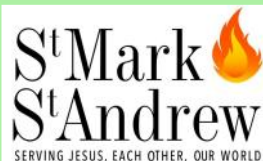


# December 2025



**Welcome to our December newsletter.** We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you and hope you can join us at some of our Christmas services and events.



We will be **Carol Singing at the local care homes** on **Wednesday 3 December**, meeting at St Marks at 6pm and returning for mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

The **Crossbarr Community Café** (Barrington Centre Bishopdown) is holding its **Christmas Celebration with Carols** on **Monday 15th December at 11am**. All welcome! Serving soup & a roll, cake & festive treats.

In Laverstock we will be singing **Carols at the Duck Inn** at **7pm on Tuesday 16th December** followed by refreshments.

**Our Carol Services** will be held on 14th December 6pm (St Mark) and 21st December 6.30pm (St Andrew).

## Events for children

**Nativity on the Green** - Friday 19th December 6pm Carols, crafts, refreshments & live nativity!

**The Elf Nativity** Monday 22nd December at 4pm St Andrew's Church. A free family Christmas celebration, with carols, crafts and the nativity story with a twist!

**Christingle service** at St Mark's 4pm Christmas Eve - nativity costumes welcome!

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## Sundays @ St Andrew's

**Breakfast@9** A simple breakfast followed by an interactive service.

**Communion at 10.30** Holy Communion service including refreshments.

### Programme for December:

Dec 7 - **Advent 2 Come, Jesus, show us the way** - Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

Dec 14 - **Advent 3 Come, Jesus, and fill us with joy** - Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Dec 21 - **Advent 4 Come, Jesus, be with us** - Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:10-16;

Dec 28 - **Christmas 1- Precious lives** - Matthew 2:13-23; Isaiah 63:7-9;

### What's on at a glance:

- Wed 3 Dec Carol Singing at the local Care homes, Meet at St Mark's 6pm.
- Sat 6 Dec Decorating both churches for Christmas from 9am / Curtis Room crafts at 10.30
- Thu 11 Dec Mothers' Union meeting 2.30pm Curtis room St Andrew's
- Sun 14 Dec Carol Service @St Mark's 6pm
- Mon 15 Dec Crossbarr Café Christmas Carols 11am-2pm Barrington Centre
- Tues 16 Dec Carols at the Duck Inn, 7pm
- Fri 19 Dec Nativity on the Green 6pm @ Hampton Park Pavilion
- Sun 21 Dec COTG 'Christmas social' 4pm Carol service at St Andrew's 6.30pm
- Mon 22 Dec Elf Nativity 4pm at St Andrew's
- Wed 24 Dec Christingle@St Mark's 4pm, Midnight services at both churches 11.30
- Thur 25 Dec Christmas Day celebration at St Mark's 10am

*Wishing you a hope and joy  
filled Christmas!*

## 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 and we have a self-service creche with audio link. From January only on 2nd and 4th Sundays

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 December: Prophetic Christmas

Dec 7 - **The Perfect Promise:** Isaiah 7:1-17

Dec 14 - **The Perfect King:** Isaiah 9:1-7

Dec 21 - **The Perfect Kingdom:** Isaiah 11:1-9

Dec 25th - **Christmas Day** The Coming King

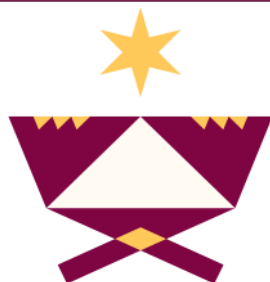
Dec 28 - **The Perfect Saviour:** Isaiah 63:1-9



### Christmas Eve Midnight services

**11.30pm both churches (11.15 for mulled wine on arrival at St Andrew's)**

Join us for our  
Christmas Day  
Celebration at St  
Mark's Church  
@10am



# 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! (Not 22nd or 29th Dec)



## 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. (not 23rd or 30th Dec)



## 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.  
(Not 24th or 31st Dec)

## 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



## Our December Mission Focus

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AT CHRISTMAS

Please support our local community in the run up to Christmas.

- ♦ Join us to sing carols at the care homes and pray for our local community on December 3rd (see front page).
- ♦ Come and support the Crossbarr Café Christmas Celebration on 15th Dec 11am-2pm. We will sing carols at around 11:45 after the first serving of coffee/Tea.
- ♦ Donate items for the Women's Refuge - Mothers' Union are collecting items. See our weekly sheet for suggestions if you would like to contribute something.
- ♦ There will be a Christmas day lunch at Salisbury Baptist church for anyone who will be on their own on Christmas day. Details can be found on the attached page. Please pray for those who will be on their own.

### Useful Links

[linktr.ee/stmarkstandrew](http://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.

### DONATE



Or [click here](#) for more info.

[Subscribe](#) to receive digital newsletter or email the office

at the website.

## December Eco-Tips

Recycle right this Christmas (and beyond!) Since more waste ends up in landfill over Christmas than during the rest of the year, it's a great time of year to review and improve your own recycling set up at home. Different boroughs offer different recycling provisions, but you can find out exactly what you can recycle at home by entering your postcode here: [recyclenow.com/recycling-locator](http://recyclenow.com/recycling-locator)

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

### PRAYER CHAIN

If you would value prayer please send an email to our prayer chain.  
[prayer@stmarkstandrew.org](mailto:prayer@stmarkstandrew.org)

## Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new or visiting we hope you feel at home. If you would like to stay in touch please fill in our card or click [here](#).

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*Monday 15th December*

*11-2.00 at the Barrington Centre, Bishopdown Green*

*Crossbarr Community Café*

*Christmas Celebration*

*with carols and cake* (& soup with a roll)

*All Welcome!*

*Crossbarr will be closed on Monday 22nd and 29th December.*  
*We will re-open for the new year 11-2.00 on Monday 5th January.*



*The Pavilion, Ash Crescent, SP1 3GY*

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# **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](mailto:christmaslunchsbc@gmail.com)

or phone 01722 697424 (and leave a message)

Closing date for  
bookings  
19th December 2025

