



The Parish of  
**Swindon  
New Town**

## MESSENGER

**Sunday 23rd March 2025**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**

### WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Monday  
Feria**

S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer  
S. Mark - 9-10.30am Toddler Group  
S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass  
S. Mark - 1-4 Welcome Space  
S. Mark - 4pm Lent Course  
S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday  
The Annunciation  
Of the Lord**

S. Luke - 7.30am Mass  
S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer  
S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass  
S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space & Free Shop  
S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer  
S. Mark - 7.30pm Sung Mass

**Wednesday  
Feria**

S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer  
S. Saviour - 4.30pm Singing group  
S. Mark - 6pm Holy Hour  
S. Mark - 7pm Mass

**Thursday  
Feria**

S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer  
S. Luke - 9.30am Mass  
S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer  
Rosary Group & Lent Course 6.30pm 162 William St

**Friday  
Feria**

S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer  
S. Aldhelm - 12.15 Lent Prayers and Lunch  
S. Luke - 7pm Mass

**Saturday  
Feria**

S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass  
S. Aldhelm - 10.30am Alpha Course  
S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings  
and prayers in Konkani

**Sunday  
30th March  
4th Sunday of Lent**

S. Mark - 7.30am Said Mass  
S. Mark - 8am Morning Prayer  
S. Saviour - 9am Sung Mass  
S. Mark - 10.30am Sung Mass  
S. Luke - 11am Sung Mass  
S. Mark - 5pm Stations of the Cross followed by  
evening prayer

**CHORAL EVENSONG** - Join us this evening at 6pm at S. Mark's for Choral Evensong and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This is an excellent way to prepare for the working week ahead, with beautiful music. Do come and invite others.

**THE ANNUNCIATION** - This Tuesday (25 March) is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, when we remember Our Lady's resounding "yes" to the message of the angel. There will be a Sung Mass at S. Mark's at 7.30pm followed by drinks in the hall. Fr Toby writes: *"This Tuesday will mark my fifth anniversary of being parish priest here. So I shall be offering the Mass with thanksgiving for being called to serve this wonderful parish and for all God's many blessings. I'd love to see you if you can be there."*

**CLOCKS** - Please remember that the clocks spring forward next Sunday. You don't want to be late for our Mothering Sunday Services.



**LENT COURSE** - This year's Lent course is entitled Following Jesus - Exploring Every Day Discipleship - Life on the Frontline. We'll be using material from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity to think about how we live out our Christian calling and identity in our daily life. The Lent course will take place at S. Mark's at 4pm on Mondays and at 162 William Street at 7pm on Thursdays. Are all welcome.

**ROSARY** - Our rosary prayer group will meet every Thursday during Lent at 6.30pm, immediately before the Lent course.

**LENT PRAYERS AND LUNCHES** - Our Ecumenical Lent lunches begin this week, when we'll gather with our brothers and sisters from other churches in central Swindon for prayer and fellowship. Donations for the lunches will support the work of Christian Aid and Cafod.

**HOLY HOUR** - Each Wednesday at S. Mark's we'll keep a holy hour of adoration of the blessed sacrament from 6pm. This will be begin with Evening Prayer and then there will follow silent prayer until the 7pm Mass. You are welcome to attend a part if you cannot be present for the whole hour.

**TODDLER GROUP** - Our toddler group continues this week at S. Mark's from 9 -10.30am. If you know anyone who would be interested in this or if you could offer help, please speak to Tom. ([tom@psnt.uk](mailto:tom@psnt.uk))

**OUR NEW YOUTH CLUB** started at S. Saviour's this week. It runs from 7.30 - 9.00pm and is for young people aged 11-17. Thank you to everyone who has helped to get this up and running. If you are interested in helping or know young people who would like to come, please speak to Tom or contact him at [tom@psnt.uk](mailto:tom@psnt.uk)

**YOUTH PILGRIMAGES** - All our young people aged 11 and over are invited to our youth pilgrimages this summer. From Monday 4th - Friday 8th August we will be camping at the Walsingham Youth Festival with several hundred young Anglo Catholics from across the country. From Monday 18th - Friday 22nd August we will be travelling with the Society of Mary to the Shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes, France. These are both very exciting pilgrimages and opportunities for our young people to have some time away, meet other young people and deepen their faith. The cost of the Walsingham pilgrimage is still being worked out, but the cost of the pilgrimage to Lourdes is £100 per child, including flights, accommodation and food. Please contact Tom for more details!

**NEW ELECTORAL ROLL** - The church electoral roll is the nearest thing we have to a membership list. It is helpful pastorally for us to have contact details. You need to be on the roll to vote at the Annual Meeting (on 22 May) and to serve on the PCC, synods or as churchwarden. *This year the roll is being completely revised - so everyone needs to apply afresh.* This is open from today to 27 April. To be on the roll you need to be baptized, aged over 16 and either habitually worship here or be resident in the parish. If you would like to join the roll, please fill in an application form and return it to Pat Mortimer or Greta Davies at S. Mark's; Linda McEntee at S. Saviour's; or John Bishop at S. Luke's. For more information please contact our electoral roll officer [john@psnt.uk](mailto:john@psnt.uk).

**OSWESTRY CHRISM FESTIVAL** - Bishop Paul will be celebrating the Chrism Mass on Saturday 12 April at Holy Nativity, Knowle. The Saturday dates means, we hope, that lots more people will be able to come. The timings for the day are: 11am Mass followed by hearty buffet; 2.15pm Catechesis; 3pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**S. MARK'S DAY** will be kept on Tuesday, 29 April. (The date is moved this year because of the Easter Octave.) We'll be joined by the former Bishop of Exeter, Bishop Michael Langrish, as our principal celebrant and preacher. The Patronal Festival Mass will be at 7.30pm at S. Mark's.

## TODAY WE PRAY FOR

### RECENTLY DEPARTED

Eugene Nunes, Maria Slinn, Margaret Williams

### YEAR'S MIND

[23] Raymond John White, [24] Ruth Leach, Anthony George Bishop  
[25] Evelyn Wykeham-Martin, Michael Robinson [26] William Masters  
[27] Raymond Richens [28] Ernest Goringe, Eber John Down, Margaret Scott  
[29] Alba Southby

**FOR YOUR WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS** - Richard & Maddie Charman, John Wilson, Sue Davis, Margaret Stevenson, Chris Ockwell, Roy Norton, Wagner Lisboa, Joe Hicks, Katie Joseph, Sarah Druett, John Fuller, Renelle Nunes, Moncy Moranda, Moina Clement, Brian Poat

**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/20250323mass.htm>

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** Josh 5:9-12; Ps 33; 2Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3,11-32

**PARISH OFFICE** - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220  
Mon 9-11am, Thurs 9am-1pm, Friday 9-12noon [office@psnt.uk](mailto:office@psnt.uk)

**PLANNED GIVING**- For those who make their offering by weekly envelopes, new boxed sets of envelopes for 2025 are 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](mailto:treasurer@psnt.uk)

ASHFORD ROAD

# YOUTH CLUB



FRIDAYS FROM 7.30 - 9PM  
S. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH HALL,  
ASHFORD ROAD SN1 3NS

A new club for young people aged 11-17.  
Games, activities, food and a place to  
hang out at the end of the school week.

Contact Tom at [tom@psnt.uk](mailto:tom@psnt.uk)  
for more information.

# Toddler Playgroup



Every Monday 9.00am – 10.30am

At S. Mark's Church, SN1 5EH  
(opposite the GWR Park)

Connect with other parents / carers over  
coffee and bring your little one for  
nursery rhymes, playtime, healthy snacks,  
books and more. Suggested donation of £2

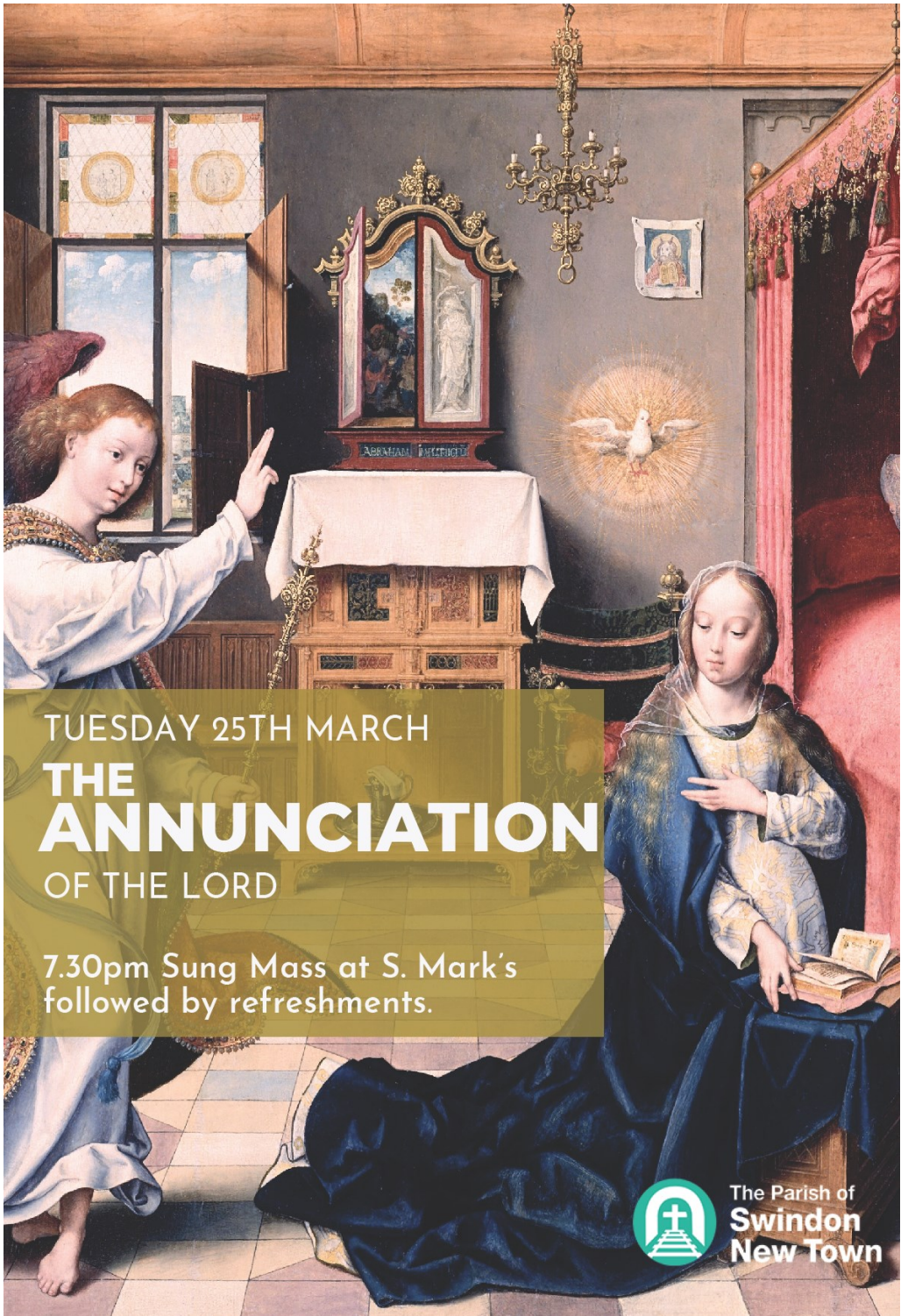


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**S. Mark's**

Swindon New Town Parish [www.swindonnewtown.co.uk](http://www.swindonnewtown.co.uk)



TUESDAY 25TH MARCH

# THE ANNUNCIATION

OF THE LORD

7.30pm Sung Mass at S. Mark's  
followed by refreshments.



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# OSWESTRY CHRISM FESTIVALS



## FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

- 11am Solemn Concelebrated  
Mass of the Chrism  
*followed by a hearty buffet lunch*
- 2.15pm Catechesis
- 3pm Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament

10th April in Exeter Cathedral

12th April at the Church of the  
Holy Nativity in Knowle, Bristol

14th April in Lichfield Cathedral