The Parish of
Swindon
New Town

# MESSENGER

## Sunday 25th October 2026
## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH | |
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| **Monday**<br>**SS. Chad & Cedd** | **S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer**<br>**S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass**<br>**S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space**<br>**S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer**<br>**Theology in the Pub—7pm at the Glue Pot** |
| **Tuesday**<br>**Feria** | **S. Luke - 8am Mass**<br>**S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer**<br>**S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass followed by Open Church**<br>**S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space and Free Shop**<br>**S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer** |
| **Wednesday**<br>**SS. Simon & Jude** | **S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer**<br>**S. Mark - 6pm Rosary** *Praying for our Streets*<br>**S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer**<br>**S. Mark - 7pm Mass**<br>**S. Mark - 7.30pm Bible 101 course** |
| **Thursday**<br>**Feria** | **S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer**<br>**S. Luke - 9.30am Mass**<br>**S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer**<br>**Rosary Home Group 6.30pm at 162 William Street** |
| **Friday**<br>**Feria** | **S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer**<br>**S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer**<br>**S. Luke - 6pm Mass** |
| **Saturday**<br>**Memorial of the BVM** | **S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass**<br>**S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani** |
| **Sunday 1st Nov**<br>**ALL SAINTS' DAY** | **S. Mark - 7.30am Said Mass**<br>**S. Mark - 8am Morning Prayer**<br>**S. Saviour - 9am Sung Mass**<br>**S. Mark - 10.30am Sung Mass**<br>**S. Luke - 11am Sung Mass** |

**CHORAL EVENSONG** – Join us this evening for Choral Evensong and Benediction at S. Mark's at 6pm. This is a beautiful time of prayer and worship to prepare for the working week ahead. All are welcome – please do invite friends.

**YOUNG ADULTS' GUILD** – Congratulation to Aoife Hall who has agreed to lead the Guild of S. Thérèse, our young adults' guild. If you are interested in getting involved, please speak to Aoife or come to the Glue Pot pub after this Sunday's Evensong to discuss plans.

**NEXT SUNDAY** is All Saints' Day. Bishop Roger Jupp, the former Bishop of Popondota in Papua New Guinea, will be with us to preach and to celebrate the Mass at S. Saviour's and S. Mark's. Bishop Roger is the Superior-General of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament which has generously funded our mission work here in the parish.

**ALL SOULS' DAY** is on Monday 2 November. There will Said Masses at 8am and 9.30am at S. Luke's, at S. Saviour's at 9.30am and at S. Mark's at 12 noon. There will be a Konkani Mass at 6pm at S. Luke's. And the Sung Mass will be at S. Mark's at 7.30pm. All Souls' Day is the day when we pray for the faithful departed, the holy souls in purgatory. There will be chantry lists at the back of church – please write down there the names of those you wish to be prayed for by name at the All Souls' Day Requiem Masses.

**THEOLOGY IN THE PUB** - Our monthly informal discussion group will be meeting on Monday from 7pm for a 7.30pm start at the Glue Pot pub on Emlyn Square in the Railway Village.

**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.

**ADOREMUS PILGRIMAGE** – 20 to 22 November - Adoremus is a weekend programme at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham specifically designed for 18-35 year olds. There will be a group of us travelling up by car from the parish. If you'd like to know, please speak to Ricky Whitefield ricky.whitefield@psnt.uk.

**THE NEXT CHURCH CLEANING DAY**, at S. Mark's, will be Saturday 5th December from 10am with refreshments! The last clean was a great success so please come along if you can? Thank you Carole Green (Churchwarden)

**ALFIE SMITH** - Congratulations to Alfie who has now been appointed as our pastoral assistant. Alfie will spend the year exploring all aspects of the Church's ministry in the parish as he discerns his vocation to the diaconate. Please pray for him.

**MONTH OF THE ROSARY** - October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The rosary home group will meet at Tom's (162 William Street) every Thursday during October at 6.30pm. It will be followed by a cup of tea. If you would like to know more contact Tom tom@psnt.uk

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE –** We have booked the dates for our 2027 Walsingham Pilgrimage – Monday 6 September to Friday 10 September. All are welcome, please contact Linda office@psnt.uk if you are interested so that we can check we have spaces.

**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 especially welcome donations of men's winter clothes in good condition. These can be taken to any of our churches or the parish office. Thank you!

**WELCOME SPACE–** At S. Mark's runs from 1pm to 4pm on Mondays. The Welcome Space, with Free Shop, at S. Luke's runs from 1pm to 3pm on Tuesdays. Everyone is welcome – please do come and support these. If you feel able to help, please contact Tom tom@psnt.uk

**S. SAVIOUR'S OPEN CHURCH** - S. Saviour's will be open for prayer and to welcome visitors every Tuesday after the 9.30am Mass until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome. Please do come along.

**S. MARK'S MEMORIAL BENCH** at the rear of the church by the memorial ground needs replacing as it is now rotten. If you would like to make a donation towards a new bench, could you please give your donation to Carole Green or place it on the plate in an envelope appropriately marked. Thank you

**SIDESPERSON MEETING -** Fr Toby would like to have a short meeting with S. Mark's Sidespersons after Mass on Sunday 25th October. Hopefully this will be convenient for people. An opportunity to listen and then ask any questions about the role. Anyone interested in joining the sides person rota are more than welcome to attend.

## TODAY WE PRAY FOR

**RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Jack Gower, Maisie Rogers

**YEAR'S MIND**

[25] Hilda Swallow, Kate Boreham, Cyril Lye [26] Leslie Robinson, Dorothy Ackling [27] Harry Mutter, Ronald Barrett, Richard Wong, Christine Margaret Dunmore [28] Leonard Watts, John Dunmore [29] Oliver Tomkins (bishop), Lily Elizabeth Bishop [30] Roy Stanley Ausden, William Jell [31] Sister Sheila Margaret (CSMV)

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS -** Richard & Maddie Charman, John Wilson, Sue Davis, Margaret Stevenson, Roy Norton, Kayleigh Winbow, Barbara Sheppard, Carole New, James, Muriel Avenell, Lourenco Gonsalves

**HOME COMMUNICANTS** - Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgeley, Beryl & Les Howell, Cynthia Strudwick, Jane Linnegar, Mary Steele-Davies, Helen Watt, Mary Gladman, Mike Jell

**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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**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** Rev 7: 2-4,9-14;Ps 23; 1John3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12
**For this week's readings see https://universalis.com/20261025/mass.htm**

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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