



St Luke & St Mark
Stanmore Oliver's Battery

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Stanmore,
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St Mark's Church,
Olivers Battery Road South,
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St Luke's and St Mark's Newsletter

Parish Services at St Luke's and St Mark's for February

St Luke's 9.30am Eucharist every Sunday, followed by coffee below the Church
Messy Church - every first Sunday of the month, 2-4pm

St Mark's 8.00am Eucharist - 2nd and 4th Sundays - next one, 23rd February
10.30am service - 1st and 3rd Sundays - next one, 16th February
followed by coffee in Church.

6.30pm Evening Prayer Service - last Sunday of the month - 23rd February

*Upcoming special service at St Luke's: Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent on 5th March *

Weekly Lenten Prayer Walks: Journeying Together in Faith

This Lent, I invite you to join me for a weekly prayer walk across our parish, offering a time of reflection, scripture, and prayer as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Each walk will focus on a different theme, guiding us to deepen our relationship with God and engage with our community in meaningful ways.

Lent is a season of repentance, discipline, and renewal—a time to slow down, reflect, and journey with Christ toward the cross. Our prayer walks will take us to different locations in the parish, where we will pause, read scripture, pray, and reflect on how God is working in our lives and the world around us.

How It Works?

Each walk will begin at one church and end at the other, following a set route with pauses for reflection and prayer. Themes will include repentance, fasting, compassion, hope, sacrifice, and the journey to the cross. Along the way, we will take moments of silence, engage in interactive prayer activities, and consider how we can live out our faith in everyday life.

Everyone is welcome to join - whether you can come every week or just for one or two walks. The pace will be gentle. If you are unable to walk the route, you are very welcome to meet us at the finishing church for a time of prayer together at the end.

When and Where?

Our prayer walks will take place each Friday afternoon during Lent. Each walk will last around an hour, concluding with a short prayer together at the final church.

If you are unable to join us on a Friday, there will also be a walk on Saturday morning, led by Tom Foster.

Join Us on the Journey

As we walk together, we are reminded that faith is not a solitary journey. We walk in the footsteps of Christ, but we also walk alongside one another, encouraging and strengthening each other as we grow in faith. Whether you come alone or with friends, we hope this time of prayer and reflection will be a blessing to you.

Details to follow!

Marianne

Parish Prayer †

+ Parish Prayer Points+ - 14th to 28th February

Here are some suggested topics for us to focus on in our personal prayers:

- People are running for their lives to escape violent conflict in the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**. Decades of fighting have left millions of people without safe homes. Last week, attacks in the city of Goma forced hundreds of thousands of people to leave the area. 3,000 people have been killed, and 2,800 have been injured. Families who've already lost their homes are terrified, and their lives are in danger. Carrying their belongings, they're seeking shelter in temporary camps, schools and churches. In an already desperate conflict, the humanitarian need is growing. Clean water is hard to come by, hospitals are overwhelmed, banks are closed. **Pray for an end to the violence in eastern DRC.** Ask God to bring peace and for people to be able to return safely to their homes and lives. Lift up all those who have faced the loss of loved ones, belongings, homes and livelihoods. Ask God to give them comfort and provide for them. Further prayer points can be found here:

[Pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo \(DRC\) - Tearfund](#)

- As Lent approaches we are planning a series of **prayer walks in the parish** (including non-walking options). Pray for God's guidance for those developing this initiative, that it may be a blessing to our whole parish. Ask God how he wants you to be involved. Why not start praying for the people and communities in the local roads you regularly walk along or drive down.
- Most schools have **half term** next week. Pray for teachers and other school staff that they will be refreshed during the break. Pray for parents, grandparents and carers as they find inspiring activities for children. Pray for those in our congregations with links into our **local schools** including Marianne and several others who are school governors, on PTAs or involved in other ways, that they would be effective and build strong relationships.

The next parish prayer time will be at St Mark's on Friday 14 February from 12.15 to 1.15pm, led by David Boul. Everyone welcome.

Helen Calder

Men's Breakfast Bible Study


The next **Men's Breakfast at the Turners** (59 Oliver's Battery Rd North) will be **Saturday 22nd February 8am - 9.30am Breakfast, study/discussion and prayer**

For further details and to book a place, contact Rich at

richard.turner365@gmail.com

or phone 01962 856117/ 07957 868546

Oliver's Battery Prayer Meeting

The monthly **Oliver's Battery Prayer Meeting** will be held at **St Marks** 
Monday 24th February 7.30-8.30pm



An interactive, informal way to explore and celebrate our faith

Every 1st Sunday of the Month

At St Luke's church, Stanmore, 4-6pm

Open to all ages, come along for creativity, fellowship, a shared meal and a joyous time together

Next one: 2nd March

Re.vive

Oliver's Battery Community Café
Fridays 9am - 12noon @ St Marks

Do join us for a coffee and a chat!



We are still us

Dementia Cafe

What: An informal gathering for people living with dementia and their care givers - lots of cake, fun and laughter as well as supporting each other

Where: St Mark's Church, Olivers Battery

When: 2nd Thursday of every month, 2-4pm

Next ones: Thurs 13th March

****Cake donations very welcome****

Save the date

Marianne and the Churchwardens
warmly invite you to the
**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
at St Mark's on 11th May**

Details to follow next month

Church Electoral Roll Update 2025

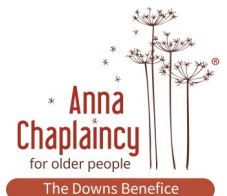
This year an entirely new Electoral Roll for St Luke's and St Mark's must be created, in advance of our **Annual Parochial church meeting in May**. So even if you have your name on the existing electoral roll, you must complete a fresh application to be included on the new one. Being on the electoral roll means you can vote on any relevant issues at the APCM and stand for election to the PCC (Parochial Church Council). So, if you regularly attend our Church services and participate in the life of the Church this would be your reason for being on the electoral roll.

Next month, a notice will go up at both Churches to let you know when you can apply and application forms will be at the back of both churches.

St Catherine's Church, Littleton, Winchester

Anna Chaplain

(P/T 16 hours per week, 3 years fixed term)



St Catherine's Church serves a semi-rural population on the edge of Winchester. An important part of that service is our ministry to the older members of our community and their families and carers, including those living and working in the nursing homes situated within the parish. Seeking to develop this ministry further, we appointed our first Anna Chaplain in 2022. The position is now vacant and we are now looking to the appointment of a new part-time, paid Anna Chaplain.

The Anna Chaplaincy is a pioneering role offering spiritual support to older people and their relatives and carers. It supports the wellbeing of people of all faiths or none, and encompasses a wider role within the community as an advocate and champion of the contribution older people make to society. At the same time, it encourages the wider church to celebrate and cherish older members of the congregation, as well as other members of the community.

The successful candidate will work in collaboration with the Rector and Ministry Team as well as the network of Parish Visitors for the parish and the wider Downs Benefice. He or she will also be part of the growing Anna Chaplaincy network, part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF).

It is an occupational requirement for the person appointed to be a professing and practising Christian (Equality Act 2010).

For an application pack please contact: office@downsbenefice.org.uk

To apply, please submit cv and covering letter. Closing date for applications: Monday 10th March 2025

Interviews to be held on: Wednesday 2nd April 2025

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3rd Winchester Rainbows and Brownies collecting for the Northbrook Ward at the RHCH

Girlguiding Thinking Day on 22nd February encourages us to think of Girlguiding members across the world and the difference we can make to our communities.

As part of this, 3rd Winchester City Rainbows and Brownies are collecting items for patients and families to use on the children's ward at Winchester Hospital. We would like to present this to them at the end of February. If you feel able to support this request, there is a donations box at St Mark's.

Any questions please contact Kate Fletcher on 3rdwincitybrownies@gmail.com

Thank you for your help.

For a full list of donation requests please double-click below



Collection box items for Northbrook Ward RHCH.pdf

Young Vocations Evening

Tuesday 11 March
7pm – 9pm
Old Alresford Place,
Old Alresford,
Hampshire SO24 9DH

Are you aged 25 or under? Do you sense that God is calling you to ordained ministry? If your answer to these questions is "Yes", then our Young Vocations Evening is for you!

Join Young Vocation Champions, Rev'd Helen May, Rev'd David Roberts, with Rev'd Canon Angi Nutt (Diocesan Director of Ordinands & Vocations Advisor) plus a number of younger diocesan clergy as they share their experiences and the story of their calling and journey to ordination. This will be followed by a Q&A and the opportunity to chat about how the Diocese can support you in the discernment process.



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For more info and to book contact Tracey Nicholls
tracey.nicholls@winchester.anglican.org / 01962 710983

SOUTHERN VOICES announce new concert season

A chamber choir, based in St Paul's, Winchester, they celebrated in style last year with a sold out 40th Anniversary concert series placing them firmly as one of our finest and most popular local chamber choirs. This year, they invite you on a journey exploring four pillars of human existence: HOPE, FAITH, LIFE, LOVE.

For the first concert on **Saturday 29th March at 7.30pm, in Holy Trinity Church, Winchester**, Musical Director, Jamal Sutton, has created an awe inspiring soundscape with a programme centred around two works: the first, one of the greatest unaccompanied pieces of the 20th century, Frank Martin's monumental Mass for Double Choir, the second, Eric Whitacre's contemplative Three Songs of Faith, together with a stunning group of a cappella works by Bach, Holst, Briggs, Celia McDowall and William Harris' ravishing Faire is the Heaven.

Hope
Faith
Life
Love

SOUTHERN VOICES
Jamal Sutton, Director

Saturday 29th March
Holy Trinity, Winchester
7.30pm

Frank Martin: *Mass for Double Choir*
Eric Whitacre: *Three Songs of Faith*
Bach, Harris, Holst and more



Book now
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Tickets: £18
ages 21 and under: £10