

Sunday

26 April 2026

St Mark 
SERVING JESUS, EACH OTHER, OUR WORLD

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)
3pm Standing Committee (vicarage)
- Tue** 2-4pm Communita (St A)
- Wed** 9.30 Holy Communion (St A)
11-noon MAN CHAT (St A)
- Thur** 7.30pm MALT meeting (Annexe)
- Fri** 10-11.30am Magpies Toddler Group
6-8pm First Friday Food (Annexe)
- Sat** 10.30-12.15 Curtis Room Crafting (St A)
2pm Men's walk (see back for details)

Please pray for:

- **Jo** and **Andy** leading and preaching today
- **Churchwarden's: Lauren & Saul**
- **Leadership teams (PCC, MALT, SALT)**
- **Mission Relief ministries - (e.g. Tearfund, Christian Aid)**
- **Omega Church, Nepal** our April mission partner
- *Carers*
- **For those who need our prayers**

We are looking for Faith in Later Life Champions for both churches. If you would like to see a role description, please get in touch with Jo King 07771 858547 / johnandjo.king@gmail.com



Today @St Mark's Sunday@10 + Short HC after the service

'Living stone & Chosen people:
Remember who you are'

Readings: 1 Peter 2:4-10

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 4th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

From May 2026 we will be using standard fortified Communion wine in the chalice. Please let us know if you would like an alternative to be provided.

PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

APCM Report - If you are running an activity please send in your report for the APCM asap so we can include it in our annual report. Please send to the Parish Office or Andy using contact details below or in our Church Suite address book. Thank you.

Next Month...

Fri 1 May **First Friday Food club** 6-8pm St Mark's Annexe.

Sat 2 May **Curtis Room Crafting** 10.30am

Sat 2 May **Men's Walk** at 2 p.m., meeting at Salisbury Cathedral. Walk Town Path, Broken Bridges, Churchfields riverside and back to Cathedral, distance approximately 4.5 miles. End walk with refreshments and fellowship. Please contact Kwame Kusi-Obodum or Keith Foster if you plan to join us.

Sun 17 May **APCM and Lunch** at St Mark's 12noon after Sunday@10

Sat 23rd May **Cathy & Robin would love to invite the congregation to their wedding at 11am at St Mark's Church.**

The Prayer Course - An eight week journey in prayer (New) If you would like to express interest in this please see Barry Blackford, Iain Stewart or Jo King. Courses will be run at St Andrew's and at St Mark's in the coming year.

In April our Mission Focus is Omega Church: Our vicar has been visiting Omega Church this month. The church would like to add a kitchen and multi media to their new building — they pray for support for this. Please see **Andy's video** at our You Tube website. [Link](#).

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL — ANNUAL REVISION 2026

The Revised Church Electoral Roll is on display at the back of each church. Please check your entry and amend it if there is any error or omission. If your name is not there and you wish to express your membership of our parish please complete a pink application form which is available at the back of the roll. Completed forms may be given to the Churchwardens or Anne Jones (at St Mark's) or Alan Ely (at St Andrew's) or sent to the office. Names will be added after the APCM on 17th May. Alan Ely, Electoral Roll Officer.

Community News and Dates:

An Evening with Rob Parsons - Reflections on the Journey- Tuesday 12 May 7.30pm St Pauls Church, Salisbury. To book tickets see [link](#).

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



An eight week journey in prayer

When: Wednesdays 6 May – 24 June

Time: 7 pm for 7.15 start, end 8.45 pm

Where: St Andrew's

**Followed by: Prayer event
Saturday/Sunday 27/28 June**

More information from:

Barry Blackford, Iain Stewart, Jo King.

For more information on 24-7 Prayer:

www.24-7prayer.com

The course will be repeated on Tuesdays in
St Mark's from 15 September

Laverstock
Midsummer
Music
Festival 2026
June 20-21 & 27-28

St Andrew's Laverstock is proud to introduce the first Laverstock Midsummer Music Festival. A free festival of music featuring local talent, emerging and established groups all located at St Andrew's Church. Programme schedule via QR Code.

Early Release Lineup

Bluestone Arc The Salisbury Pluckers Damian Clarke
Tripwire Maerefolk Open Mic Sessions
Hymns & Pimm's Festival Concert Festival Worship
Local Schools Local Residents Music Students



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All events FREE. Donations towards our Gray & Davidson pipe organ.

Save the date!

St Mark's - Open Day

1-3pm Saturday June 6th

Lunch, cakes & refreshments and plant sale to raise awareness of the hall space for all the community.

More info coming soon...

We would like as many church people to come on the day as possible.

Next ECO-CHURCH MEETING - St Mark's Annexe - Thursday 7th May 6-7pm. Come and join us if you are interested, we will be planning our open afternoon. More info here : [Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project](#)





Salisbury Sudans Partnership

Donors and Supporters, we want to hear from you!

Current donors, supporters and anyone interested, please get in touch so we can update you on what your generous donations and prayers are helping to achieve.

Contact: Ella Liversage
ella.liversage@salisbury.anglican.org
- *Donations Administrator* -
www.salisburysudanspartnership.co.uk

Our Mission

The conflict in Sudan has created one of the gravest humanitarian crises of our time. For more than 1,000 days, communities have endured unimaginable loss and displacement. In the Salisbury-Sudans Partnership, we stand alongside them in faith, friendship, and practical support – built on decades of trusted, local links that ensure help reaches those who need it most.

Thanks to the generosity of donors within the Salisbury Diocese, we provide life-changing **Humanitarian Aid, Medical Support, Education and Advocacy**, across Sudan and South Sudan. Recent support has enabled emergency food deliveries, medical supplies for 16 clinics, safer births through our 'Mama Pack' kits, and opportunities for students – including over 100 sponsored learners at JDMSS, now one of the best-performing schools in the country.

The Salisbury-Sudans Partnership works closely with the government to help ensure the realities faced by communities in Sudan and South Sudan are understood.

Every prayer and every gift, large or small, strengthens our mission – enabling us to expand our aid, support those most affected, and continue advocating for peace in the Sudans.