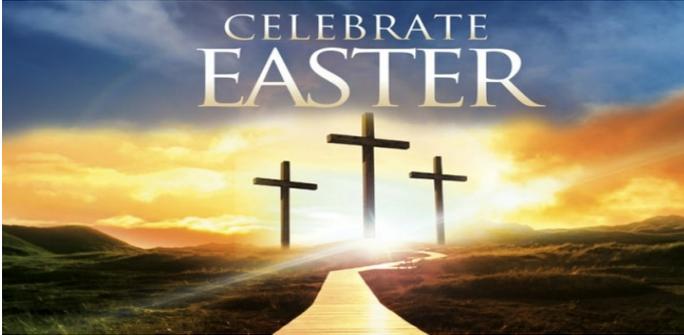


NEWS

St Mark 
St Andrew
SERVING JESUS, EACH OTHER, OUR WORLD
Sunday 4 April



Dear family and friends,

As I write on Maundy Thursday I find myself thinking about Jesus' words in John 12.

"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.'" [John 12v27-28]

These verses capture two amazing truths about Jesus. First, he felt real anguish as he faced the prospect of the cross, which reminds us that Jesus is truly human. But, second, we see in these verses the resolute love of Jesus. Jesus was deeply troubled by the suffering he was about to endure, but he also recognised that this was why he came - to redeem his people in love. In John's Gospel the hour of glory is the cross (John 12v32-33). This was when Jesus would be literally lifted up as he was hoisted up on the cross, but it was also when he would be metaphorically lifted up as his saving love became evident and he draws all people to himself. Christ's experience of suffering helps us in ours; his anguish and his troubled soul liberates troubled souls. We may experience a measure of this deliverance in this life - and we pray so today - but the fullness we will enjoy is in the life to come. Our Resurrection hope.

Regards, Andy

VERSE for 2021:

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus." Hebrews 12:2 (NIVUK)

LIVE ON-SITE

St Mark SUNDAY@10
10.00 Worship and HC

St Andrew 10.30 HC
10.30 Holy Communion

LIVE ONLINE

Breakfast@9
9.00 - 9.45 in [Zoom1](#) and
available afterwards.

St Mark SUNDAY@10
Livestreamed
via our [website](#) and
[YouTube](#) and as a
recording afterwards.

Followed by [CoffeeChat](#)
at 11.30-12.00 in Zoom1

IN THE WEEK

DAILY SOCIAL 4pm Zoom1

WEDNESDAY SERVICE
9.30am Holy Communion at
St Andrews

[**PARISH SHARE** will be the
following week]



Church Connect

..Pick up a Phone...Care,
Share and Prayer Who will you
encourage this week?

www.stmarkstandrew.org



John 20: 1-18 "The Resurrection of Christ" - by Diane
See if you can find yourself in the scene that unfolds on that first Easter morning. Put yourself in Mary's shoes and listen again to Jesus' words.

First, "why are you weeping?" Jesus meets Mary in her darkest hour. Immanuel, God with us, says to the one who is lonely and afraid..... "Why are *you* weeping?"

Secondly, "who are you looking for?" Does Mary even know? It sounds more like she's looking for a 'what'— a corpse, not her own dear friend Jesus, alive and well. But it's Jesus who finds *her*.... "Who are *you* looking for?" "Mary." He calls her by name. That voice sounded so familiar. And she knew..... He calls each one of us by name.

Then "do not hold on to me." Don't hold onto me? He doesn't forbid Mary from 'touching' him, but from 'holding on' to him. Mary's comfort and ours comes from a raised and ascended Jesus by the Father's right hand side.

Finally "go to my brothers and say to them. . ." The message of the gospel is entrusted to Mary and all who have met him saying: "I have seen the Lord!"

What are *you* looking for? To meet your deepest longings. Jesus is alive. Seek and you will find.

Click for Programme Card.

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

Easter 2021 - Services and Events

Come and join us on-site or online this Easter.

Online Easter Play



A 50 minute Easter Play to watch at home. £10 per household.

Full details [here](#).

Pontius Pilate wrestles over an enormous decision as he hears more about the Galilean preacher who has been brought to his home.

Maundy Thursday 'Breaking Day' showing at St Mark's

7pm in 3 Acts with reflections and worship. Free entry. No booking.

Good Friday reflection "An Hour at the Cross"

10-11am at St Mark's and live-streamed
2-3pm at St Andrew's on-site only.

Easter Sunday

Breakfast@9 live on Zoom.

St Mark's at 10am on-site and online.

St Andrew's at 10.30am on-site only.

Please see our individual page links for further details.

[Breakfast@9](#)

[St Mark's@10](#)

[St Andrew's](#)



Free printable Easter Bible study. Here is the [link](#).

News & Notices

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Easter Egg Hunt - St Mark's Garden Sunday morning.

Families are invited to come and join us for an Easter egg hunt. There will be some Easter story books available to take away too (spare ones in the porch). **We hope you can join us!**

Sunday@6 - Starts Sunday 11th April

We are inviting everyone to gather for prayer 6-7pm Sunday evenings in **Zoom1**. Different people will guide the evenings. There will be opportunity to share answers to prayer, spend time listening to God, sharing scripture...**Everyone welcome.** Jo King

**St Mark's Church
Open for
Individual
Prayer...** at the following times:-



10am-2pm Saturday 17th & 24th April

10am-2pm Saturday 1st May

The "Top Secret Project".....Part 2!

Can now be revealed....

This time some adults in our church have been decorating Easter Pots for presents for the children and young people and filling them with chocolate eggs. **Thank you to everyone who has been involved.**

See [page 7](#) for the photos. Jo and Sarah

StAndrew

RECYCLE AT ST ANDREW'S

Medic to Medic (a charity that provides funding for socially and economically disadvantaged students in Malawi to train as healthcare workers) is accepting empty tablet blister packs for recycling.

St Andrew's Church will be a collecting point. They can be placed in the box provided.

St Andrews Church Yard

We urgently need two volunteers to help maintain the church yard. If you or you know of somebody who could give a few hours a month during the growing season to help us with mowing and strimming, please get in touch with me.

Godfrey King – 07974809708 email godfreykping@hotmail.com



EASTER TRAIL -Cafe on the Green has teamed up with local churches to create an Easter hunt around the Bishopdown area. See [page 8/9](#) for more details and the donkey trail map. Trail starts Good Friday from the Pavillion.

PARISH SHARE

Not Wed 7th April but on Wed 14th April 7.30pm. We bring together the whole parish family once a month to hear news and share in prayer with each other. It will be in Zoom1. This month we will also hear hews from the Salisbury Foodbank...**Hope you can join us.**

THE ELECTORAL ROLL — REVISION 2021

You will find a notice at the back of each church telling you about the revision of the Electoral Roll beginning on the 18th April. Being included on the roll means you are a member of Salisbury St Mark and Laverstock St Andrew Churches and you are willing to support the development of the church in prayer, time and giving.

If you are on the current electoral roll, which you will find at the back of each church, there is nothing for you to do but you should **check that you are there**. If you are not on the current roll please complete a green 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) or Alan Ely (at St Andrew) or sent to the Church Electoral Roll Officer. If you have any questions about the roll please ask me (01722 718259).
Alan Ely, Electoral Roll Officer

Mission News

April Focus:

Salisbury Food Bank

(1) WHO DO WE HELP?

From the [first blog](#) of the newly independent Salisbury Foodbank...

"People sometimes speak as if there were a typical food bank client. But no two cases are the same. It could be anyone who comes to us: it could be you and it could be me. People come for a myriad of different reasons: debt, divorce, bereavement, abuse, addiction, health issues, problems with the benefit system, even those in full time work can be at breaking point with furlough

schemes or insecure zero hours jobs. All these things can lead to people in Salisbury seeking our help.

We try to provide more than just food. Food cannot be the long-term answer. We try to understand what prompts those who come to us for food help, and what we can do to help them address these underlying causes – establishing those links is a key part of what we do. Above all else, it is our guiding principle that everyone who comes to us is met with dignity, and respect, and is provided not just with food but with hope."

Parish Rota

Please check [here](#) for the latest website version as it may have changed since you last checked!

GIVING

If you are looking to donate to our work please visit the [Giving Page](#) at our website.



Do you know someone who would value receiving this newsletter? Please encourage them to subscribe using [this link](#).

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PRAYER POINTS

- **Diane & Andy** leading and preaching today.
- **Our LPAs** committed to visiting others regularly
- For those on our **Prayer Chain**: Please pray for **Karen Mundy & family** after their sad loss; **Mike Claydon**; **Teresa Donaldson** - undergoing chemotherapy treatment; **Joy** (Jan Seaman's sister-in-law) - chemotherapy; **Gordon** (Alma's Brother) - please pray for his future care needs.
- **Salisbury Foodbank (see insert)**
- **David & Shelley Stokes** - thanks for their safe return from Argentina. Pray for them as they settle back into Salisbury.
- For the safety of those who venture out and for those who are still shielding.

Zoom links

Zoom1

Meeting ID 251 131 0154

Passcode zoom2020

Phone 0330 088 5830

Zoom2

Meeting ID 923 007 5605

Passcode 0GmyyD

Our Zoom rooms are available for your use - to avoid any clash please let the church office know in advance.

ZOOM daily social

Join us for a social chat on Monday - Saturday 4pm in **Zoom1**.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would value prayer for anything please send requests to our prayer chain. This will be shared with home group leaders and passed to our dedicated pray-ers. All details will be treated respectfully. prayer@stmarkstandrew.org

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Do pray for us and contact the office with suggestions.

MALT 15 April

SALT 22 April

SALT, MALT and PCC have their meetings in **Zoom1**



TORCHLIGHT

04/04/21

THEME: 'HE'S ALIVE!'

JOHN 20:1-18



Hi Torchlighters, here are some things you can do over the Easter weekend on your own or with your family. I hope you enjoy! By the way I think there will be chocolate in St Mark's garden Easter Sunday morning. (shhhhh!) Love Andy.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of the empty tomb!

You can find it in your Bible in:

John 20 v 1–18

Read the story together - or you can watch some of the St Mark's Church family acting it out for you which they filmed last weekend! They did a pretty good job. Watch it [here](#).



The Empty Tomb

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" Then Peter and the other disciple (John) went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there and the cloth which had been around Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.) Then the disciples went back home... [to be continued]



**Follow this link for
some activities and
prayers at**

Together @ Home

Something to think about...

Mary couldn't touch Jesus because he had to go back to his Father in heaven. Can you imagine the entrance of Jesus into heaven in his resurrected body? The first ever resurrected body that can't get hurt, or scratched, or sick, or die but can live for ever and ever. How amazing it would have been for all the angels and the Father to have Jesus back to heaven after His life on earth, and then His death and resurrection! And Mary was the first person to see Jesus in His new body, His risen body, and to hear His voice again. She knew without a shadow of a doubt that He had risen! And Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that he had spoken these amazing things to her.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Mary stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked in the tomb and saw two angels there dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. "Woman, why are you crying?" they asked her.

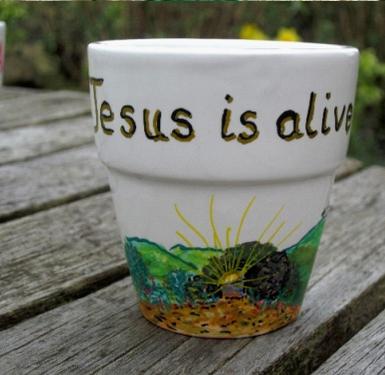
She answered, "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him!"

Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not know that it was Jesus. "Woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who is it that you are looking for?" She thought he was the gardener, so she said to him, "If you took him away, sir, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned toward him and said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (This means "Teacher.") "Do not hold on to me," Jesus told her, "because I have not yet gone back up to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am returning to him who is my Father and their Father, my God and their God."

So Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and related to them what he had told her.





Café on the Green

AT HAMPTON PARK PAVILION
ASH CRESCENT, SALISBURY

The Café on the Green has teamed up with local churches and supporters to create an Easter Hunt around the Bishopdown area, which is open to 11s and under. There are five posters each one giving a clue to the 5 letter word which unlocks an on line video about the Easter Story. Attached is a donkey trail map to show you where the posters can be found. When you have worked out the codeword and seen the final video get your parents email us at owbemerton@gmail.com and we will deliver a prize to the first 100 who contact us.

The trail starts on Good Friday in the Pavilion Car Park.

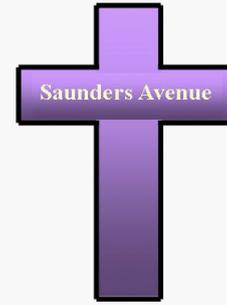
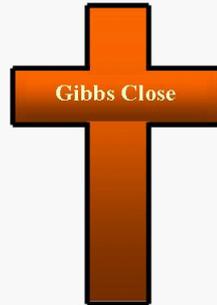
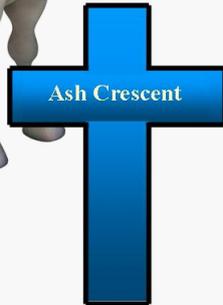
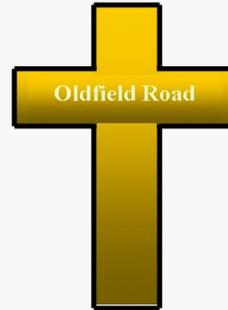
Happy Easter
From all the team at the Café on the
Green



PS. Don't forget to search in a socially distanced way!

EASTER TRAIL

Here are the locations of the posters that will reveal the 5 hidden letters needed to work out the codeword so that you can hear the full story of Easter in an online video. If you need help, checkout the Facebook page for *Café on the Green*, Salisbury.



When you've found the answer please ask your parent to send the codeword with your name to owbemerton@gmail.com to claim your prize (open to all children 11 and under)