



Welcome to  
St. Mary's  
Andover

## NoticeSheet

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

### **Sunday 4th June**

**9am Holy Communion**

**Theme: The Holy Spirit**

**Readings: Acts 2:1-21 and John 7:37-39**

**10.30am Active All Age Service and Prayer Ministry**

**Theme: Pentecost**

**Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:3 and Acts 2:1-13, 38-41**

**12.15pm St. Mary's Walkers leave church**

**3pm Andover Churches Together Pentecost Praise Service  
and Prayer Ministry**

### **Wednesday 7th June**

**Holy Communion Service at 10.30am**

**in St. Mary's Church led by Canon John**

### **Sunday 11th June**

**We warmly welcome the Right Reverend David Williams**

**Theme: Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

**Readings: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 and Matthew 28:16-20**

**9am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Children's Church (3 - 13+) meet in Church this week,  
BEFORE going to the Church Centre for their activities**

**10.30am Morning Worship with a Dedication, Baptisms,  
Confirmations, 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*

### **Thank You!**

The final amount of money raised after the recent **Plant Sale** was a magnificent **£282.16!** Congratulations to Liz, Rosemary, James and all the team for all their efforts to make the event such a success, and to everyone who supported and enjoyed the occasion. All the money raised will go towards the children's ministry here at St. Mary's, so thank you all greatly.

### **Children's Church - Cardboard needed!**

Children's Church are focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit, found in Galatians 5:22-23. At our last session in July, prior to breaking up for the Summer holiday, St. Mary's Children's Church will be creating some pieces of art work, which will visually pull all of our Sunday sessions together and something they can take home. For this we will need some pieces of cardboard, anything with a flat surface of 40cm x 40cm or 16 inches by 16 inches (or bigger) would be gratefully received. Please see Andy or Jo or any of the St. Mary's Children's Church Team, or leave the cardboard at the back of Church. Thank you.

### **Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Initiative - 25th May to 4th June**

Do pray especially during this time for our world. There will be a special Pentecost Praise Service organized by Andover Churches Together, held in St. Mary's on **Sunday 4th June at 3pm** to which all are very welcome.

### **30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World - 27th May to 25th June**

This is a prayer focus when Christians worldwide are called upon to make an intentional and respectful effort to learn about, pray for and reach out to Muslim neighbours. A full colour prayer guide booklet is produced each year, and copies are available from Tim Townsend.

### **St. Mary's Walkers**

The next St. Mary's walk will be leaving church at **12.15pm** in order to meet at House Martin, Weyhill, from where the walk will start on **Sunday 4th June**. Please bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear. If you are interested in coming, please speak with Martin Bazire.

### **Prayer Workshop**

One of the Active Inputs which we included in our pMAP is to organize a Prayer Workshop and more training on how to pray. The intention behind this objective was not just for those who lead prayers in our church services. Rather it is for all of us to be better equipped to deepen our own prayer life. Prayer is of supreme importance to us as Christians because of the high value which is given in the Bible to prayer, because Jesus taught us to pray regularly and because of all it can accomplish when God responds to our prayers and meets our every need. This Workshop will be held on **Saturday 10th June from 9.30am to 12 noon** in the Church Centre. We are all encouraged to come together so that we can learn new, or deepen existing ways, to strengthen and develop our walk with the Lord. Please sign the list available at the back of church if you wish to attend.

### **Children's Church Summer Term Theme - Fruit of the Spirit**

Please note that next **Sunday 11th June**, Children's Church will meet in church for the Dedication of Sebastian Caric, before leaving for their activities in the Church Centre. They will be re-joining us later in time to receive a blessing or communion with their families; please encourage your child/children to stay with you for the remainder of the service once they are back in church. Thank you.

### **Baptisms, Dedication and Confirmations**

The Bishop of Basingstoke, the Right Reverend David Williams will be joining us for the morning services on **Sunday 11th June at 9am and 10.30am**. During the 10.30am service he will be conducting a dedication in addition to baptisms and confirmations. Do please come to support Sebastian Caric, Alice and Hannah Etherton, Sven Maxfield and Craig Anderson.

### **Men's Group**

Please note there will be a Men's Breakfast at The Redbridge in Bridge Street on **Saturday 17th June at 8am**. All men are very welcome to come and share in this time of fellowship together.

### **Attention Nature Lovers**

Please join me (Neil Catty) for a guided nature walk around Rooksbury Mill Nature Reserve on **Sunday 18th June at 2pm**. It will be a short but slow stroll suitable for all ages.

There is a stretch of unsurfaced path accessed through gates, and as the path may be muddy I would advise that suitable footwear is worn. We should see plenty of birds, butterflies and dragonflies. I will be leaving from the reserve car park which is off Barlow's Lane, next to the allotments. If you would like further information please contact me via the Church Office.

### **Taizé Service**

Join us on **Sunday 18th June at 4pm** for the launch of our new Taizé service. This will be an opportunity, once a month, on the 3rd Sunday to join us for a mixture of reflective music, words and silence which aims to provide space for you to meet with God. If you want to be involved in the service, please let Tom or Pru know.

### **Andover Foodbank**

Thank you as always for your support, it is greatly appreciated. Your donations whether food, money or non-food products provide really valuable assistance to people in our community who are in, or facing crisis. The Foodbank this week are in need of fruit juice, pasta sauce, 500ml bags of sugar and tinned tomatoes and fruit, in addition to deodorant, shaving foam and shampoo/conditioner.

### **Christian Aid**

The collections in Church during Christian Aid Week raised £482.50 including the Gift Aid. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Servant Hearts Required!**

We still have an **urgent need** for people to act as Sidespeople or to help with refreshments at the 10.30am service on Sunday mornings. Please take a turn at helping, clearly the more people we get the more these ministries are shared! Thank you.

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

*Acts 2:1-4*