



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 26th April 2026 Fourth 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

Tuesday
S. Peter Chanel

S. Luke - 8am Mass
S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass
S. Mark – 2pm Funeral of Pat Lane RIP
S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space and Free Shop
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday
S. Catherine of Siena

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

Thursday
S. Pius V

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 9.30am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 6.30pm Rosary Group followed by
GRACE AT THE GROUND LEVEL quiet revival panel discussion at 7pm

Friday
S. Joseph the worker

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

Saturday
S. Athanasius

S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass
S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani

Sunday 19th April
5th 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 GRACE AT THE GROUND LEVEL Talk on Faith and Autism

GENEROUS GIVING CAMPAIGN - Fr Toby writes: *"Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our Generous Giving Campaign. It is really important for our future: please pray for this to be fruitful. 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."

GRACE AT THE GROUND LEVEL - Our second series of talks at S. Mark's on lay discipleship begins this week. Please do come to these and invite friends. Drinks will be served and the discussions will continue afterwards with refreshments in the hall:

- **This Thursday at 7pm**, there will be a panel discussion about why it is that more young people are exploring the faith and coming to church. The panel will be Alex Brain, Alfie Smith, Bethany Tunley, Callum Howard and Kai McWhirter, with Cameron Stannard, our pastoral assistant in the chair.
- **Next Sunday (3 May) at 6pm**, Kai McWhirter will be speaking about the Church and people with autism, sharing his personal experiences of joining the life of the Church.

CHORAL EVENSONG - Our celebratory weekend marking our patronal festival continues this evening with Choral Evensong and Benediction at 6pm at S. Mark's. Thank you to Tom Edwards and the choir for all the care and time that goes into this.

PAT LANE RIP - Pat's funeral will be at S. Mark's this Tuesday, 28 April. Jesu, mercy; Mary, pray.

ASCENSION DAY is on Thursday 14 May. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, one of the days when all Christians should go to Mass. There will be a Sung Mass at S. Mark's at 7.30pm. Our guest preacher will be the Revd Canon Dr Simon Taylor. Fr Simon is the Director of Mission and Ministry Support at the Diocese of Bristol.

WELCOME SPACE & FREE SHOP - Thanks so everyone who helps with our welcome spaces - they are growing! At S. Luke's we also operate a free shop where people can get second-hand clothes; if you have any to donate, please let Tom or Christine Mackinlay know.

FR TOBY AWAY - from this evening Fr Toby will be away for a fortnight on his post Easter break. Please contact Fr Adam or Fr Tim for any pastoral matters in Fr Toby's absence.

BEER FESTIVAL AT S. MARK'S - Tickets are now available for the 2026 Beer Festival - Friday 24 July (from 4pm to 10pm) and Saturday 25 July (noon to 10pm) 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 carol@psnt.uk. If you can help in any way, please speak to Carol Simmons

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).

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

Pat Lane

YEAR'S MIND

[26] Matthias William Hayball, Roy Basing [28] Ann Lovegrove, Frank Wheeler, Geoffrey Powell (priest) [30] Lina Allnatt, Albert Hurrell [1st May] Gordon James Law (priest), Tricia Vincent, Tom Davis [2] Phyllis Mantell, Alban Johnson (priest), Barbara Tomkins,

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 Lidgley, 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.

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For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20260426/mass.htm>
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Acts 6:1-7;Ps 32;1Pet 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

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

Grace

at the
Ground Level

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Sounding the Quiet Revival: What's behind a trend?

30th April 2026 | 7:00pm at S. Mark's
Drinks from 7pm, Rosary at 6.30pm

Join us for an evening of discussion exploring the trend of the 'quiet revival' - why so many young people are deciding to come to church for the first time, including some young people in our parish. We will hear their perspectives and stories of how they found a spiritual home in the liturgical life of Swindon New Town.

Featured Panellists

Alex Brian, Alfie Smith, Aoife Hall, Bethany Tunley,
Callum Howard & Kai McWhirter

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



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BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE**