

Sunday

21 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 4pm The Elf Nativity (St Andrew's)

Wed 4pm Christingle
11.30pm Midnight Communion service

Christmas Day Together at 10am St Mark's

Please pray for:

- **Jo** and **Andy** 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**

Martin Walter

Today @St Mark's Sunday@10

Prophetic Christmas

The Perfect Kingdom: Isaiah 11:1-9

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

Also Today

- ♦ **CHURCH ON THE GREEN SOCIAL**
Hampton Park Pavilion @4pm
- ♦ **StMARKS@SIX (SMS)** An hour of worship, prayer and more...
- ♦ **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.

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

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.

Vicar Andy Bousfield 07866 434117

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Parish office Jane Holme 07933 952171

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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

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 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/>)