

**Mark's Movies** is a Film Club on alternate Tuesday evenings. There is room for you as part of the Team. Great fun!

**The Potting Shed** is a group who meet from time-to-time to talk gardening, drink tea and share seeds, cuttings or gardening tips. Always inclusive of people outside the Church family and welcoming new ideas.

**Prayer Times** take place alternate Tuesday Evenings in the Chapel and Saturdays between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the vicarage.

### **Other Ministry Opportunities**

**The Church Centre Group** takes care of maintenance and development of the Church Centre. We're sure that all have skills to offer and all are welcome to be part of the Team. Or if you're an outside person, there are opportunities to care for the gardens.

**New Ideas?** As part of a developing Church, you may have ideas for ways in how to develop community - reaching out to those who live and work nearby. If you feel God calling you to try or start something new, talk with Dave.

**If you want to find out more about getting involved in serving in S<sup>t</sup> Mark's, talk with Dave Mapes, Andrew Coombs or a member of the PCC. You can check the Church Website to get more details about ministry areas you're interested in**

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."  
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

### **Safeguarding Policy**

As a Church in Winchester Diocese, we have a Safeguarding Policy and you will need to have a CRB Check if working in a ministry area which involves children or vulnerable adults.

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# **Exciting times...**



## **Ministry Opportunities at S<sup>t</sup> Mark's**

### **Getting involved in the Church and Community**

... we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Eph 2:10 NRSV

## **Parish of S<sup>t</sup> Mark, Southampton**

***SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN WORD AND ACTION***

**A vital part of our journey as Christian disciples is being involved in Church life. Discipleship is more than attending Sunday Worship, and more than being involved in Church ministry - it is a transformational process. Becoming more like Jesus. Serving others in the Church, community, the places where we work and study and in our family and friendship networks.**

**Here at S<sup>t</sup> Mark's we have a range of Sunday and weekday ministries and there is room for you to be involved...**

## **Getting involved in Sunday Ministries**

There are a number of ways in which you can take part in developing our Sunday Worship. Opportunities include:

**Setting up** the Worship Area - helping the Churchwarden and Assistant Churchwardens so people can arrive and settle into their seats is key to being an inviting Church.

Being a **Sidesperson** involves greeting people when they arrive, giving them Newsletter and, if they're new to S<sup>t</sup> Mark's, explaining how our Worship is structured and introducing them to others.

**Serving Refreshments** is a key after-Service ministry - we all enjoy tea, coffee, cold drink a biscuit and a chat after Worship. A good way to get to know people.

Our **Sound Team** sets up, operates the P.A. and packs all the equipment away after Worship.

The **Projection Team** organises the projection of words and songs so we don't have to hold printed sheets or song books as we worship.

You can be involved by **reading** Scripture passages during worship.

And if you feel confident at praying in a worship setting, you may like to lead the **Prayers of Intercession**.

If your gifting is in playing an instrument or a vocalist, you may like to join our **Worship Group**.

What about getting involved with **Young Church** as a Leader or helper? Or do you fancy being involved in the **Crèche** - caring for under-3's to let parents join in the worship without having to be attentive of their children?

Maybe you'd like to be part of the **Prayer Ministry Team**. Within each Service, we offer prayer who have needs for God to minister in their lives. We have a Team of trained people who are available and hold training

sessions from time-to-time.

**Communion Assistants** help in our Holy Communion Services by setting up and clearing away. The Team also includes those who help in serving the congregation during the Holy Communion..

If you like **flower arranging**, we have a small team who will welcome you tin joining them in providing fresh flower arrangements in the Church.

**To keep a healthy balance in our Sunday worship-life, why not commit to serve one Sunday each month - unless you want to offer more.**

## **Mid-Week Ministry Opportunities**

**Baby & Toddler Group** takes place each Monday morning (term-time). There is a Team who provide refreshments and greet/check-in those who come. There's also a need for Leaders and helpers to spend time with children and carers and organise some of the activities.

**Haven Lunch Club - with Communicare** provides meals, refreshments and a place for social time on Fridays. The Catering Team will always welcome new people to join them or you may like to socialise, chat or organise activities.

**Open House** and **The Club** are our two Youth Clubs which run term-time on a Friday evening. Open House is for younger children and meets between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. and The Club is for older young people from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. Volunteers to help are always appreciated.

**Home Groups** are an important part of how S<sup>t</sup> Mark's gives space to develop relationships, where we care and pray for each other, worship together and reach out to include others.

**Residential Home Visiting** - making visits to Northlands House, Wilton Manor or Hampton Lodge. Being involved with Worship (Holy Communion Services each month), room visits is fulfilling ministry.

We have a **Pastoral Team** who undertake visiting people at home or in hospital, get involved with the Residential Home visits and try to keep prayer needs co-ordinated. Caring for others is another of our compassion ministries to be part of.

**S<sup>t</sup> Mark's Cof E Primary School** offers some great opportunities - to get involved. Foundation Governor, Leading Collective Worship, being part of Leap-in-Faith Week Team, Prayer Group (praying for the School), Prayer Club (where children come to talk and pray)...

**Little Lions** is a monthly time of creativity, worship and fun for under 5's and their parents/carers