The Parish of Swindon New Town

MESSENGER

Sunday 29th November 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH	
Monday **S. Andrew**	**S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer** **S. Mark - 9-10.30am Toddler Group** **S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass** **S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space** **S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer** **Advent Course 7pm online via Zoom**
Tuesday **Advent Feria**	**S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer** **S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass** **S. Saviour - 10am - 12noon Welcome Space** **S. Mark - 12.30pm Funeral of Beryl Howell RIP** **S. Luke - 12.30pm Mass** **S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space and Free Shop** **S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer**
Wednesday **Advent Feria**	**S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer** **S. Saviour - 4.30 –6pm Children's Singing Group** **S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer** **S. Mark - 7pm Mass**
Thursday **S. Francis Xavier**	**S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer** **S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer** **S. Luke - 6pm Sung Mass**
Friday **S. John Damascene**	**S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer** **S. Luke - 12.30pm Mass** **S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer** **S. Saviour - 7.30pm Youth Group**
Saturday **Advent Feria**	**S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass** **S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani**
Sunday 6th Dec **Second Sunday** **of Advent**	**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**

ADVENT CAROLS – Our beautiful service of Advent Carols and Readings is this evening at S. Mark's at 6pm, followed by refreshments. Please do come and bring friends.

ADVENT COURSE 2026: WOUNDED I SING - Our 2026 Advent Course will be based on the book Wounded I Sing by Richard Harries, former Bishop of Oxford. After an interesting introduction to The Revd George Herbert's life and poetry, this book offers a poem a day, alongside thematic reflections, throughout the four weeks of Advent. Our course will meet on Mondays at 7pm on Zoom starting this week (30th November), and will offer an opportunity to reflect together on these stimulating themes. Please sign-up with your name and email at the back of church today, or email alfie@psnt.uk (Books can be acquired easily online)

BERYL HOWELL RIP – Please continue to pray for Les, and for the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Beryl's funeral will be held at S. Mark's on Tuesday 1st December at 12.30pm.

S. FRANCIS XAVIER - The Sung Konkani Mass for the Feast of S. Francis Xavier this Thursday will be at 6pm (not 7pm as previously advertised). This will be instead of the Thursday morning Mass.

PHILIP RIP – Philip will be greatly missed across the parish, serving the life of S. Luke's especially with much love and devotion. Please pray for his family and friends. Philip's Funeral Mass will be at S. Luke's at 11am on Thursday 17 December; his body will be received into church at a short service at 4pm the previous day.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP - Ella, who worships at S. Mark's and S. Saviour's and is a registered nutritionist and a nutrition therapy practitioner will be giving a talk at S. Mark's at 2pm on Saturday 5 December on supporting your immune system and staying well. The session will focus on empowering you to make healthy changes that help keep you well this winter. Bring along family and friends; it's open to everyone and there is no charge. No prior nutrition knowledge needed.

CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP - We are relaunching the singing group at S. Saviour's on Wednesday's from 4.30-6pm. It will be run be Bethany Brooke (the new director of music) and Tom. There will be a workshop of Christmas songs on 2nd and 9th December. Contact Tom for more details. tom@psnt.uk

MIKE JELL RIP – Please continue to pray for Mike's sons and grandchildren. Mike's Funeral Mass will be at S. Saviour's at 12.30pm on Tuesday, 8 December.

MESSY CHURCH – Our December Messy Church will be at St Saviour's on Wednesday 16th December from 4.30 until 6.30. There will be Christmas themed activities, worship and a party style meal. Everyone is welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Thursday, 3 December, S. Francis Xavier, Sung Konkani Mass at 6pm at S. Luke's.
Tuesday, 8 December, The Immaculate Conception, Sung Mass at 7.30pm at S. Mark's.
Wednesday, 16 December, Messy Advent from 4.30pm at S. Saviour's.
Sunday, 20 December, Community Carols at 6pm at S. Luke's.
Tuesday, 22 December, Nine Lessons & Carols at 7.30pm at SM

WELCOME SPACE AT S. SAVIOUR'S – This runs every Tuesday in the hall at S. Saviour's from 10am to 12 noon – a safe, warm space where everyone is welcome. Whether you want to meet new people or just get out of the house for a couple of hours, have a coffee, play board games or chat, you will be very welcome. If you'd like to help or get involved please speak to Linda McEntee or Pat Gordon at S. Saviour's.

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)

SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST - Post your Christmas cards to Swindon and the surrounding villages for 45p while supporting your local Scout groups. Stamps and post boxes are available in all our Churches until Sunday 13th December. The cards are sorted and delivered by Scouts between 18th-20th.

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.

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP – Our next service of contemplative prayer will be on Sunday 13th at 4.30pm at S. Saviour's. The service lasts just thirty minutes, with chant in the style of Taizé, silence and prayer. It is followed by Evening Prayer.

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

David Smith, Mike Jell, Beryl Howell, Brian Kiernan, Philip White, John Davies

YEAR'S MIND

[29] Frank Comley, Albert Blackford [30] Reginald Lester [1st December] Elsie Dashfield [2] Kenneth Berry, Alfred Gower-Jones (priest), Michael Roy Brundle (priest) Tony Probert [3] Brian Clifford, Patricia Libbiter, Noel Gardner [4] May Holbrow [5] Elsie Comley, Milly Philpin

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, Michael Reilly, Carol Vittles

HOME COMMUNICANTS - Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgeley, Les Howell, Cynthia Strudwick, Jane Linnegar, Mary Steele-Davis, Helen Watt, Mary Gladman, Shirley Fry

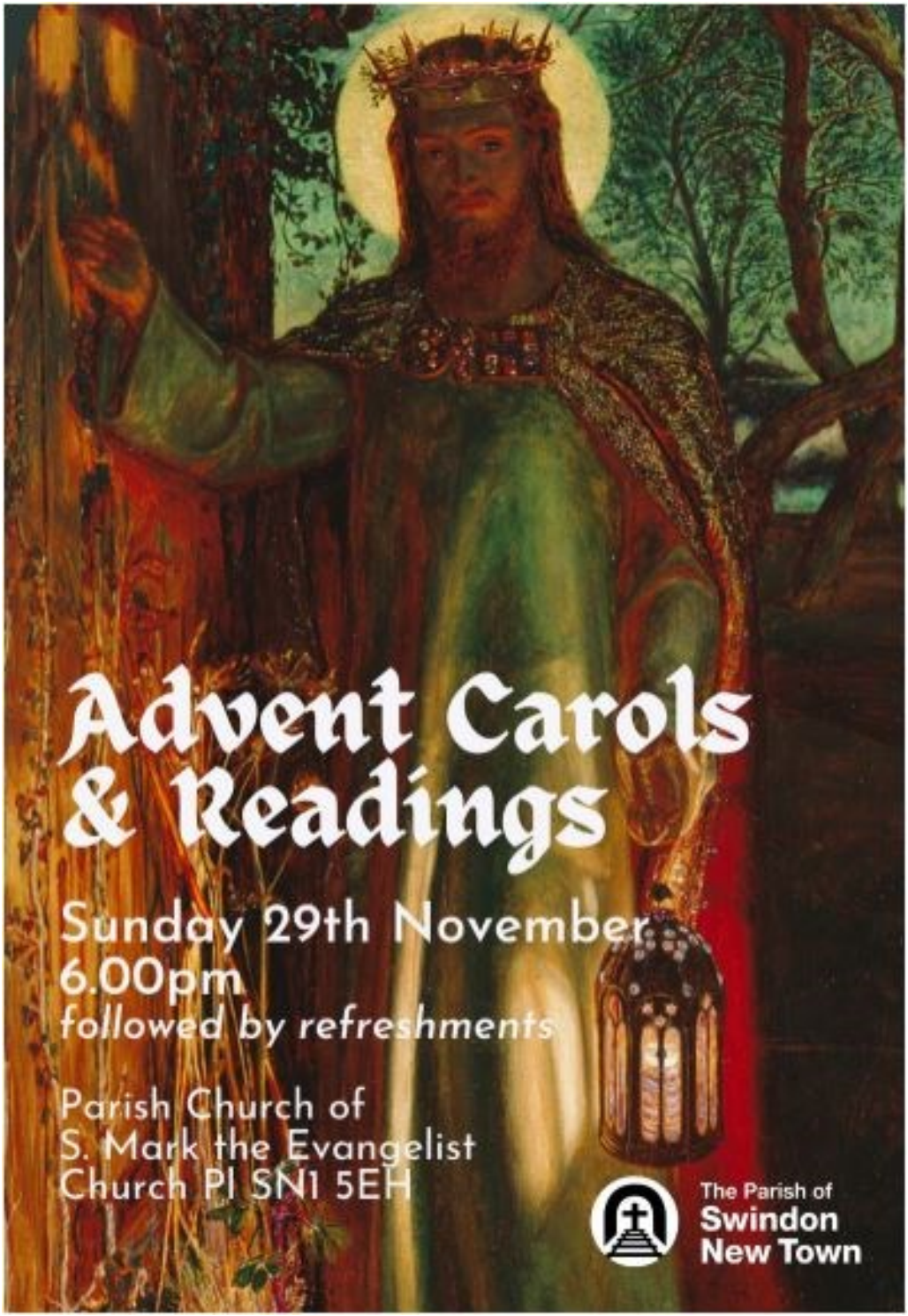
PASTORAL CARE - Please do feel free to call the clergy if there is anything they can do to support you or others you know with any pastoral or spiritual needs.

email fr.toby@psnt.uk mobile 07773 377503 home 01793 952910
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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Isa 40:1-5-9-11; Ps 84; 2Pet 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8
For this week's readings see https://universalis.com/20261129/mass.htm

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– 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


Advent Carols
& Readings
Sunday 29th November
6.00pm
followed by refreshments
Parish Church of
S. Mark the Evangelist
Church Pl SN1 5EH
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ADVENT COURSE

WOUNDED I SING



From Advent
to Christmas with
George Herbert

7pm Mondays on Zoom

running 4 weeks from 30th November 2026

Come and sing the Christmas Story!

Christmas singing workshops for children



Sing with us at Messy Church

We'll sing the songs we learn together in the workshops

Singing workshops · Wednesdays 2nd and 9th December
Messy Church · Wednesday 16th December
All start at 4.30 pm

St Saviour's Church

Ashford Road, SN1 3NS

Email Tom at tom@psnt.uk for more details.