



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 4th January 2026
Second Sunday of Christmas

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday Christmastide Feria	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 9am Toddler Group S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	S. Luke - 8am Mass S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 11am Funeral Mass of Margaret Dennis S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday Christmastide Feria	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Augustine - 10am Mass S. Saviour - 4.30pm Children's Singing Group S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer S. Mark - 7pm Mass
Thursday Christmastide Feria	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Luke - 9.30am Mass S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer Rosary Home Group - 6.30pm 162 William Street
Friday Christmastide Feria	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer S. Luke - 6pm Mass
Saturday Christmastide Feria	S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani
Sunday 11th Jan Baptism of the Lord	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. Saviour - 4.30pm Contemplative Prayer followed by Evening Prayer

MASS TIMES - Please note that the times for the Offices and Mass have reverted back to their usual times. The times and locations for these can be found on the messenger and the poster.

EPIPHANY - This Tuesday, 6 January, is the beautiful Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. There will be a said Mass at 8am at S. Luke's and a sung Mass at 7.30pm at S. Mark's, followed by drinks. This is a holy day of obligation, please do come to Mass if you are able.

MARGARET DENNIS RIP - Margaret, a longstanding member of the congregation at S. Mark's died before Christmas. Please pray for Eddie and Margaret's family. Margaret's funeral will be at S. Mark's on Tuesday 6 January at 11am. May Margaret rest in peace.

CLERGY HOLIDAYS - Father Toby is away until next week. Please be in contact with either Father Adam or Father Tim for any pastoral matters.

SAINT AUGUSTINE - Additional to the usual 7pm Mass at S. Mark's, there will be Mass at S. Augustine's, Summers Street at 10am on Wednesday. Please continue to pray for the people and parish of S. Augustine.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2026 - Our annual pilgrimage to Walsingham is booked for Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July. The cost will be approximately £440. This is dependant on numbers. We have provisionally booked 20 places. Please email the office office@psnt.uk if you are interested and I will get more details out in the new year.

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP - Our monthly service of contemplative prayer is at 4.30pm today at S. Saviour's. The service lasts around thirty minutes, with chant in the style of Taizé, silence and prayer. It is followed by Evening Prayer. All are welcome.

ACTIVITIES - Please note that Toddler Group, Welcome Space, Children's Singing Group and Youth Club all resume this week after their Christmas break. Please speak to Tom if you would like to know more about these groups.

ROSARY HOME GROUP - The Rosary home group meets at Tom's (162 William Street) this Thursday. This is held every other Thursday evening at 6.30pm. It is followed by a cup of tea. If you would like to know more contact Tom tom@psnt.uk

YOUTH CLUB - this runs at S. Saviour's on Fridays from 7.30 - 9.00pm and is for all young people aged 11-17. There will be games, activities and food. It is FREE (except for the tuckshop!) If you are interested, please speak to Tom or contact him at tom@psnt.uk

CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP is on Wednesdays (except the week of Messy Church) at S. Saviour's at 4.30pm. For more details please contact tom@psnt.uk

MESSY CHURCH - Messy Church at S. Saviour's will be on Wednesday 21st January from 4.30 - 6.30. Please contact Tom if you are interested in helping with this. tom@psnt.uk

WELCOME SPACES– The Welcome Space at S. Mark's is from 1pm to 4pm on Mondays and the Welcome Space, with Free Shop, at S. Luke's is from 1pm to 3pm on Tuesdays. Everyone is welcome – please do come and support these. If you feel able to help, please contact Tom tom@psnt.uk

BEER FESTIVAL – Please make sure that these dates are in your calendar. 2026 Beer Festival – Friday 24 July (from 4pm to 10pm) and Saturday 25 July (from noon to 10pm).

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Margaret Dennis

YEAR'S MIND

[4] John Hammond (priest), Doris Groves [5] William Myers

[6] Lillian Thomas [7] James Westwood [8] Harold Jolliffe,

Eglah Jane Strudwick [9] Cecilia Mary Woodford, Donald Charles Hulbert

[10] Benjamin Brown

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, Carole New, Evelyn Bartlett, Cynthia Strudwick, Lynn Thrussell, Kylie Lawson, Aida Gomendes, Sally Hobbs

HOME COMMUNICANTS - Muriel Avenell, Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgely, 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/20260104/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Is 42:1-7; Ps 28; Acts 10:34-38; Matt 3:13-17

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