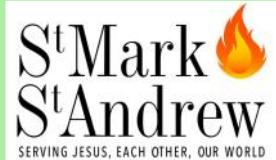


January 2026



Happy New Year and welcome to our January newsletter.



WEEKLY COMMUNITY:

After a break for the holiday CrossBarr Café (Mon 5th), Man-Chat (Wed 7th), Magpies Toddlers (Fri 9th) and Communitaea (Tues 13th) start up again.

EVENTS TO JOIN IN:

New Years Day walk

On **Friday 30th January** the **Christian Aid Quiz** will be held at St Mark's Church, see p2 to enter a team.

What's on:

- Thur 1 Jan New Year's Day Walk Meet 10.30am at Curtis Room.
- Mon 5 Jan CrossBarr Community café re-starts, Barrington Centre 11am-2pm,
- Tues 6 Jan Together on the Green - 3.15pm Bishopdown Pavilion
- Wed 7 Jan Parish Share prayer meeting 7.30pm at St Mark's Church
- Sat 10 Jan Curtis Room Crafting 10.30-12.15 Curtis Room St Andrew's
- Tue 13 Jan Communitaea re-starts, St Andrew's 2pm
- Thur 15 Jan Mothers' Union meeting 2pm Curtis room St Andrew's
- Sun 18 Jan Church on the Green 4pm @Pavilion Theme: 'New Year'
- Mon 19 Jan PCC meeting 7.30pm St Mark's Annexe 7.30pm.
- Thur 29 Jan MALT meeting, St Mark's Annexe 7.30pm
- Fri 30 Jan Christian Aid Quiz 7pm for 7.30pm at St Mark's Church.
- Wed 4 Feb Parish Share prayer meeting 7.30pm at St Mark's Church
- Thur 5 Feb SALT meeting 7.30pm Curtis Room
- Fri 6 Feb First Friday Food Club 6-8pm in St Mark's Church Annexe
- Sat 7 Feb Men's walk from St Mark's meet 10am. More details to follow.
- Sun 8 Feb Quiet Prayer & Slow Cooker Supper 6pm St Andrews.
- Thur 19 Feb Standing Committee meeting 7.30pm Vicarage.
- Sat 21 Feb TNT Children's Ministry training part 4. 10-4pm See page 4

Sundays @ St Andrew's

Breakfast@9 on Sunday

Informal family service with breakfast



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

Communion at 10.30 Holy Communion service followed by refreshments.

Programme for January:

Jan 4 - **Epiphany: Arise, shine** - Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Jan 11 - **Baptism of Christ/Epiphany 1**
Hope refreshed - Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

Jan 18 - **Epiphany 2: Revealing the hidden**
- Isaiah 49:1-7; John 1:29-42

Jan 25 - **Epiphany 3: Moving outwards** -
Isaiah 9:1-4; Matthew 4:12-23

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.

Next one: Sunday January 18th

An opportunity for mission in our parish

Would you like to be part of our monthly outreach in Bishopdown Farm on third Sundays 4-6pm? Please see Charles and Wendy if you are feeling the Lord calling you to join the team.

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 January:

Jan 4 - **Epiphany** Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Jan 11 - **The King's Followers** Mark 8:31-9:1

Jan 18 - **The King's Glory** Mark 9:2-13

Jan 25 - **The King Requires** Mark 10:13-31



Quiz for Christian Aid

St Mark's Church
Friday 30th Jan.
7pm for 7.30 start.

Teams of 6, £10 a ticket (includes glass of wine and nibbles).

Would you like to put together a team? Please email christianaidquiz1@gmail.com or call 07982 010844 to reserve a table.

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! (Re-starts 5th January)



MAGPIES



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

Next one FEB 6th

@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. (Restarts 13th Jan)



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

Next one 10th Jan



Our January Mission Focus

Lucy in Asia

Lucy's news:

- Thanks that the BLiSS team were not out of work for too long whilst some necessary administration was being processed. (Families needed to be fed!)
- Thanks that the one year follow-up evaluations of the recent BLiSS course participants were all good!
- Thanks that Lucy had a good holiday, retreat and meetings in Dubai recently.

NEXT MONTH... TNT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hear to Eternity Training Day – 21 Feb 10-4pm @ Trinity Church Centre. Training for children's ministry 'How to teach narrative' [Book here](#). £20.

For all our children's leaders, but is open to others too.

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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digital newsletter or
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January Eco-Tips

Make 'enjoying nature' your priority. From bird watching, to writing about or drawing something that inspires you in nature, growing your own fruit or veg or visiting an area of outstanding natural beauty in the UK - be sure to fall in love with nature in a new way this year.

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



If you would value prayer please send an email to our prayer chain. 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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Hall Bookings - please see our website page			pcc@stmarkstandrew.org

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Quiz for **Christian Aid**

Join us for a night of head-scratching fun!

St Mark's Church, Salisbury
Friday 30 January

7 for 7.30pm start

Teams of 6, £10 per ticket. Ticket includes a
glass of wine and nibbles.

Nominate a team leader, and contact Clare Tawney
(christianaidquiz1@gmail.com or 07982 010844) to book a table