



St Luke & St Mark  
Stanmore Oliver's Battery

Here for you, in Christ



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St Mark's Church,  
Olivers Battery Road South,  
SO22 4EZ

St Luke's is currently closed

23rd April 2026

## St Luke's and St Mark's Newsletter

### Parish Services at St Mark's for April/May

**9.00am Sung Eucharist every Sunday, followed by coffee**

**10.30am service - 1st and 3rd Sundays - 3rd and 17th May**

**6.30pm Evening Prayer Service - last Sunday - 26th April & 31st May**

Coffee will be served from **10.00-10.30am** (after the 9.00am and before the 10.30am service). It is a chance for both congregations to come together. We encourage everyone at both services to join us.

**\*\* Special service - Ascension Day—Thursday 14th May at 10am \*\***



**An interactive, informal way to explore and celebrate our faith**

Every last Sunday of the Month

**Venue: New Life Church, Stanmore Lane**

**Next one: Sunday 26th April, 4-6pm**

**Theme: Fruit of the Spirit**



**All ages  
welcome!**

**Do join us for some faith-filled fun with crafts,  
interactive worship and a home-made meal shared by all**

### Men's Breakfast Bible Study

The next **Men's Breakfast** at the Turners (59 Oliver's Battery Rd North) is **Saturday 25th April 8.00am - 9.30am**  
**Breakfast, study/discussion and prayer**

Please bring a Bible with you.

We have started a series of personal testimonies in the group about God working in people's lives and the fourth one will be led this month by John Miller-Maskell.

**To book a place, contact Rich at**  
[richard.turner365@gmail.com](mailto:richard.turner365@gmail.com)

**or phone 01962 856117/ 07957 868546**

**All Men Welcome**

### Women's Group



Calling all women to come along for an informal, friendly welcome, served with a cuppa and some treats!

**At Chris Stride's house**

*(just ask for the address if needed)*

**Saturday 25th April 10.00am—11.30am**

Please contact **Michelle 07488 238398** or  
**Nicci 07760556626** if you can make it!



"For where two or three gather in My name, I am there among them" Matthew 18:20

Nicci & Michelle x

# Parish Prayer †

## + Parish Prayer Points - Spring 2026 +



I'm writing this from Burgos, a small Cathedral town on the Camino Way in Spain. Whether we are pottering at home or getting up for work or stepping out into something new, we're all walking, or limping (as in my case), along the way with Christ our friend and helper. Take heart and 'go well' fellow pilgrims.

Let's keep asking the Lord to show us how to pray for Iran, Gaza and Ukraine.

Let's pray for courage for truth-tellers and peacemakers, and for ourselves as we walk the walk.

Lord help us 'to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God.' Micah 6 v.8

### Dates for praying together:

- Olivers Battery Prayer - **Monday 27th April**, St Mark's, 7.30-8.30pm
- Parish Prayers - **Friday 8th May**, (after Revive Café) St Mark's, 12.15-1.15pm
- City-wide Pentecost celebration - **Sunday 24th May**, St Peter's, Jewry Street, 7pm

*Helen Finch*

## A Big Thank you



Thank you to everyone who came to our Annual Meeting. It was really good to be together, to look back over the year, and to think about what lies ahead.

More than anything, this is just a chance to say thank you. Thank you for all the ways you give yourselves to this parish. Some of it is visible and some of it happens quietly in the background, but all of it helps make this church what it is.

Thank you to those who are stepping down from roles. You have given a great deal and it is much appreciated. And to those stepping into new roles, thank you for being willing. We're so glad it's you, and you go with our support and prayers.

I also want to say a particular thank you to Margaret, as she steps back from being a Licensed Lay Minister. She has served this parish with such faithfulness and wisdom over many years, and we are very grateful. The good news is that she's not going anywhere!

It hasn't been the easiest year, especially with the closure of St Luke's, and yet there has been something steady and hopeful in the way we have carried on together. There is real life here.

So thank you. Thank you for your time, your care, and your presence. It is a privilege to be part of this with you.

*Marianne*

# We are still us

## Dementia Support 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, Oliver's Battery

**When:** 2nd Thurs of every month, 2-4pm

**Next one: Thursday 14th May**

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

## Re.vive

Oliver's Battery Community Café

Fridays 9am - 12noon @ St Marks

*Come along for a coffee and a chat*



## Gentle Flow Yoga

Slow paced flowing sequences to warm up the body and focus on alignment, strength, balance, and flexibility

**Dates:** Wednesdays, 29<sup>th</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:00 am

**Venue:** St Mark's Church Hall, Oliver's Battery

**This course is suitable for all levels of ability  
Reduced rate for advanced and block booking**



Contact Anju to register your interest, or for more details:  
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Anju is an experienced health promotion specialist and a certified yoga therapist & instructor with over 14 years' yoga teaching experience.