



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 19th April 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday
Easter 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
S. Mark - 7pm Mass followed by PCC meeting

Tuesday
S. Anselm of Canterbury

S. Luke - 8am Mass
S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass
S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space and Free Shop
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday
Easter Feria

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer
S. Mark - 7pm Mass

Thursday
S. GEORGE'S DAY

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 9.30am Morning Prayer
S. Saviour - 4.30 - 6.30pm MESSY CHURCH

Friday
Easter Feria

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
S. Luke - 6pm Mass
S. Saviour - 7.30pm Youth Group

Saturday
S. MARK'S DAY

S. Mark - 12noon SUNG PATRONAL FESTIVAL MASS
S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani

Sunday 19th April
4th Sunday of Easter

S. Mark - 7.30am Said Mass
S. Mass - 8am Morning Prayer
S. Saviour - 9am Sung Mass
S. Mark - 10.30am Sung Mass
S. Luke - 11am Sung Mass
S. Mark - 6pm Choral Evensong and Benediction

GENEROUS GIVING CAMPAIGN – Fr Toby writes: *“Thanks be to God for all the generous ways in which so many people contribute to the life of the Church in our parish. Today we begin our Generous Giving Campaign. Please pray for this to be fruitful – it is really important for our future. Currently we are running an unsustainable annual deficit of about £30,000. We need to increase our planned giving across the board by about 35 per cent to eliminate this. This is vital if we are to secure adequate long-term clergy staffing in the parish, which we need to keep a Sunday Mass in each of our churches and to support our parish's growth and outreach.*

“If you worship regularly in the parish, please pick up an envelope. If you are on the electoral roll, there should be an addressed envelope, otherwise please take an unaddressed one. And please:

- 1. Pray for a generous response to the giving campaign.*
- 2. Prayerfully consider you own financial giving – and please give generously and joyfully.*
- 3. Give by standing order if you possibly can and return the gift aid declaration if you pay income or capital gains tax.*

“O Lord, every good gift we have comes from you. We thank you. Grant us generous hearts and make us joyful to work together in the Church for the building up of your Kingdom and the sharing of the Gospel.”

S. MARK'S DAY – Our Patronal Festival Mass at S. Mark's is **this Saturday (25 April) at 12 noon**. It will be a wonderful celebration! Please do come and bring friends. Our guest preacher will be the Revd Dr Harri Williams SSC. Fr Harri is the Principal of S. Stephen's House, Oxford and was previously the Vicar of Walsingham.

PARISH LUNCH – Our S. Mark's day festivities will also include a parish lunch to follow the Mass. If you would like to contribute to the food, please speak with Jane and Debbie at S. Mark's or with Tom Dumbell.

CHORAL EVENSONG – Our celebrations will continue with a Festive Choral Evensong and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at S. Mark's at 6pm on Sunday.

S. GEORGE'S DAY - We are having an evening of celebration for S. George's Day at S. Saviour's on 23 April from 4.30pm. There will be arts, crafts, a Mass for all ages and we will finish with sausage, mash and Yorkshire puddings. This is instead of our usual Messy church. We hope to be joined by our uniformed organisation who will renew their promise.

BEER FESTIVAL AT S. MARK'S – Please put these dates in your calendar. 2026 Beer Festival – Friday 24 July (from 4pm to 10pm) and Saturday 25 July (from noon to 10pm). Tickets are now available online at <https://cccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets> Physical tickets will be available in the churches next month. We need sponsorship to make this a success. If you would like to support us by sponsoring a barrel or making a donation, or know any local businesses that may be willing to, please have a word with our Lay Reader, Carol, or email her on carol@psnt.uk. If you can help in any way, please speak to Carol Simmons

PAT LANE RIP - We continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Lane. Pat's funeral will be at S. Mark's on Tuesday 28 April at 2pm. Jesu, mercy; Mary, pray.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION - Notices advertising the revision have been posted in our churches. The revision takes place between 11 April and 26 April. If you are Baptised and over the age of 16 and if you live, or worship, in the Parish, you can join the roll which will allow you to attend the APCM (which takes place on Tuesday 19 May) and if you wish, to stand for election to the various church councils. If you would like to join the roll or have changed your contact details during the year, please let us know and get an application form from, Greta Davies (SM), Linda McEntee (SS) , John Bishop or Lynn Trigg (SL).

GRACE ON THE GROUND LEVEL - Join us for the first event of our lay-led series of theological discussions on the 30 of April at 7pm starting with refreshments at S. Mark's. This will be a panel discussion on the topic of the 'quiet revival,' and will be covering a topic relevant to church news in light of the Bible Society's report; the rising prevalence of young people seeking out spiritual guidance. We will be asking some of the younger members of the parish why they felt drawn to the liturgy and spiritual tradition that we offer in Swindon New Town. This will be preceded by the rosary beginning at 6.30pm

THE KENTWOOD SHOW CHOIR will be performing at S. Mark's on Friday 1 May at 7.30pm. Come and listen to the choir with a difference! Music will include: Hallelujah chorus, Easter hymn (Mascagni), Even now, I'll walk with God, Nella fantasia, And many more!! Please put this date in your diary. Tickets are now available for £10 at all three churches and the parish office.

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Susan Timbury, Antonette Monteiro, Evelyn Bartlett, Jane Carter, Pat Lane, Michael Stevens, Charlie Bishop

YEAR'S MIND

[19] Ellen Still, Amanda Minchin [20] Trevor Huddleston (bishop)

[21] Arthur James Norcock (priest), Sybil Archer [22] Leslie Chapman, Olwen Sweet, Catherine Magee [23] Frances Tapley [24] Charles Stoddard, Kenneth Mortimer [25] Norman Tucker

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, Renelle Nunes, Moncy Miranda, Moina Clement, Lourenco Gonsalves, Kayleigh Winbow, Grace King, Barbara Sheppard, Evelyn Bartlett, Lynn Thrussell, Kylie Lawson, Sally Hobbs, Carole New, Beth Wells, James, Zara Pemberton
HOME COMMUNICANTS - Muriel Avenell, Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgeley, Beryl & Les Howell, Cynthia Strudwick,

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.

email fr.toby@psnt.uk mobile 07773 377503 home 01793 952910
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For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20260419/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Acts2:14,36-41;Ps 22;1Pet2:20-25; John 10:1-10

PARISH OFFICE - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220

Mon 9-11am, Thurs 9am-1pm, Friday 9-12noon office@psnt.uk

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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.

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



SATURDAY 25TH APRIL
PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF
SAINT MARK
THE EVANGELIST

12 noon Sung Mass at S. Mark's
followed by lunch.

Guest Preacher
Fr Harri Williams SSC
Principal of St Stephen's House, Oxford



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ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION EVENING

Thursday April 23rd, 4.30 - 6.30pm

S. Saviour's Church, Ashford Road

A fun FREE evening for all ages as we celebrate England's patron saint.

- We start with arts, crafts and activities
- We go into church to hear the story of St George
- We finish with a free meal of sausage, mash, yorkshire puddings and cake



Kentwood Show

Choir

S. Mark's Church

Church Place
Swindon SN1 5EH

Fri 1st May 2026
7.30pm

Tickets £10

available from:
Holmes Music Centre
21-23 Faringdon Road
Swindon SN1 5AR

Parish Office
S. Aldhelm's Centre
Edgeware Road
Swindon SN1 1QS

S. Mark's, S. Lukes
or S. Saviour's churches
during opening hours

or on the door



enquiries: office@psnt.uk

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BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE**