



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

**Sunday 5th November**

**9am Holy Communion**

**Theme: The Word Of God In Us**

**Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 and Matthew 24:1-14**

**10.30am Active All Age Worship with Baptisms and Prayer Ministry**

**Theme: Water, Ice, Steam - The Trinity**

**Reading: Matthew 28:16-20**

**Children's Church join us in church**

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

**3pm All Souls Service**

*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.*

**Wednesday 8th November**

**Holy Communion Service at 10.30am**

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

**Remembrance Sunday 12th November**

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

**Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke**

**10am Remembrance Sunday Service**

**Theme: We Shall Remember**

**Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Matthew 25:1-13**

**Children's Church join us in church**

***Kindly note there will be no crèche facilities during this service***

**10.50am Civic Service at the Cenotaph**

**Thank You**

Canon John and Sue would like to express their gratitude to you all for the totally unexpected card and very generous gift during 'Thank Your Vicar Week'. We were extremely touched by the sentiments expressed by so many of you on our card, as well as by your generosity, and wish to say we consider it a privilege to serve the people of St. Mary's - thank you very much.

**St. Mary's Walkers**

Our next walk on **Sunday 5th November from 12.15pm** takes around three of the churches in Andover, all different in age and style of architecture, and perhaps churches you would not normally visit. Distance is just over 4 miles, some uphill and mainly by pavement. Please bring a packed lunch and a hot flask of soup or coffee! Do indicate on the list at the back of the church if you intend coming. Many thanks, Rosemary Baker.

**All Souls Service**

Our service will be held on **Sunday 5th November at 3pm** in St. Mary's Church, as we gather to remember those who have died and offer prayers of thanksgiving for their lives. There is a sheet at the back of church where people can record names of loved ones, and these will be read out during the service. You are welcome to stay for refreshments after the service.

**The Age Of The Earth And Why It Matters**

Koinonia Evangelical Church extend an invitation to an evening with guest speaker Dominic Statham from Creation Ministries International. All are welcome on **Sunday 5th November at 6.30pm** in the Harris Hall, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Christmas Choir**

Our Christmas Choir would love it if you would join them. The next practice is on **Monday 6th November at 7.30pm** and will continue on the following dates: 13th, 20th, 27th November in the Church Centre Chapel. The last practices on the 4th and 11th December will be in church. It is not too late if you wish to join the choir, please speak with Pru or just come along.

**Armistice Day**

Do join us on **Saturday 11th November at 10.45am** at the Cenotaph as we remember in prayer the day which marks the end of the First World War.

### **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**

Every shoebox is a tangible expression of God's amazing love to needy children around the world, and shares the good news of Jesus Christ. Last Christmas over 11,486,773 boxes were delivered by Samaritan's Purse to children in 109 countries! Thank you to all the women from St. Mary's who have generously created 34 Christmas shoeboxes to be sent to join the others for Christmas 2017. There are a few more empty boxes if anyone would like to make one up before **Wednesday 15th November**. Full details of what should be included are with the shoeboxes at the back of church.

Canon John and Sue will be delivering the completed shoeboxes to our local drop off point, before they are centrally distributed. A £5 donation per shoebox helps towards the cost of shipping, and subsequently notifies us of which country our shoeboxes were sent to in time for Christmas. Please give any donations to Diane in the Church Office by **Wednesday 15th November**. Thank you for making this a special Christmas for at least one needy child.

### **Christmas Fayre**

Please do support St. Mary's Christmas Fayre which this year will be held on **Saturday 18th November from 10am to 1pm** in the Harris Hall. The donations which are required are:

- Teddies and other cuddly toys or dolls for adoption stall
- Bric-a-brac
- Good quality, clean, toys
- New gifts
- Books
- Tombola items
- Raffle prizes
- Items for luxury food hamper (check use-by dates!)
- Contributions to produce stall (cakes nearer the time!)

Please would you leave any donations in the box under the table at the back of church. We require more volunteers to help on the day, so do sign the list on the table for a 45 minute session manning one of the stalls, if you are available. If you don't have anything to give, a cash donation towards the mince pies or other items would be gratefully received! The Fayre will offer a fantastic variety of stalls, including crafts, cakes and home-made produce, and gifts so do come and join the fun, it's a perfect way to get a head start on your Christmas shopping! Please speak with Rosalyn Peszkowski.

### **St. Mary's Men's Group**

The group will be meeting next on **Sunday 19th November at 6.30pm** at Nigel's home for an evening of Informal Worship and Bible Study. All men from St. Mary's are very warmly invited.

### **Prayer Ministry Training**

We are holding a Prayer Ministry Training Day in the Church Centre on **Saturday 25th November from 10am to 12 noon**, refreshments will be available from 9.45am. If anyone is interested in being on the team or would like to know more, please contact Tim or Rosemary Townsend.

### **Calling All Keen Gardeners**

We hope to hold a Plant Sale again next May, so if you are sub-dividing or moving plants around and have some spare to pot up, we would be very grateful. If you cannot look after them until May, please let Liz Medley or Rosemary Baker know and we can collect them from you. Many thanks.

### **A Message For St. Mary's Church**

Andy, Jo, Steve, Nathan and Peter recently attended Lossiemouth Baptist Church whilst on holiday in Scotland. The minister there, Revered Rae MacKenzie, has sent a message of peace and blessings to our fellowship.

*Then Jesus said to the disciples,  
"All authority in heaven and on earth  
has been given to me.  
Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations,  
baptising them in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.  
And surely I am with you always,  
to the very end of the age."*

*Matthew 28:18-20*