



NoticeSheet

**We are a community of faith
that SEEKS God in worship
SERVES one another
and SHARES the love of Jesus**

Sunday 2nd April

9am Holy Communion

Theme: The Spirit of Life and Peace

Readings: Romans 8:5-11 and John 11:1-45

10.30am Active All Age Service

Theme: Rattles, Sighs and New Life!

Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

12.15pm St. Mary's Walkers leave church

Wednesday 5th April

**Holy Communion Service at 10.30am
in St. Mary's Church led by Canon Martin**

Palm Sunday 9th April

Theme: The Humility of Jesus

Readings: Philippians 2:5-11 and Luke 19:28-38

9am Holy Communion and Prayer Ministry

**10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and Prayer Ministry
and the Baptism of Monty Knight**

**10.30am Little and Junior Saints meet in Church for worship and the
Baptism of Monty before leaving for their activities in the Church Centre**

2.30pm Baptisms

St. Mary's Walkers

The next St. Mary's walk will be on **Sunday 2nd April**, starting from church at **12.15pm**. Please bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear. If you are interested in coming, please speak with Simon Nash or Rosemary Baker.

Electoral Roll Revision

It is time for the annual revision of the Electoral Roll, so please check if your name is on the list near the South Door. If it is not, do consider filling in an application form **by Monday 3rd April**, and return it to either the Church Office, or Martin Bazire our Electoral Roll Officer. Thank you.

Andy, Jo, Steven, Nathan and Peter Berry

Thank you to those of you who have already offered to help the family unload their removal vans at 2 Madrid Road, Andover SP10 1JR on **Tuesday 4th April**. We are still collecting for a Welcome Hamper, as well as organizing a work party to clean the house on **Monday between 9am and 12 noon**. Just turn up, and please bring your own cleaning materials. Thank you.

Easter Grapevine - Sunday 9th April to Saturday 29th April

The copy deadline will be **Thursday 6th April at 12 noon**.

Andover Foodbank

Easter Eggs - A big thank you so much to everyone who has already donated Easter Eggs! The Foodbank is still accepting donations. **Request for Non-Food Items** - Desperately needed this week are toilet rolls (they have run out completely) deodorant, razors and laundry powder/liquid.

Coffee and Cake Mornings - The next monthly Coffee and Cake Morning will be held on **Friday 7th April at 10.30am** in the Parish Hall, Alexandra Road, Andover. These get-togethers are a great opportunity to meet up for a chat, find out what goes on at the Foodbank and eat LOTS OF CAKE!!!

FoodFreeLent has started and is going well. There are lots of different ways to get your donations to the Foodbank. You can donate either online or send a cheque, all details can be found at www.andover.foodbank.org.uk. If you prefer to donate cash you may like to collect your pennies and pounds in a cut-out moneybox (see inside the Foodbank container in church). If you have any questions, please telephone 01264 362111. Thank you for your generous and continued support. Your donations whether food, money or non-food products, provide really valuable assistance to people in our community who are in or facing a crisis.

Women's Group

The Women's Group will be meeting on **Friday 7th April at 7.30pm** in St. Mary's Church. There will be an opportunity to create our own personal collage to reflect who we are and our future journey, as well as to enjoy coffee and cake, and have time for prayer and worship. Any donations of craft and haberdashery items will be useful, for example, magazines for cutting, ribbons, wool, buttons, lace etc. Cakes will be gratefully received on the night! Please sign the list at the back of church if you will be joining us. Rosemary Baker and Stella Bruce-Kerr.

The Vine Book Shop

The Book Shop will be hosting a display in church on **Sunday 9th April** after both our 9am and 10.30am services. Do please make the most of this opportunity to support your local Christian Bookshop, in addition to purchasing Easter cards and items from the wonderful selection of resources they have available.

Agape Supper - Thursday 13th April, 7pm for 7.30pm

Our thanks to Stella Bruce-Kerr who has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate this year's Agape Supper. There are two lists at the back of church to sign, one if you are coming and the other to indicate which food selection you will be bringing. Fruit juice, water and white wine will be provided, if you wish to bring any other drink please do so. Help is needed to set up at 12 noon on the day in the Harris Hall, to assist with refreshments during the evening, and to clear up after the evening has ended. Please speak with Stella Bruce-Kerr or contact the Church Office. Thank you.

Good Friday Collection

There will be a retiring collection taken after the 10am service on **14th April**. This will be sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee in aid of the East Africa Crisis Appeal, where 16 million people are on the brink of starvation, and urgently need food, water and medical treatment. Please give generously to this appeal. Thank you.

Baptisms and Confirmations

Please remember in your prayers Richard and Karyn French who are being Confirmed on **Easter Eve, Saturday 15th April in Winchester Cathedral**, as well as other members of our congregation being Baptized/Confirmed here at St. Mary's at the 10.30am service on Sunday 11th June by Bishop David.

Easter Sunday Breakfast

After the 6.30am Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, the **16th April**, there will be a breakfast for those who have attended the service. Please sign the list at the back of church to book your place (there is a maximum number of 40) and also if you are prepared to help clear up afterwards. Thank you.

Away Day - Fun, Fellowship and Friends

Do come and join us on **Saturday 24th June from 10am to 4pm** at Tangleby Parish Hall, Hatherden. This **FREE** Day is designed for Fun, Fellowship and Friends and will consist of both indoor and outdoor games and activities for children and adults. Bring your own lunch, refreshments will be provided and there will be plenty of space to enjoy some time together. Please sign the list at the back of church if you will be attending.

Toilet Twinning

Three TT Certificates will be presented to the community, with some of the money donated by people in Andover. If you would still like to be part of this wonderful work please contact Heather Norton.

Congratulations! Eco Church Bronze Award

As part of our pMAP objective to work towards the three levels of the Eco Church Award, we have now successfully achieved the Eco Church Bronze Award! Our thanks go to Ann Smith who is leading this initiative, and to all of you who are supporting it. Well done for this first significant step forward.

Crèche Area

There is an unsupervised crèche available for 0-3 year olds, through the doors at the back of church. We are grateful to Joan Bruce whose legacy allowed us to create this area, which contains toys, colouring and comfortable seating, in addition to sound and vision so you can see and hear the service.

***This is what the Sovereign Lord
says to these bones:
I will make breath enter you,
and you will come to life.***

Ezekiel 37:5