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 4EU

St Luke's Church is currently closed

13th November2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent

St Luke's and St Mark's Newsletter

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

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

10.30am service - 1st and 3rd Sundays - **next one, 15th November**

6.30pm Evening Prayer Service - last Sunday - **29th November**

****First Sunday of Advent - 29th November****

*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.*

Messy Church

An interactive, informal way to explore and celebrate our faith

Every last Sunday of the month

Next Messy Church

Date: Sunday 29th November, 4-6pm

Venue: New Life Church , Stanmore Lane

Theme: Advent

All Ages Welcome

MESSY CHURCH ADVENT

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

Remembering Geoff Fowler

*It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of **Geoff Fowler**, who died at home on All Saints' Day, 1st of November. Geoff was a much-loved member of our church family and someone who gave an enormous amount of his time and energy to serving others. He was a member of our PCC, our representative on Deanery Synod and a former Assistant Churchwarden. He was also instrumental in helping to establish our Dementia Café and was involved in many other activities across the wider community. Geoff had a strong Christian faith, a real heart for people and a wonderful ability to strike up a conversation with just about anyone! We will miss his warmth, humour and faithful presence among us.*

*Geoff's funeral will take place at **St Paul's Church, Winchester, on Friday 27th November at 2.30pm**, followed by refreshments at the church. Everyone who knew Geoff is warmly welcome to attend. Please continue to hold Tania and all Geoff's family in your prayers as they mourn his loss. We give thanks to God for Geoff's life, his friendship and the many ways he served both the Church and the wider community.*

Marianne

Parish Prayer ✝



+ Parish Prayer Points - 12th November– 25th November +

Towards the end of his life Francis of Assisi said, 'I have done what is mine.'
With responsibilities pulling us in different directions and diverging feelings of what we 'ought' to be doing, let's be asking ourselves, 'what is mine to do?' and go with whatever that is. The 'what is mine to do' often seems to be the thing that is right in front of us.

Let's thank the Lord for:

- That thing - that is mine to do.
- Geoff Fowler and all that he meant to us.
- The Scouts, Cubs and Beavers who came to the Memorial service last Sunday afternoon.
- The encouraging Pre-app meeting with the Council and growing partnerships.

Let's pray for:

- Tania.
- Good relationships with the Scouts, Community leaders and the Council.
- The St Luke's development team as they take the project on to the next stage.
- James Mitchell-Innes 'At the End' series starting this Friday 13 November.

Dates to pray together:

Olivers Battery Prayer (4th Monday) **23rd November**, St Marks 7.30-8.30pm
Prayers and tea (4th Wednesday) **25th November**, 187 Romsey Road, 2.30-3.30pm
Parish Prayers Friday (2nd Friday), **11th December**, St Marks 12.15-1.15pm

Helen FInch

Women's Group



An Advent Gathering
Saturday 28th November 10.00-1130am
our last gathering this year
at Jo Turner's home
59 Oliver's Battery Rd North

Contact Michelle and Nicci for details

Michelle 07488 238398 or Nicci 07760556626

Next gathering after this, will be
30th January 2027

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

The next **Men's Breakfast at the Turners**
(59 Oliver's Battery Rd North, SO22 4JB)
will be **Saturday 28th November at 8am**

Breakfast, study/discussion and prayer

—There will be no meet-up in December—

For further details contact Rich at
richard.turner365@gmail.com

or phone 01962 856117/ 07957

All Men Welcome

Re.vive

Oliver's Battery Community Café
Fridays 9am - 12noon @ St Marks
Please join us for coffee and a chat !

Traidcraft Christmas Cards

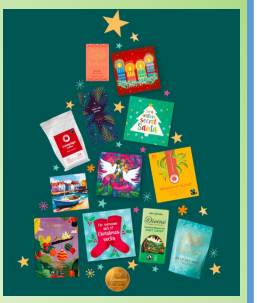
After a gap of a few years, Transform Trade have produced a Traidcraft Christmas Catalogue, mainly cards and gift wrap plus a few other items.

There will be some catalogues in St Marks if anyone would like to order anything. We will only get free P&P on orders over £75 so I would be happy to collect orders from people, send off one big order and then distribute the goods.
Here's a link for the on-line catalogue to have a look -
Christmas cards and wrap – Transform Trade

My contact details are -
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Thanks

Angela



Chaplaincy Winchester City

Recruiting for trustees
Especially for people with experience in and **Committed** to the vision of Chaplaincy

- **Senior leadership, governance and strategy** – in charity work
- **Organisational growth and scaling** – business management, operations, finance, people, systems or organisational development
- **Health and medicine** – especially mental health and related fields
- **Fundraising and income generation** – philanthropy, trusts and foundations, major donors, partnerships or sustainable income
- **Experience in different Christian perspectives** – bringing insight into the experiences, questions and culture of the different generations
- **Possibilities of new ways of doing chaplaincy to reach younger people such as digital chaplaincy**

We are looking for people who can contribute to the work of the chaplaincy in Winchester, who share our Christian vision, bring their own experience and perspective, and want to help the church operating outside of its buildings. You don't have to have all the skills!

If you are possibly interested, just get in touch for an informal conversation over coffee. Phone 01962 777000 and choice option 2 for accounts and you will reach a trustee.
Please see www.winci.org for detailed information.

Could you share your creativity?

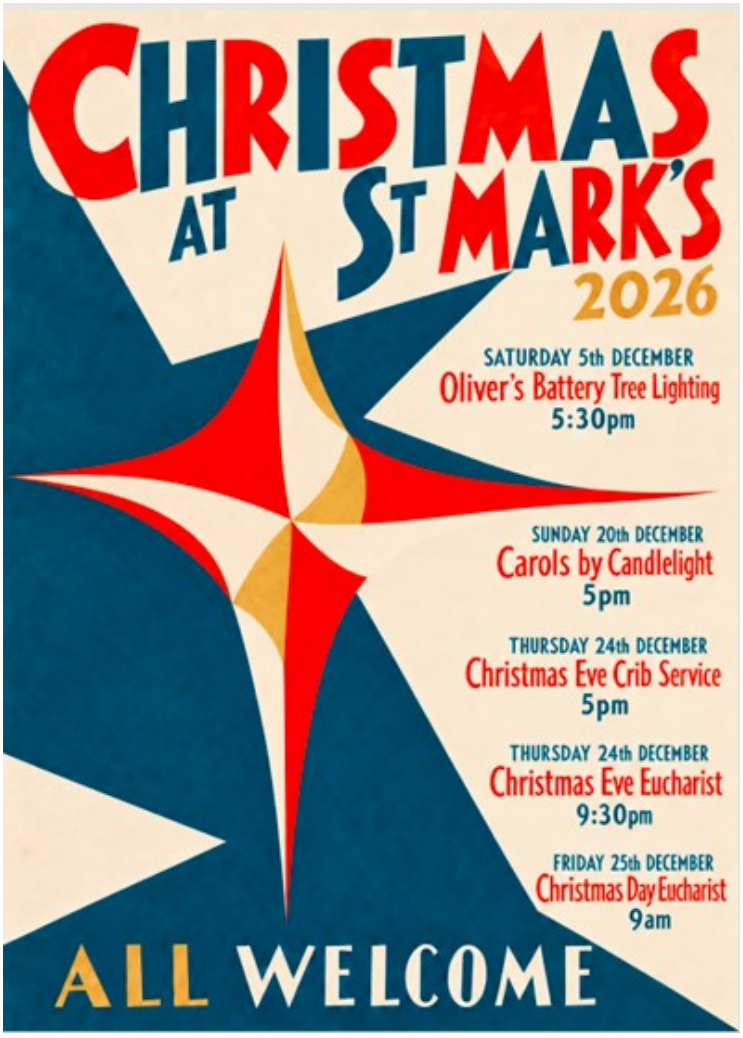
Do you have a creative skill, hobby or interest you'd enjoy sharing with others?
We're developing a new **Renew Creativity Café** in Winchester, offering people the opportunity to connect with others, try something creative and enjoy learning together in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

We're looking for artists, makers, writers, craftspeople and anyone with a creative interest who might enjoy leading an occasional activity or workshop.
Perhaps you enjoy watercolours, drawing, textiles, pottery, creative writing, poetry, photography, calligraphy or something completely different? We'd love to hear from you!



You don't need to be a professional artist or an experienced teacher. Enthusiasm and a willingness to share what you enjoy are much more important.
You might lead a one-off session or perhaps a short series of two or three sessions for a small group of up to 12 people. And there's no need to commit to volunteering every week!
When: Second and fourth Thursdays of each month, 10am–12 noon
Where: Winchester Baptist Church

Interested in finding out more?
Contact Alison Dolphin on 07834 540106 or email wellbeingcafeandhub@gmail.com.
Find out more at https://Winchesterrenewcafe.org.uk





Kings Chamber Orchestra

At Hope Church, Winchester

28th November

3.00-3.50pm Teddy Bears' Concert - family-friendly, bring your teddy!)
£7 per ticket
Tickets & Info



7.30-10.00pm Fireside Christmas Concert - evening concert with classical favourites, carols and festive storytelling!

£14 per ticket
Tickets & Info
Venue: Hope Church, Middle Brook Centre, Winchester
Doors open: 30 minutes before each concert
Refreshments available



