

Sunday

12 April 2026



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 Communita (St A)

Wed 9.30 Holy Communion (St A)
11-noon MAN CHAT (St A)

Fri 10-11.30am Magpies Toddler Group

Please pray for:

- **Jo and Martin** leading and preaching today
- **Andy our Vicar in Nepal**
- **Home & Overseas Mission Group**
- **St Mark's CofE Junior School and St Andrew's Primary School / Open the Book**
- **The Bridge Project**
- **Omega Church, Nepal** our monthly mission partner
- **Teachers**
- **For those who need our prayers**

Julian
Thelma Claydon
Cathy Butcher
Kirsty's dad

From May 2026 we will again be using alcoholic Communion wine. If anyone would prefer to have an alternative please let us know.

Today @St Mark's Sunday@10 - Holy Communion

'Living Hope: Remember where you are going

Readings: 1 Peter 1:1-12

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 2nd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no
entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice
and peace, to the praise of God the
Father.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of
eternal life and in baptism have made
us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

The Great St Andrews Sycamore hunt!! Sat 18th April from 9:30. It's that time of year - the Sycamores are starting to get secondary leaves if we get them now you can pull them out by hand (gloves recommended) leave them much longer and we will need pickaxes!!! So come one, come all - stay as long as you are able - Tea Coffee & biscuits provided.

Sun 19 Apr Church on the Green 4pm @Pavilion Theme: Alive: 'Mary'

Leadership meetings (details in My Church Suite):

Mon 27 Apr Standing Committee Meeting 2.30-4pm (Time TBA) at Vicarage.

Thur 30 Apr MALT meeting, St Mark's Annexe 7.30pm

Next Month...

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

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.**

YOUTH AND FAMILIES WORKER FUNDRAISING UPDATE. Thank you for your incredible generosity. We have pledges totalling £125,000 at this point and we will continue our process to advertise. We will also be appealing to grant making bodies to top up what we have.

In April our Mission Focus is Omega Church: Our vicar is visiting Omega Church and will bring an update on his return. The church would like to complete their building construction by adding a kitchen —they pray for support for this.

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL — REVISION 2026 You will find a notice at the back of each church telling you about the annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll (which is our parish membership) between the 5th -19th April. If you are unsure if you're on it please **check that you are there**. If you would like to join please complete a pink Application Form which is available at the back of the roll. Completed application forms may be given to the churchwardens or Anne Jones (at St Mark's) or Alan Ely (at St Andrew's) popped into the collection or sent to the Parish office. Please note completed applications forms must reach the Electoral Roll Officer by midnight Sunday 19th April if you wish to attend the APCM on 17th May. If you have any questions, please just ask. Alan Ely, Electoral Roll Officer (01722 718259).

Community News and Dates:

St Mark's Open Day: Plants needed for plant sale Saturday 6th June 1-3pm - St Mark's will be holding an open day during the Big Green Week to raise awareness of our church annexe and allow people to come in and see it. The plant sale will help raise funds for the improvements. We will also be serving lunch and will need cake donations on the day.

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

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



WWW.STMARKSTANDREW.ORG

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](#)

