



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 30th November 2025
First Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday Advent Feria	S. Mark - 9-10.30am Toddler Group S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space S. Mark - 7pm Mass followed by PCC meeting
Tuesday Advent Feria	S. Luke - 8am Mass S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass with Advent course S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space & Free Shop S. Mark - 6.30pm Confirmation Group Advent Course online 7pm
Wednesday S. Francis Xavier	S. Augustine - 10am Mass S. Saviour - 4.30pm Children's Singing Group S. Luke - 7pm Sung Mass with prayers and readings in Konkani
Thursday S. John Damascene	S. Luke - 9.30am Mass with Advent Course Rosary 6.30pm 162 William Street followed by Advent course at 7.15pm
Friday Advent Feria	S. Luke - 6pm Mass S. Saviour - 7.30pm Youth Group
Saturday S. Nicholas	S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with prayers and readings in Konkani
Sunday 7th December Second Sunday of Advent	S. Mark - 7.30am Said Mass S. Saviour - 9am Sung Mass S. Mark - 10.30am Sung Mass S. Luke - 11am Sung Mass

LITURGY OF THE HOURS at S. Mark's
Morning Prayer 8am Sunday, 8.45am Monday - Friday
Evening Prayer 5pm Sunday to Tuesday & Thursday to Friday;
6.30pm Wednesday.

ADVENT CAROLS - A new Church year and the holy season of Advent begins today. There will be a service of Advent Carols and Readings at S. Mark's at 6pm on Advent Sunday (30 November). This is a very beautiful service - please do come and bring friends.

ADVENT COURSE - Throughout Advent we'll run a three-week Advent course on the theme "the virtues of Advent", exploring faith, hope and love through works of art. The course will meet:

- on Tuesday mornings after the 9.30am Mass at S. Saviour's;
- on Tuesday evenings at 7pm online;
- on Thursday mornings after the 9.30am Mass at S. Luke's; and
- on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm after the rosary home group.

If you'd like to join the online course please email Fr Toby (fr.toby@psnt.uk) and he'll send you a Zoom link.

CONFIRMATIONS - Bishop Paul will be with us to administer the lifegiving and vivifying sacraments of baptism and confirmation next week. Please make sure the Mass is in your diary - **7pm, Wednesday, 10 December** at S. Mark's. Please pray for the candidates - Suhas, Daniel, Clara, Lucy, Paul, Alex, Aoife, Caleb and Kamran. May the Lord be praised for his gift of faith and may the Holy Spirit give these candidates strength and joy.

S. FRANCIS XAVIER - this Wednesday is the Feast of S. Francis Xavier. There will be a Sung Mass with prayers and readings in Konkani at 7pm at S. Luke's. Please note there will be no Mass at S. Mark's this Wednesday; Evening Prayer on Wednesday will be at 5pm.

MASS AT S. AUGUSTINE'S - Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday morning at S. Augustine's (on Summer Street in Rodbourne) at 10am.

PCC - The Parochial Church Council will meet on Monday at S. Mark's, beginning with Mass at 7pm.

S. MARK'S WELCOME SPACE is going very well at the moment and continues to be a place where people gather and make friends. But we do **need more volunteers** to help it run well and be fully staffed every week. This is more important especially over the winter as more people visit us. Please speak to Tom if you could help with this valuable ministry.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 8 December at 7.30pm – **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** - Sung Mass at S. Luke's.

Wednesday, 10 December at 7pm – **Sung Mass with Confirmations** at S. Mark's.

Sunday 21 December at 6pm – **Community Carols** at S. Luke's.

Monday 22 December at 7.30pm – **Nine Lessons & Carols** at S. Mark's.

Tuesday 22 December at 11am – **Carol Singing** at King's Court.

SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST STAMPS - These are now available, priced 45p. They are on sale from the parish office or from Linda . For further details please contact linda@psnt.uk

PRAYING FOR OUR STREETS - We're launching this month a new initiative offering to pray for streets in the parish. At S. Mark's the prayers will be offered on the last Wednesday of the month at 6pm (just before evening prayer). We're looking for lay volunteers to lead this at S. Saviour's - please speak to the clergy if you might be interested.

WELLBEING ART AND CRAFT SESSION – Ipsum Care, in collaboration with Swindon Hub and Voluntary Action Swindon, is hosting an art & craft session where people can come together, relax and have fun! It is important to look after our mental wellbeing, especially during challenging times. Join them on **3rd December 2025, from 1:00 pm-3:00pm at the Swindon Hub** for an enjoyable afternoon. This session is **free to attend but requires prior booking** which could be made by emailing -emily@swindonhub.org.uk

YOUTH CLUB - Youth Group runs at S. Saviour's from 7.30 - 9.30pm and is for young people aged 11-17. If you know anyone who may be interested, please speak to Tom. tom@psnt.uk

R-I-P PAMELA HOVERY - Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Pamela Hovery who passed away peacefully at home, and for Terry, Michelle, Shannon, Stacey, Lawrence and all her family at this difficult time.
May she Rest in Peace

CHURCH CLEANING will be take place at S. Mark's at 10 am on Saturday 6th December. We would love to welcome new members to the cleaning team so please come along. Please speak to Carole Green. Thank you

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Paul Simpson-McGregor, Pamela Hovory

YEAR'S MIND

[30] Reginald Lester [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

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 Miranda, Moina Clement, Lourenco Gonsalves, Kayleigh Winbow, Grace King, Fr Peter Garlick, Barbara Sheppard, Margaret Dennis, Carole New, Evelyn Bartlett, Cynthia Strudwick, Lynn Thrussell, Kylie Lawson, Aida Gomendes,

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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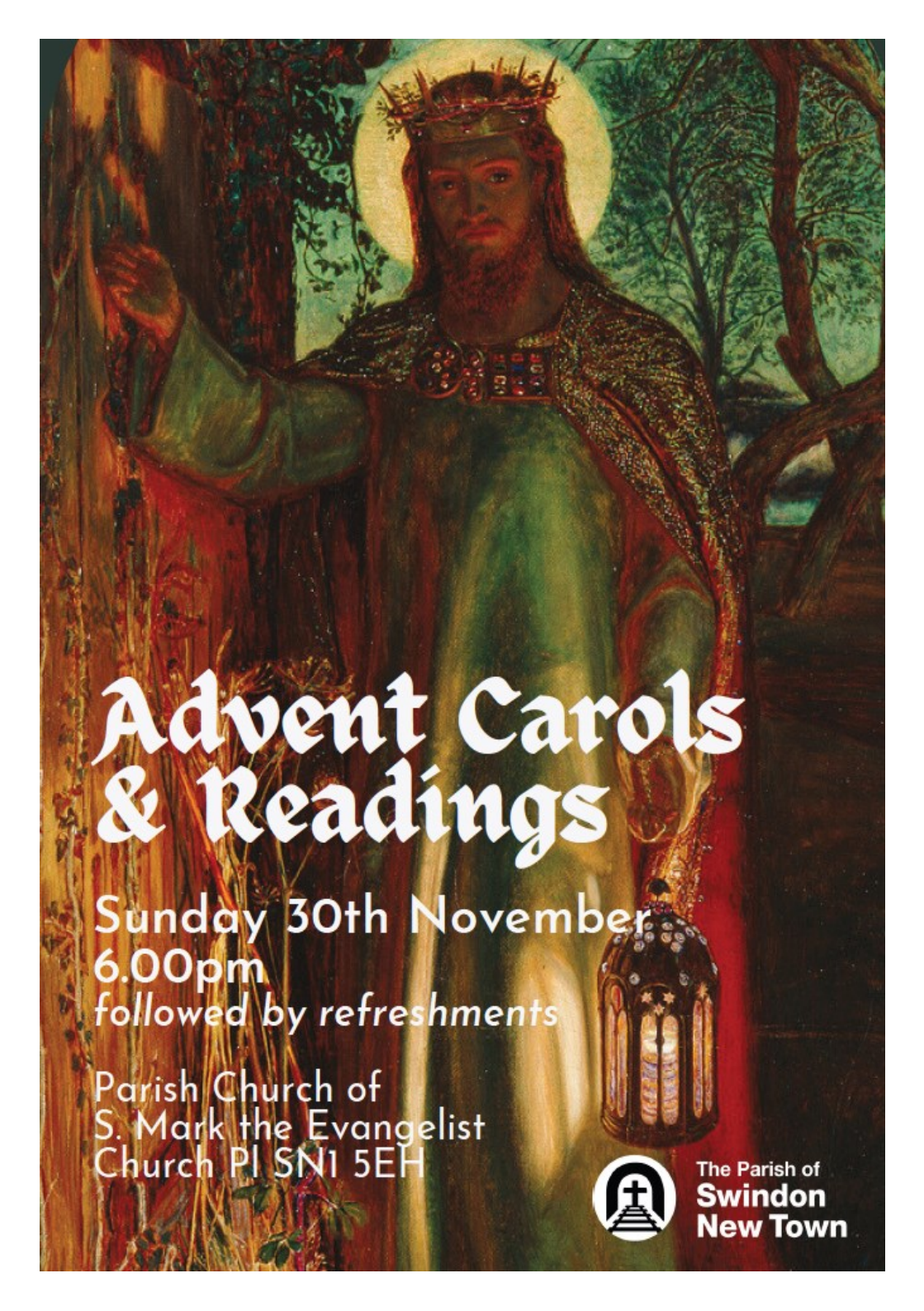
For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20251130/mass.htm>
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Isa 11:1-10; Ps 71; Rom 15:4-9; Matt 3:1-12

PARISH OFFICE - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220
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PLANNED GIVING- For those who make their offering by weekly envelopes, boxed sets of envelopes for **2026** are available. If you 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 30th November
6.00pm

followed by refreshments

Parish Church of
S. Mark the Evangelist
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