



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

Sunday 4th February

9am Holy Communion

Theme: Green Communion

**Readings: Psalm 8:1-9
and John 1:1-14**

10.30am Active All Age Service with Baptisms and Prayer Ministry

Theme: Caring For God's Creation

Readings: Psalm 139:1-18 and Genesis 1:26-27

12.15pm St. Mary's Walkers leave church

Wednesday 7th February

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

Sunday 11th February

Theme: Generosity

**Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
and Luke 6:37-38**

9am Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry

10.20am Children's Church (3 - 13+)

**meet in the Church Centre for their activities,
before joining their families in church
for Communion and Final Blessing**

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and Prayer Ministry

*There is an unsupervised crèche available for 0-3 year olds,
through the doors at the back of church.*

*This area contains toys, books, colouring and comfortable seating,
in addition to sound and vision, so you can see and hear the service.*

St. Mary's Walkers

The next St. Mary's walk will be on **Sunday 4th February**. It will be from St. Mary's Church to Charlton Lakes, starting at **12.15pm**. Please bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear. If you are interested in coming or would like to know more, please speak with Simon Nash or Rosemary Baker.

Young Musician of the Year - Thursday 8th February at 6pm

This exciting annual event provides the opportunity for young people from local schools to showcase their talents in either a contemporary or modern category. Tickets cost £10 and are available from David Mellor Jewellers or Chris Lynn, telephone 01264 396511 or email Christopher.lynn@talktalk.net.

Youth Bible Study Group

We won't be meeting as normal on **Friday 9th February** as we will be going to a special church youth event called 'Wildfire', being held in Winchester. Since it is happening when we would normally be holding our own regular time together, we thought we would make the most of the opportunity to do something a little different. Normal service will be resumed in March! Many thanks, Rob S, Kelsey W and Andy B.

Testimony Evening

Andover Churches Together are hosting an evening with Paul Jones (Manfred Mann and The Blues Band) and Fiona Hendley (actress and acclaimed musical performer) sharing how their faith in God has changed their lives. The evening is not a concert, although they will be singing a few songs, and refreshments will be provided. It will be held on **Saturday 10th February at 7.30pm** in John Hanson Community School Hall. Tickets are free, but need to be ordered on the Eventbrite website www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-paul-jones-and-fiona-hendley-tickets-41964601252

Spring Term 2018

This term our focus is on **Healing and Wholeness**, and having explored different aspects of this in our sermons series in January, we are now running a short course which is open to all members of St. Mary's Church.

Each of the sessions will be on **Tuesdays in the Church Centre from 7.30pm to 9.30pm**, covering: **13th February** - Rich Soil for Growth, 27th February - Leaves for Healing and 13th March - Growing a Healing Church. Do bring a Bible and pen with you each evening. Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to attend, or contact Derrick and Heather Norton if you have any questions.

Men's Group

Come and join us at Clive's home where he will be speaking on, 'From Wrangler to Royal Mangler - experiences with a Royal Warrant.' The meeting will be on **Sunday 18th February from 6.30pm to 8.30pm** and will start with soup and rolls. Please sign the list at the back of church if you are attending.

Could You Be A Street Pastor?

Do you want to reach out to the people of Andover? Do you want to make a difference for God? Can you spare one late night per month? Then please consider joining Andover Street Pastors! We are recruiting **NOW** and training begins on the **23rd February**. We need more Street Pastors and prayer teams to help us continue to make a positive difference in our town. If you are interested to find out more or to volunteer with us, please contact Barry Wadhams on 07527296513 or email Andover@streetpastors.org.uk or come out with us as an observer, to see first-hand what the front line looks like. The training dates are the 23rd, 24th and 25th February, 9th, 10th, 11th, 23rd, 24th and 25th March. Is God calling you to this powerful ministry?

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's theme will be 'All God's Creation is Very Good: Praying for Suriname.' The annual service will be held at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Colebrook Way, Andover on **Friday 2nd March at 10.30am**, and will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is very welcome, men included.

Women's Group

Do come and join us on **Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre, to hear our invited speaker Val Jourdan MBE, who is the Chair and Founder Trustee of Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability (ABCD).

Easter Lilies

If you would like to pay for an Easter Lily in remembrance of a loved one, the cost will be £4 per Lily. Kindly place your order by **Friday 9th March**. Fill in the

name/names of your loved ones on the list at the back of church or email them to the office. Please bring payments to the office or bank transfer to sort code 40-52-40, account number 00025634, reference Lilies and your name. Thank you.

Holiday Club Planning Sessions - Dates for your diary!

This year's Holiday Club will be taking place in the Harris Hall from **Tuesday 7th August to Friday 10th August from 9.30am to 1pm as well as a Fun Afternoon on Friday from 1pm to 3pm**. If you would like to be involved, planning meeting dates will be on Thursdays 22nd February, 29th March, 26th April, 24th May, 28th June and 25th July from 7pm to 9pm in the Church Centre Chapel. Setting up for the Holiday Club will be on Sunday 5th August after 3pm and clearing away will be on Saturday 11th August.

Picket Twenty Request

Some of the 3R's Café children and parents attend a Wednesday after school club, from 2pm to 4pm, in the IT suite of the Community Centre next to Pilgrims' Cross School. It is also a time for collecting items for Andover Foodbank, promoted by the school. Sharon Wood, who runs the group, and Jenny Brain the Community Worker, have asked us if we can provide a volunteer each Wednesday, expertise not needed, as an extra pair of hands. This is an opportunity to meet a community need. Please contact Diane in the Church Office if you can help. Thank you.

Samaritan's Purse International Relief UK

The 34 Christmas Shoeboxes generously donated and packed with love by the Women's Group, were delivered to precious, needy children in Liberia. 85% of people in Liberia, West Africa live below the international poverty line, and the country recently suffered an Ebola epidemic, so we can be confident that these gifts, sharing the love of God in a tangible way, can have a powerful impact on children in Jesus' name, and reach out into their wider communities.

*When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place*

Psalm 8:3