



MESSENGER

Sunday 27th September 2020 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Keith Scholes, Savio Fernandes, Kirsty Bonner, Nick Forest, Mary Robinson

YEAR'S MIND

[26] Wilfred Nichols, Iris Allnatt [27] Toby Wilson; Philip Smith [28] Joan Irene Ruggles [29] Peggy Dance [30] Maurice Edwards, William Sadler
[1st] Audrey Wheeler [2] Wilfred Milsom [3] Doris Comley

FOR YOUR WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

Muriel Avenell, Betty & Malcolm Mitchell, Richard & Maddie Charman, John & Janice Shellard, Geoff Plant, Brian Poat, John Wilson, Harry Martin, Mair Hughes,

Worship This Week

MONDAY - Feria	S. Mark - 6pm Rosary 6.30pm Mass
TUESDAY - Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass
WEDNESDAY - S. Jerome	S. Mark - 7pm Mass
THURSDAY - S. Thérèse of Lisieux	S. Luke - 9.30am Morning Prayer 10am Mass
FRIDAY - Holy Guardian Angels	
SATURDAY - Our Lady on Saturday	S. Mark- 6pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	S. Saviour - 9 am Mass S. Mark - 10.30 am Mass S. Luke - 11 am Mass

PARISH OFFICE

Please continue to contact us in the usual way. Tel: 01793 538220
email: swindonnewtown@btinternet.com

BIBLE STUDY ON ACTS

will continue to meet, on Zoom, on Tuesday evenings. If you would like to join this, please speak to Fr Toby.

SUNDAY MASS AT S. MARK'S

From next week, 4th October, Mass will be celebrated at S. Mark's every Sunday at 10.30am. If you are aware of people who have fallen away from the life of the church at S. Mark's in recent years, please do make use of this opportunity to gently encourage them to return.

The Vigil Mass at S. Mark's on Saturdays will continue through October. This is primarily intended for those who might not yet be aware of or who have not adjusted to the new Mass times.

CONFIRMATION

We are hoping that Bishop Jonathan will be coming to the parish in early 2021.

Any adults or children wishing to explore confirmation, please get in touch with Fr Toby.

RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERING

The new rule of six does not apply to our gathering for worship. It does mean we need to be conscientious about how we interact with others. The Government guidance encourages us to "move on promptly" after Mass and to "limit our interaction" with those outside our immediate group.

S. LUKE'S DAY- 18TH OCTOBER

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to celebrate as a parish. Masses will be at the usual times in all three churches.

There will also be Vespers and Benediction, at S. Luke's at 6 pm

CONFESSIONS

Fr Toby is available to hear confessions in church. Please contact him directly to make an appointment.

FR TOBY BOUTLE

Fr Toby can be contacted either by email frtoby.swindon@gmail.com home telephone number is 01793 938187, mobile number is 07773 377503.

Please do call him if you would like to speak to him.

Please note that Friday is Fr Toby's day of rest.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 5:1-7; Ps 80; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

PARISH ANNUAL MEETINGS

These take place on Thursday 22nd October at S. Mark's Church, commencing with the Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 7.20pm for the election of the Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwarden for the coming year. This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at 7.30pm where the elections to the Deanery Synod, Parochial Church Council (PCC), District Church Councils (DCC) and the Ebbsfleet Lay Congress will take place.

Nomination Forms for these important positions and Councils are available at the back of Church and should be returned by 12 noon on Sunday 18th October.

The following vacancies occur on the Deanery Synod 3 places; PCC: SM's 2 places; SS's 1 place and SL's 1 places; for the DCCs, 2 vacancies for each District; and for the Ebbsfleet Lay Congress, one vacancy per District.

Those retiring by rotation, resignation, non-qualification or co-option are shown below and can seek re-election.

	SM	SS	SL
C/W	Alasdair Skeil	Sandy Steele-Davis	John Bishop
PCC	Anne Dutton Mark Edwards	Mike Jell	Christine McKinlay
DCC	John Stoddard Vacancy	Liz Adams Debbie Tucker	Barrie Allnatt Margaret Derham
Ebbsfleet	Alasdair Skeil	Clare Lees	

If you would like a copy of the Annual Report Booklet to be used at the meeting, please sign the list at the back of church.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

Notices advertising the revision have been posted. This will take place until 27th September. If you are not currently a member of the roll and wish to consider joining the roll or your personal details, have changed since last year, please obtain an application form from our Electoral Roll Officers, Pat Mortimer (SM), Linda McEntee (SS) or John Bishop (SL).



YOUR LOCAL
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PARISH CHURCH

S. MARK'S, SWINDON

From Sunday 4th October
join us for worship
every Sunday at 10.30am.
All are welcome!

MASS TIMES:
SUNDAYS AT 10.30AM
MONDAYS AT 6.30PM
WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM

You are very welcome to come and join us,
whether you're new to church, or looking
to come back after time away.

For more information, contact our parish
office by phoning 538220 or email
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Fr Toby Boutle, our new parish
priest, writes...

*"From Sunday, 4th October, Mass at
S. Mark's will be at the new time of
10.30am every Sunday. Everyone is
warmly welcome to attend, whatever
your background. If you'd like to
find out more, please just come
along or do get in touch."*

You'll find us on Church Place,
opposite the Faringdon Road Park.

We've put in place social distancing
and other precautions to keep
everyone safe at this time.



TODAY'S READINGS

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

R/ Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of S. Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other

people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling
to his equality with God but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are;
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ