



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 9th August 2026 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday
S. Laurence

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass
S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday
S. Clare

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
S. Jane de Chantel

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

Thursday
**Ss. Pontian
& Hippolytus**

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 9.30am Mass
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer

Friday
S. Maximilian Kolbe

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 6pm Mass

Saturday
Feria

S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass
S. Aldhelm's - 10.30am Confirmation Preparation (for Adults)
S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani

Sunday 16th August
The ASSUMPTION
Of the BVM

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. Mark - 6pm CHORAL EVENSONG & BENEDICTION
followed by a parish party

NEXT SUNDAY is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the evening, there will be a special Choral Evensong with Benediction at S. Mark's at 6pm. This will be followed by a parish party to say goodbye and thank you to Dr Tom Edwards, our outstanding Director of Music, who is moving to Kent, and to our wonderful pastoral assistant, Cameron Stannard, who is moving to St Andrew's in Scotland to begin a postgraduate degree. Please keep them both in your prayers as they prepare to move.

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP – Join us this 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.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL – The latest Grace at the Ground Level talks are now all available on YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/@SwindonNewTown – do have a look and share these with others. They include Kai's talk on Autism and the Christian Life, Br Leo SSF speaking about his journey to the Franciscan novitiate, and our young adults' panel on the quiet revival.



FREE SHOP – As part of the S. Luke's Welcome Space on Tuesdays we run a "free shop", where people can get good quality second-hand clothes. We'd welcome donations of clean clothes in good condition at any of the churches for this. Thank you!

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.

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.

RADIO 4 DAILY SERVICE – The BBC's Daily Service came from S. Mark's last week. You can listen to it here - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002zt0l>.

STUART CAMERON RIP - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stuart Cameron, who died last week. He was a stalwart of S. Mark's from 1958 for almost half a century until moving to Scotland. There will be a memorial service later in the year. Jesu, mercy; Mary, pray.

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).

PREPARATION GROUP FOR ADULTS - meets 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.

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. tom@psnt.uk

HELP WANTED - The way that our hall hires are dealt with is changing which has resulted in the need for us to update our Website. Moving forward, our website will need to contain documents linked to hall hires for potential hirers to complete and submit. We will also require a calendar available to reflect availability and enable booking. If anyone within our congregations has the necessary skills to help with this please make contact with Sue Carvell, Churchwarden at S. Luke's via sue@psnt.uk

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, Susan White, Stuart Cameron

YEAR'S MIND

[9] John Tickner (priest) [10] William Imms, David Stoker, Mary Spurway
[11] Reginald Raynes [13] Kathleen Grimes [15] John Philpin

FLOWERS AT S. SAVIOUR'S are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mair Hughes on what would have been her 100th birthday.

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, Mary Steele-Davies

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/20260809/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Rev 11:19,12:1-6,10; Ps 44; 1Cor 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

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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