March 2026

St Mark St Andrew
SERVING JESUS, EACH OTHER, OUR WORLD

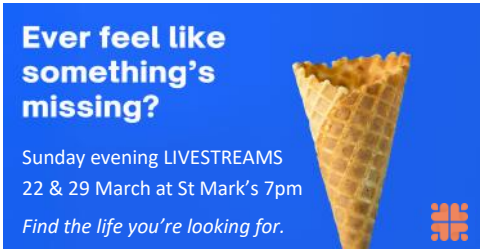
Welcome to our March Newsletter. Lent is an important time in our parish in the build up to Easter. We invite you to share in Jesus' journey to the Cross in Mark 14-16 at our **Lent Course on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm**. Two special guest events on Sunday evenings give an opportunity to find the life you're looking for, in Jesus. These will follow after our usual Sunday worship at 6pm.

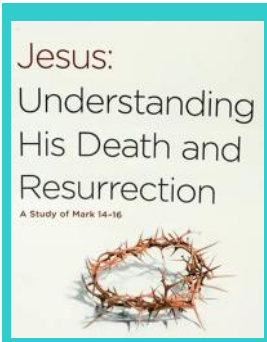
Our monthly **'First Friday Food Club'** is on **Friday 6 Mar** at 6-8pm for 13-19yr olds at St Mark's.

On Sat 14th March we have a working party at St Mark's—all welcome for a bit of spring tidying. From 10am outside, 11am inside.

St Andrew's is planning a **Midsummer Music Festival** on the last two weekends in June—calling all musicians. Please see the flyer.

Palm Sunday on 29 March will launch our Holy week including a Maundy Thursday meal. Good Friday reflections and Walk of Witness.





PARISH LENT COURSE 2026

Wednesday Evenings

at St Mark's
7.30-9.00pm
with Nigel Watts

Refreshments from 7.15pm

What's on:

Tues 3 Mar	Together on the Green - 3.15-5.00pm Bishopdown Farm Pavilion
Wed 4 Mar	LENT COURSE 7.30-9pm at St Mark's (Refreshments from 7.15pm)
Fri 6 Mar	First Friday Food Club 6-8pm in St Mark's Church Hall
Sat 7 Mar	Curtis Room Crafting 10.30-12.15 Curtis Room St Andrew's
Wed 11 Mar	LENT COURSE 7.30-9pm at St Mark's (Refreshments from 7.15pm)
Thur 12 Mar	Mothers' Union LENT LUNCH 1-4pm Curtis room St Andrew's
Sat 14 Mar	St Mark's Spring tidy up outdoors from 10am indoors from 11am.
Sun 15 Mar	Mothering Sunday Services at both churches
	Church on the Green 4pm @Pavilion Theme: Elijah 'God sends fire'
Wed 18 Mar	LENT COURSE 7.30-9pm at St Mark's (Refreshments from 7.15pm)
Sun 22 Mar	Rico Tice LIVESTREAM event 7pm at St Mark's—Finding Purpose (See p5)
Wed 25 Mar	LENT COURSE 7.30-9pm at St Mark's (Refreshments from 7.15pm)
Thur 26 Mar	PCC Meeting 7.30pm in St Mark's Church Hall.
Sun 29 Mar	Palm Sunday Services at both churches.
	John Ghanim LIVESTREAM event 7pm at St Mark's—Finding Truth (See p5)

Sundays @ St Andrew's

Breakfast@9 A simple breakfast followed by an interactive service.
Communion at 10.30 Holy Communion service followed by refreshments.

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Mar 22 **Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil v 13**

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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 Clubs run 2nd and 4th Sundays and we have an activity table on other Sundays. Our self-service creche has an 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

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CHURCH ON THE GREEN

Every Third Sunday at 4pm at Hampton Park Pavilion Bishopdown

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

Sunday March 15th 'Elijah: God sends fire.'

2nd April 6.30pm for a simple meal and Maundy Thursday Communion. St Mark's.

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!

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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 MAR 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.

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 7th Mar

Our March Mission Focus

Prayer points for Alabaré

- Pray for the Leadership Team and decisions they are making about staffing
- Pray for the finances of the organisations – that people would get involved in the events which are being planned, especially the Big Sleep in St Paul's Cathedral in June
- For the staff at Riverside House – Alabaré's head office – that there would be cohesion in the teams
- For Andrew Lord, Chief Executive, in the weighty responsibilities

For more information see www.alabare.co.uk

March Eco-Tips

Celebrate Spring! Make sure you're giving yourself quality time enjoying creation: smelling the blossom, tapping catkins, copying bird song, finding a footprint or identifying spring flowers with the Pl@ntNet app. Nature can boost our happiness so take time to observe nature in your gardens, on your balconies, and in your local green spaces.

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

Why not pledge to do a **LENT CARBON FAST** … see page 6

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. PCC Secretary pcc@stmarkstandrew.org

www.stmarkstandrew.org

Ever feel like something's missing?

Livestream Evening with Rico Tice

interviews, music, talk

Sunday 22nd March 7.00pm
No need to book
St Mark's Salisbury

Find the purpose you're looking for

Sunday evenings in March at St Mark's 6pm & 7pm.

Find the peace you're looking for

Ever feel like something's missing?

Livestream Evening with John Ghanim

Yemeni ex-Muslim: A life transformed by Christ

Sunday 29th March 7.00pm
No need to book
St Mark's Salisbury

Find the truth you're looking for

Carbon Fast for Lent

Climate Stewards

JOIN THE CLIMATE STEWARDS CARBON FAST 2026!

40 DAYS OF CLIMATE ACTION CHALLENGES

WANT TO TAKE PRACTICAL ACTION THIS LENT TO CARE FOR CREATION AND REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

WHAT IS A CARBON FAST?

GIVING UP UNSUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION PRACTICES TO REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT—AND IN DOING SO, LEARNING TO LIVE LIGHTLY ON GOD'S EARTH.

SCAN QR CODE TO JOIN

WHY DO THIS?

BY STARTING TO REDUCE OUR CONSUMPTION AT LENT, AND CONTINUING WITH THOUGHTFUL LIVING THROUGH THE YEAR, WE ARE CARING FOR CREATION, A RESPONSIBILITY ENTRUSTED TO US BY GOD.

FAST TO HELP PEOPLE AND PLANET TO FLOURISH

WEEKLY THEMES:

- WEEK 1: CREATION CARE
- WEEK 2: CONSUMERISM / SHOPPING
- WEEK 3: MONEY / INVESTMENTS
- WEEK 4: FOOD WASTE / MEAT & DAIRY
- WEEK 5: TRANSPORT / DRIVING
- WEEK 6: ENERGY / ELECTRICITY / GAS
- WEEK 7: SOCIAL MEDIA

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

- 7 TOPICS WITH 3 CHALLENGE LEVELS
- WEEKLY REFLECTION ON CREATION CARE
- SHARE YOUR PROGRESS WITH US - EMAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

TO JOIN - SIGN UP VIA QR CODE FOR WEEKLY EMAIL AND TIPS!