

October 2025



Welcome to our October newsletter.

This month we celebrate Harvest in support of our local foodbank, and host our Light Party for children and their families to join in.

Our monthly mission partner is People International who work in countries where it is difficult to practice or share Christian faith. New director, David, and An Bo visit St Mark's on 19 October and stay on for a Shared Lunch.

A new monthly club for young people 'First Friday Food' starts on 3rd for ages 13-19. This will run the first Friday of the month.

New to Sunday evenings (SMS) StMarks@Six worship and prayer every week.

On 11th October we have a working party at the Barrington Centre—all welcome for a bit of weather dependent painting and decorating. Nice treats provided for all volunteers.

HARVEST Services

**Sunday 5th October 10am St Mark's
9am & 10.30am St Andrew's**

**A food collection will be gathered for
Salisbury Foodbank**

Church Family HARVEST LUNCH

**Sunday 5th October 12.30pm
Laverstock Village Hall**

LIGHT PARTY

**Friday 31st October
4-6pm**

**Fun and games, music,
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At St Mark's Church,**

What's on:

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| Fri 3 Oct | First Friday Food 6pm-8pm St Mark's Church Annexe (see above) |
| Sat 4 Oct | Church harvest decoration from 9am followed by Curtis Room Crafting 10.30-12.15 at St Andrew's |
| Sun 5 Oct | Harvest Services (see above) with collection for foodbank.
Church family Harvest Lunch Laverstock Village Hall at 12.30pm |
| Thur 9 Oct | Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30pm Curtis room |
| Sat 11 Oct | Barrington Centre working party (mainly painting) 9-12am
Men's walking group meeting at St Mark's Church at 1.30pm for 2pm start. |
| Sun 19 Oct | Shared Lunch at St Mark's with People International (David & An Bo)
Church on the Green 4pm @Pavilion - 'Joseph the prisoner' |
| Fri 31 Oct | Light party 4-6pm at St Mark's Church |

Sundays @ St Andrew's

Breakfast@9 on Sunday

Informal family service
with breakfast

Sunday 10.30am



St Andrew's

Every Sunday:

Breakfast@9 A simple breakfast followed by a simple service.

Communion at 10.30 Holy Communion service including refreshments.

Programme for October:

Oct 5 **A treasured story**

- 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Oct 12 **Unchained!**

- 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Oct 19 **A toolbox for faith**

- 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Oct 26 **God stood by me**

- 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Sundays @ St Mark's

We get together at 10 with refreshments and the service starts at 10.15.

On the second Sunday of the month we have Communion within the service, on the fourth Sunday there is a short Communion afterwards in the Chancel or Prayer Chapel.

Children's Club runs every week unless it's an All Age Service and we have a self-service creche with audio link.

We offer an opportunity to pray with people after each service.

StMarks@6 (SMS) is an evening service every week for more informal worship+prayer

Programme for October: Series:
"A Simple rule of Life" Part 2
Transforming God's World...

Oct 5 **Harvest - All Age** - Luke 12:13-21

Oct 12 ... **by how you Give** 1 Timothy 6:6-21

Oct 19 ... **by how you Serve and use your gifts** with Guest Speaker David Bo

Oct 26 ... **by how you Share the Good News of Jesus** with guest speaker Martin Povey - Colossians 4:2-6

CHURCH ON THE GREEN

Every Third Sunday at 4pm

[webpage](#) at Hampton Park Pavilion, Bishopdown Farm.

Family-friendly Sunday afternoon service with songs, crafts, bible story, talk followed by Tea.

Sunday September 19th - 'Joseph the prisoner'

Prayer@6

6pm in [Zoom](#) every Sunday.

All welcome! - We look back; give thanks; look forward; pray



November: A time to Remember



Each year on All Saints Day we invite our community to a special service of remembrance for loved ones lost. This year it is hosted at St Mark's Church. We provide an opportunity to light a candle and

Remember with Thanks:
Sunday 2 November, 3pm at St Mark's

Remembrance Sunday
9th November

10am St Mark's

10.30am St Andrew's Church. A service of Holy Communion will take place beforehand at 9.30am.

Let's We Forget



in the community in the week

In Salisbury & Bishopdown

CrossBarr + Community Café

At the Barrington Centre, Bishopdown.
Mondays 11am – 2pm.
Serving homemade cake, and soup with a roll. All Welcome!



MAGPIES



S'Mark
SERVING JESUS, EACH OTHER, OUR WORLD

Toddler Group

Friday mornings
during term time
10am -11.30
@St Mark's

Homegroups



Meet weekly in homes for friendship, support and Bible study. Please check the display boards at the back of church for details or get in touch with the office.

FIRST FRIDAY FOOD CLUB

6.00-8.00pm
the first Friday of the month
(starts 3rd October)

@St Mark's annexe kitchen

Age range
13-19



In Laverstock

Communi-Tea

Welcomes all ages from the community. 2-4pm Tuesday afternoons at St Andrew's during termtime. Come and enjoy a cup of tea with a biscuit.



Communion Wednesday@930

A midweek communion service at St Andrew's

MAN-CHAT

Wednesdays 11am-noon



St. Andrew's Curtis Room.
A Tea and Coffee Break for Men
A time to relax and chat.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Meet 2nd Thursday of the month
2.30pm - Curtis Room @St A's.

CURTIS ROOM

Crafting

Everyone welcome

Bring along and work on your own your craft project

(or Join in with a group craft)

1st Saturday of every month
10.30 - 12.15
St Andrews Church, Laverstock



Parish *Share*

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD:

At Parish Share on Wednesday 1st October we will be praying for Lucy Monk and People International for their mission work in Asia.

On Sunday 19th October at St Marks we welcome guest speaker David Bo from People International who will stay for a Shared Lunch at St Mark's for which we hope St Andrew's will join us.

For more information about People International see their website [Home - People International](#).

Provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year.

Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of breeding season. A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead.

For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

PRAYER

CHAIN

If you would value prayer please send an email to our prayer chain.
prayer@stmarkstandrew.org

Useful Links

linktr.ee/stmarkstandrew
Website and social media

[Zoom](#) (click link)
Meeting ID 251 131 0154
Passcode zoom2020

[CURRENT ROTA](#) (click link)
Contact the office for any queries or to join! Available on MyChurchSuite and at the website.

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Hall Bookings - please see our website page or call the office.			

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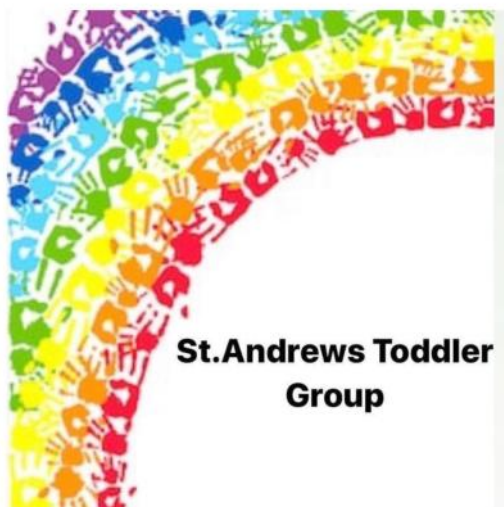
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**THURSDAYS
TERM TIME ONLY**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**LAVERSTOCK &
FORD
VILLAGE HALL**