



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 1st December 2024 First Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Monday Feria	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday S. Francis Xavier	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass S. Saviour's - 10am Advent Course S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space & Free Shop S. Luke - 7pm Sung Mass with readings and prayers in Konkani
Wednesday S. Osmund	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 4.30pm Children's Singing Group S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer with Holy Hour S. Mark - 7pm Mass
Thursday Feria	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Luke - 9.30am Mass S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer Advent Course 7pm at 162 William Street
Friday S. Nicholas	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Luke - 7pm Mass
Saturday S. Ambrose	S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings and prayers in Konkani
Sunday 8th December Second Sunday of Advent	S. Mark - 7.30pm Mass S. Mark - 8am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 9am Sung Mass S. Mark - 10.30am Sung Mass S. Luke - 11am Sung Mass SS. Saviour - 4.30pm Taizé style contemplative worship followed by Vespers at 5pm

ADVENT CAROLS - We'll mark the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent today with a candlelit service of advent carols and readings this evening at S. Mark's at 6pm. Do please come and bring friends. Thank you to Tom Edwards and S. Mark's choir for all the work that has gone into preparing for this.

ADVENT COURSE - "Where are you from?" Pilate asks Jesus. Over three sessions, we'll take a look at some of the details of the infancy narratives in the bible to see how they give a deeper answer to this question. There will be a daytime group meeting after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays at S. Saviour's and an evening group meeting Thursdays at 7pm at 162 William Street. All are welcome.

CONFESSIONS - Advent is an excellent time to make your confession, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas with joy. Please speak to Fr Toby or Fr Ross to arrange a time, or to find out more about how to prepare for this sacrament.

NEW LECTIONARIES - From today, in common with many other Anglicans and Catholics, we'll be using a new translation of the bible for our readings at Mass, based on the English Standard Version. Our Books of the Gospel and Lectionaries will be blessed at Mass today. Thank you to the generosity of those who have enabled us to buy these new books which will add dignity to our worship.

S. FRANCIS XAVIER - Tuesday, 3 December is the Feast of S. Francis Xavier, the Patron Saint of Goa. There will be a Sung Mass with hymns, readings and prayers in Konkani at S. Luke's at 7pm, followed by refreshments.

PCC MEETING - The Parochial Church Council will meet on this Monday 2 December, beginning with Mass at 7pm. We hope to set and approve a budget for 2025 at the meeting.

NEW SUNDAY MASS - From this Sunday, there will be an additional early morning Mass in the parish at S. Mark's at 7.30am. We're initially trying this as an experiment for December and January. It will be a short said Mass. This is to allow people who might have working or caring responsibilities an additional opportunity to fulfil the Sunday obligation to come to Mass. Sunday is a day of obligation for all Christians. It means there will now be five opportunities to fulfil that obligation in our parish, with the Vigil Mass, the early Mass and three Sung Masses.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - We'd like to investigate setting up a bereavement support group, perhaps meeting monthly at S. Mark's on a Saturday. If you'd like to help with this or have ideas, please email our Reader, Carol Simmons carol@psnt.uk.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Monday 9 December. There will be a Sung Mass at S. Mark's at 7.30pm.

WELCOME SPACES – The welcome space at S. Mark's meets on Mondays, from 1 to 4pm. The welcome space at S. Luke's meets Tuesdays, from 1pm to 3pm and includes a Free Shop. They are spaces for people to enjoy free refreshments, including tea and soup, board games, arts and crafts, and time to chat with other people. We are open to the whole community. Everyone is welcome – please do come and support this. If you feel able to help, please contact Tom Dumbell (tom@psnt.uk).

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2025 – We have booked for 15th - 19th September. Please let Linda in the office know as soon as possible if you are interested in going. More information can be found at <https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/>

SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST – Stamps at 35p each, will be available at each church and from the Parish office. Cards can be posted in the box provided and will be delivered between 14th-15th Dec. The last day for posting will be Tuesday 10th Dec. All profits go to local scout groups.

CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP – Our singing group for young people is on Wednesdays (except the 3rd Wednesday, when Messy Church happens) at S. Saviour's from 4.30pm to 6pm.

CHURCH CLEANING AT S. MARK'S will be on Saturday 7th December at 10 am. Church decorating for Christmas at SM will be on Monday 23rd December at 10 am. Please help if you are able.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – For your diaries, please see below the details of our Christmas services. This year we're reintroducing a Mass of the Night at S. Saviour's on Christmas Eve, as well as a Crib Service at S. Mark's.

Friday 20 December – 7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols at S. Mark's.

Sunday 22 December – 6pm Community Carols at S. Luke's

Monday 23 December – 7pm Carols outdoors at S. Saviour's

Tuesday 24 December – 3pm Crib Service at S. Mark's;

4pm Crib Service at S. Saviour's;

9pm Mass of the Night at S. Saviour's and at S. Luke's;

11.30pm Midnight Mass at S. Mark's.

Wednesday 25 December – 10am Mass of Christmas Day at S. Mark's

10am at S. Saviour's.

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Suzanne Couzins, Peter Gembariski

YEAR'S MIND

[1st December] Elsie Dashfield [2] Kenneth Berry, Alfred Gower-Jones (priest), Michael Roy Brundle (priest) Tony Probert [3] Brian Clifford, Patricia Libbiter, Noel Gardner [4] May Holbrow [5] Elsie Comley, Milly Philpin [6] Marjorie Cuff [7] Ethel Giles, Sheila Maslin

FOR YOUR WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS - Richard & Maddie Charman, John Wilson, Alison Gray, Sue Davis, Kylie Lawson, Julia Carr, Margaret Stevenson, Ted Lane, Ann McIntire, Katie Joseph, Kerry Whitby, Brian Poat, Jin Furzeland, Lourenco Gonsalves, Renelle Nunes, Chris Ockwell, Francisco Fernandes, John Fuller, Margret Evans, Roy Norton, Anita Souza, Vincente Barber Pons,

HOME COMMUNICANTS - Muriel Avenell, Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgeley, Beryl & Les Howell,

PASTORAL CARE - Please do feel free to call the clergy if there is anything they can do to support you or others you know with any pastoral or spiritual needs.

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For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20241201mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Bar 5:1-9; Ps 125; Phil 1:3-6,8-11; Luke 3:1-6

PARISH OFFICE - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220

Mon and Thurs 9am - 1pm office@psnt.uk

PLANNED GIVING- For those who make their offering by weekly envelopes, new boxed sets of envelopes for 2025 will shortly be available. If you are not part of the Planned Giving scheme and would like to have a boxed set of envelopes, please contact John Bishop at the email below.

Alternatively if you would prefer to make your offering by bank transfer, our banking details are: Parish of Swindon New Town PCC, Sort code 40-52-40, Account number 00024962.

(Please use S.Mark, S. Saviour or S. Luke as your reference or say what the payment is for, if not for planned giving) John Bishop treasurer@psnt.uk



Advent Carols & Readings

Sunday 1st December

6.00pm

Parish Church of
S. Mark the Evangelist
Church Pl SN1 5EH



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COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR
NINE LESSONS
& **Carols**

Come and Sing!

All (children included) are warmly invited to join in forming our community choir to sing at our Nine Lessons and Carols service. No need to read music or have any choral experience, you will be taught everything by ear.

REHEARSAL

Sunday 15th December 4:30-5:30pm

Friday 20th December on the day run through 6:45-7:10pm before service at 7:30pm.

Please register in advance with
office@psnt.uk

Parish Church of S. Mark the Evangelist,
Church PI SN1 5EH



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Crib Service

24th Dec 3pm
S. Mark's

24th Dec 4pm
S. Saviour's

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THE OCTAVE OF **CHRISTMAS**

25 DEC
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
SUNG MASS 10AM S. MARK'S
10AM S. SAVIOUR'S

26 DEC
FEAST OF S. STEPHEN,
PROTOMARTYR
SAID MASS 9.30AM S. LUKE'S

27 DEC
FEAST OF S. JOHN THE
EVANGELIST
SAID MASS 9.30AM S. LUKE'S

28 DEC
FEAST OF THE HOLY
INNOCENTS
SAID MASS 9.30AM S. ALDHELM'S

29 DEC
THE HOLY FAMILY
SUNG MASS 9AM S. SAVIOUR'S
10.30AM S. MARK'S
11AM S. LUKE'S

30 DEC
6TH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE
SAID MASS 9.30AM S. MARK'S

31 DEC
7TH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE
SAID MASS 9.30AM S. SAVIOUR'S

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