



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 17th May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday
S. John I

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. Dunstan

S. Luke - 8am Mass
S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass
Service of the Word 11.15 Kings Court
S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space and Free Shop
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
S. Mark - 6.45pm Mass followed by Annual Meetings

Wednesday
S. Bernardine

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Augustine - 10am Mass
S. Saviour - 4.30pm Messy Church & 5.30pm Mass
S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer
S. Mark - 7pm Mass

Thursday
Easter Feria

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 9.30am Mass
Rosary Home Group 6.30pm at 162 William St

Friday
S. Rita

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

Saturday
Easter Feria

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

Sunday 24th May
PENTECOST

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. Saviour - 5pm Evening Prayer
S. Mark - 6pm Choral Evensong & Benediction

GRACE AT THE GROUND LEVEL - We're delighted to be welcoming back Brother Leo for our latest talk this evening at S. Mark's. Br Leo is a novice at Hilfield Friary, the Franciscan Friary in Dorset. Better known to us as Ben Mulcock, Br Leo is a former Swindon New Town parishioner and PCC member. He will be talking about his Christian journey and vocation, and his life as a Franciscan. Drinks will be served from 6pm and the talk will begin at 6.30pm. Do come and invite friends.

GENEROUS GIVING CAMPAIGN - Fr Toby writes: *"As you will know by now, we are asking for, and praying for, a significant uplift in gifting. This is vital to help secure a Sunday Mass in each of our churches. Thank you to everyone who has already responded so generously. There are still many responses to come in - so we're extending the campaign by another week. Please do bring your cards in by next Sunday so that we can announce the outcome on Sunday 31 May."*

GIVING RESPONSES - Please do return the pledge card so that our PCC Treasurer, John (john@psnt.uk), knows what is being given. It is really important for our financial planning as a parish. Also if you pay income tax, please do make a Gift Aid declaration too. Gift Aid makes a big contribution to our income, allowing us to claim back 25 per cent of your giving at no cost to you. Our last Gift Aid claim gave us £18k. Thank you once again for your generosity.

MESSY CHURCH - Our Messy Church theme is 'Flames of the Spirit' as we wait upon the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We will have Holy Spirit themed arts and crafts for families, an exciting act of worship for all ages and we finish with sizzling chicken fajitas.

ANNUAL MEETINGS - These will be held this Tuesday at S. Mark's, beginning with Mass at 6.45pm. At the meetings we elect churchwardens, and PCC and Deanery Synod members, as well as receiving the annual accounts and reports. Copies of the reports are available on our parish website (www.psnt.uk) and paper copies will be available in church. If you are interested in serving on the PCC or in any other elected role, please speak with the clergy. There are nomination forms at the back of church.

SUCCESS FOR S. SAVIOURS TABLE TENNIS TEAM - In the Swindon & District Table Tennis League's centenary season there was success for S. Saviours table tennis team. Not only is it a massive achievement for S Saviours to be the only founder members that started the first season 100 years ago, but the team of Sandy Steele-Davis, Vikki Pepper and Chris Howell won promotion to the top division, with Chris also taking the individual honours by winning all of his 53 league games. It didn't stop there either. The team also won the prestigious Pickett team knockout cup for just the 4th time in its history. Well done to them!

CORPUS CHRISTI - Plans are underway for the wonderful celebrations for the Feast of Corpus Christi. On 4 June there will be a Sung Mass with a procession and benediction at 7.30pm. If you are able to assist in creating the carpet of flowers by bringing some flowers then please speak to Tom. Additionally, if you would like to offer donations towards the flower arrangements for the altar then they would be greatly appreciated.

40 HOURS DEVOTION - To prepare for the marvellous feast of Corpus Christi, there will be a 40 Hour Devotion leading up to 4 June. A Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 5.30pm on 2 June and then there will be 40 hours of perpetual adoration. Solemn Lauds at 9am on 4 June will conclude this period of adoration.

WALSINGHAM YOUTH PILGRIMAGE - The Youth Pilgrimage is a week of lively worship, teaching, fellowship, and fun for 11-18 year olds. Pilgrimage has been taking place in Walsingham, Norfolk since the Middle Ages and the week brings it alive, making it relevant to young people in today's world. The 2026 theme is 'Gaudete -- Leaping for Joy!', and will delve into the rich tapestry of Mary's life and her unwavering faith. There will be a BBQ, a disco, crafts, sports, music, inflatables, football, friendship, and opportunities to visit the local beach. Although the actual cost is approx. £275/pp, our parish is only asking £75/pp. This includes transportation, food, tents, and the full programme of teaching and entertainment from Monday 3rd - Friday 7th of August. Please speak to Tom Dumbell, Fr Adam, or email office@psnt.uk to sign-up ASAP. Space is going fast! Our Lady of Walsingham O.P.N

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Raphael Mundo

YEAR'S MIND

[18] Vera May Bishop, Georgina Evenett [19] Frank Genders

[20] June Thompson, Barrie Linnegar, John van der Linde (Priest)

[21] John Harrison (priest), Jack Davis, Alf Burton, Marjorie Annie Pyper,
Rose Stephenson [22] Lily Dance

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, Lynda Bishop

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.

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For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20260517/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; 1Cor 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

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.

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

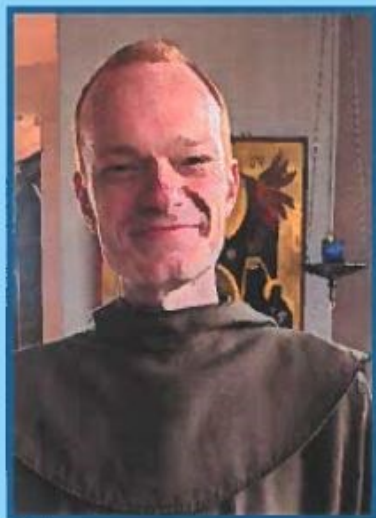
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Ground Level
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Holy Habits: Religious vocation in the Church of England

TALK BY

Brother Leo SSF



Sunday 17th May 2026 | S. Mark's Church, Swindon
Drinks at 6pm, Talk begins at 6:30pm

Join us for the third talk in the most recent instalment in our Grace on the Ground Level series.

Brother Leo, a native Swindonian and now Franciscan friar, will relate to us his journey of discerning a vocation to the mendicant order.

FLAMES OF THE SPIRIT



A Messy Church celebration of
the **Holy Spirit** as we count down
to **Pentecost**.

JOIN IN THE FUN!



Holy Spirit themed
arts & crafts



A fun act of worship
for all ages



Free hot meal:
sizzlin' chicken fajitas



**WEDNESDAY
20TH MAY**



4.30 - 6.30PM



**ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH
ASHFORD ROAD
SN1 3NS**

**Messy
CHURCH**

*Come and
celebrate together!* 





Friday 24th July
4pm - 10pm
Saturday 25th July
Noon - 10pm

At the Parish Church of S. Mark the
Evangelist, Church Place, SN1 5EH
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Beer & Cider Festival

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Over 20 beers & ciders served on tap!

Tickets **£12 per day** or **£20** for both days

Includes a festival glass & your first drink!

£2 per drink

(1/2 pint of beer/cider, or a non-alcoholic beverage)

- Hot Food vendors
- Bar snacks
- Live music from 6pm
both days

CAMRA member?
Have an extra drink
FREE!



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