

# ***Sunday***

## **7 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 (Bishopdown)
- Tue** 2-4pm CommuniTea (St Andrew)
- Wed** 9.30 Holy Communion (St Andrew)  
11-noon MAN CHAT (St Andrew)
- Thur** 1pm Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch
- Fri** 10am Magpies Toddler Group (St Mark)

### **Please pray for:**

- **Andy** leading and preaching today
- **Treasurers Debi and Maureen**
- **Hall Hires and those who use our buildings**
- **Christmas Outreach** - (Dec mission focus)
- **Salisbury Foodbank**
- *Faith in the workplace*
- **For those who need our prayers**
  - Martin Walter
  - Amanda
  - Ann's daughter, Melody

### **Today @St Mark's Sunday@10**

**Prophetic Christmas**  
The Perfect Promise:

Isaiah 7:1-17

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 for Advent 2**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ  
comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.



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

**CHRISTMAS CARD INVITATIONS DELIVERY**—If you are able to distribute our card to a few streets in **Bishopdown Farm** or **Laverstock** please pick up a pack from church today or the office on Tuesday morning. Please feel free to **take as many cards as you need** to deliver to your own neighbours or friends if they are not in our distribution area. Feel to share our digital version [here](#).

## PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

**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 the remaining gaps and prevent too many swaps.

**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.

**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!

**Carols at the Duck Inn, Laverstock- Tuesday 16th Dec 7pm.**

**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

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

## Community News and Dates:

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

**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](mailto:stmwardens@stmarkstandrew.org) / [stawardens@stmarkstandrew.org](mailto:stawardens@stmarkstandrew.org)

**Prayer Chain** Please email any prayer requests to:

[prayer@stmarkstandrew.org](mailto:prayer@stmarkstandrew.org)

**Pastoral Care** Please email pastoral needs to:

[care@stmarkstandrew.org](mailto:care@stmarkstandrew.org)

**PCC Secretary** (Helen Pessell)

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**Deadline for items for Sunday notice sheet: Thursday morning.**

**Please email notices to [news@stmarkstandrew.org](mailto:news@stmarkstandrew.org)**

# [www.stmarkstandrew.org](http://www.stmarkstandrew.org)



*Monday 15th December*

*11-2.00 at the Barrington Centre, Bishopdown Green*

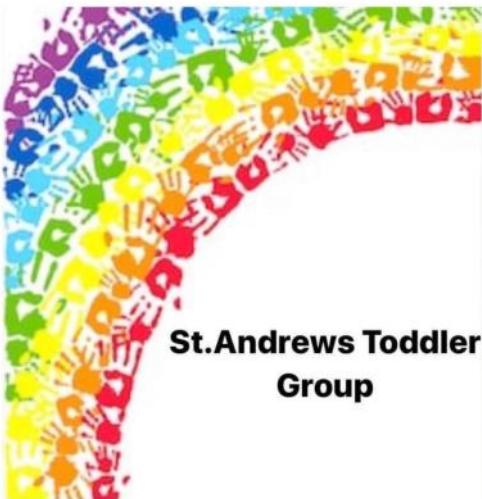
*Crossbarr Community Café*  
*Christmas carols and cake*

*(& 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.*



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> December -  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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**



[www.stthomassalisbury.co.uk](http://www.stthomassalisbury.co.uk)



Registered Charity (1133882)

**FREE ENTRY**





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](http://salisburycommunitychoir.org)



FUNDRAISING FOR  
**RISE:61**



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!





# **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

