



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 2nd August 2026 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday Feria	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday S. John Vianney	S. Luke - 8am Mass S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass followed by Open Church S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space and Free Shop S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday Feria	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Augustine - 10am Mass S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer S. Mark - 7pm Requiem Mass
Thursday Transfiguration of the Lord	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Luke - 9.30am Mass S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
Friday SS. Sixtus II & his Companions	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Luke - 6pm Mass
Saturday S. Dominic	S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Aldhelm's - 10.30am Confirmation Preparation (for Adults) S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani
Sunday 9th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	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 Worship Followed by Evening Prayer

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the success of the S. Benedict's Beer Festival last weekend, especially to Carol Simmons for leading all the work and organization. This year's festival raised an extraordinary £4,800 towards our ministry and mission. It was also a wonderful occasion for fellowship and to allow local people to come and explore S. Mark's and its grounds. Thanks again to everyone involved.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE - Please pray for young members of our congregations away on the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage this week. May Our Lady of Walsingham pray for them and may the Lord strengthen them in their faith.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Thank you to Marion Reeves who for many years has led our parish's participation in the World Day of Prayer, a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women. Marion would now like to pass that role on - if you'd like to know more, please speak to Marion or to the clergy.

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP - Join us next Sunday, 9 August, for our service of contemplative prayer, at 4.30pm at S. Saviour's. The service lasts around thirty minutes, with chant in the style of Taizé, silence and prayer. Prayers will be offered for our local area, especially Bowood Rd, Hillside Ave and Hillcrest Cl, as part of our praying for our streets initiative. It will be followed by Evening Prayer. All are welcome.

BROADGREEN PICNIC - We are all invited to the Broadgreen summer picnic at Broadgreen community centre from 12pm to 4pm this Wednesday (5 August). It will include ice cream, food, crafts and community activities.

PRAYING FOR OUR STREETS - Each month, we're distributing cards to streets in our parish asking people for their prayer requests. Prayers will then be offered at a special Rosary at S. Mark's on the last Wednesday of the month and at the Taizé service at S. Saviour's. The praying for our streets rosary this week is at S. Mark's at 6pm, all are welcome.

HALL CLEANER - We're seeking to recruit a hall cleaner both at S. Mark's and S. Aldhelm's, ideally beginning in September. Both posts pay the National Living Wage. The S. Mark's role is two hours a week - please speak to Carole Green for more information. The S. Aldhelm's role is three hours a week - please speak to Linda McEntee for more information (office@psnt.uk). The roles are separate but could be combined.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB will run for children aged 11 and older 17 to 21 Aug at S. Mark's Church. There will be sports, games, arts and crafts and fun activities every day. Lunch will be provided with a barbeque on the Friday. It will run from 10am until 3pm. The cost for the week is £20. Please contact Tom for more information or to book a space 07376317543

TRAINING FOR READERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND SERVERS - On 3 September, at 7pm, Fr Tim & Fr Adam will be hosting a session of training for all of those across the parish who read, lead intercessions, or serve at Mass. This will be held at S. Mark's. If you are involved in any of these ministries then please come to this session. Similarly, if you aren't currently involved in these ministries but would like to know more, please come along! If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Tim or Fr Adam.

CONFIRMATIONS - Bishop Paul will be with us to administer the sacrament of confirmation on Monday 5 October (the Mass will be at 7pm).

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION - Our confirmation preparation group for adults will meet on Saturdays at S. Aldhelm's at 10.30am (after the 10am Mass). If you'd like to know more, please speak to the clergy.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN will start on Sunday September 6th at 3pm at S. Mark's. If you'd like to know more, please speak to Tom.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY ON SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER we will be launching our new All Age Mass which will happen monthly at S. Saviours. This is a new initiative to encourage some of our new Messy Church families as well as our uniformed organisations to come along. It will feature a more child friendly homily and some new music. We're also encouraging everyone to come along to this as it will be the first Sunday after the Summer holidays when many people are away. We will finish with brunch in the hall. Please put the date in your diaries!

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE - We have booked the dates for our 2027 Walsingham Pilgrimage - Monday 6 September to Friday 10 September. All are welcome, please let Linda office@psnt.uk know if you are interested so that we know whether to book more spaces.

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Evelyn Bartlett, Reg Hardwick, Hyacinth Giles

YEAR'S MIND

[2] Leslie Wheel [3] Margaret Minty, Duncan Millar [4] Brian Drewitt, Muriel "Mo" Thorpe [5] Wally Clifford [7] Juliao Telles

FLOWERS IN SM are in celebration of the 49th wedding anniversary of Richard and Carole Green.

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, Lynn Thrussell, Kylie Lawson, Sally Hobbs, Carole New, James, Zara Pemberton, baby Ario, Santana Pinto, Graham Findlay, George Maidment, Julie Emmett

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

fr.tim@psnt.uk mobile 07447 449961

fr.adam@psnt.uk home 01793 925345

For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20260802/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 1Kgs 19:9,11-13; Ps 84; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:22-33

PARISH OFFICE - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220

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

Safeguarding - Lynn Trigg 07812198128 lynn@psnt.uk

PLANNED GIVING - 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



St Saviour's

OPEN CHURCH

Tuesdays 10-12

**A warm welcome
and quiet space for everyone**



Coffee



Reflect



Welcome



BRIGHTER BROADGREEN'S



PRIME
THEATRE

SNG Sovereign
Network
Group

SUMMER *Picnic*

ICE CREAM - FOOD - ACTIVITIES - CRAFTS - COMMUNITY

**FREE TO
ATTEND!**

WEDS 5TH AUGUST

12 - 4PM

**BROADGREEN
COMMUNITY CENTRE**



WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?

Play, create, and perform!

Interactive drama workshops with Prime Theatre will use games and acting techniques to inspire creativity, confidence, and community connection!

12.30-1:00pm - (6-8 years)

1:00-2:00pm - (9+ years)

2.30-3:00pm - (6-8 years)

3:00-4:00pm - (9+ years)



Scan the QR code to book, or email
eventsofficer@southswindon-pc.gov.uk

**AGE 11+
YEARS**



Yo! Youth SUMMER club

AUGUST 17TH - 21ST

**St Mark's Church, Church Place,
Swindon (next to the GWR Park)**

A summer club open to young people aged 11-17.
The club will run Monday - Friday from 10am - 3pm.

Lunch will be provided every day,
with a barbeque on the final day.

There will be sports activities outside,
and arts, crafts and other activities inside.

The cost is £20 for the week.

Message Tom 07376317543 for more information
or to book a place.



The logo consists of a large, stylized yellow question mark. To its left is a smaller yellow circle containing the word "Alpha" in black text.

Alpha

YOUTH

**Big questions and a relaxed space for
young people in Years 7–13
to explore the Christian faith.**

**St Saviour's Church,
Ashford Road SN1 3NS
Sundays 9.00am · Donuts 8.45am**

**St Mark's Church,
Church Place SN1 5EH
Sundays 10.30am**



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