached flyer.

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.

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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



Monday 15th December

11-2.00 at the Barrington Centre, Bishopdown Green

Crossbarr Community Café Christmas carols and cake

(& the usual soup with a roll!)

All Welcome!

Crossbarr will be closed on Monday 22nd and 29th December.

We will re-open for the new year 11-2.00 on Monday 5th January.



7pm
16 DECEMBER

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
ST ANDREWS CHURCH,
LAVERSTOCK

Mulled wine and mince pies
available on the night

📍 The Duck Inn, Laverstock

The Pavilion, Ash Crescent, SP1 3GY

NATIVITY ON THE GREEN

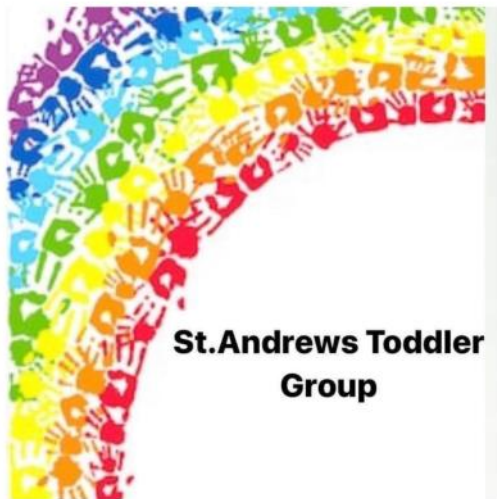
Friday 19th December
6pm - 7pm



Live outdoor nativity Carols Refreshments All welcome!



<https://sites.google.com/view/communityonthegreen/notg>



**St. Andrews Toddler
Group**

THURSDAYS
TERM TIME ONLY

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

LAVERSTOCK &
FORD
VILLAGE HALL



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!

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 3rd 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

BIBLES for GHANA, PLEASE!

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 to inform him as to what you might be able to send him. (The Theological College: <https://trinity.edu.gh/>)



salisbury
community
choir

Twilight CAROLS

& FANTASIA ON CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Conductor: Brian Moles

Accompanist: Jonathan Upfold Soloist: Paul Robertson

**SATURDAY
13TH DECEMBER**

5.30pm

**ST. MARK'S CHURCH
SALISBURY**



Tickets £15
from TicketSource
or on the door

salisburycommunitychoir.org



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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

or phone 01722 697424 (and leave a message)

Closing date for
bookings
19th December 2025

