



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 8th January

Theme: The Call to Mission

Readings: Romans 10:8-15

Matthew 28:16-20

9am Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and Prayer Ministry

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

Wednesday 11th January

Holy Communion Service at 10.30am

in St. Mary's Church led by Canon Martin

Sunday 15th January

Theme: What is Global Mission?

Readings: Acts 1:1-8

Mark 16:14-20

9am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship with Prayer Ministry

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2.30pm Baptisms

6.30pm Men's Group meeting at Nigel May's home

Reverend Lee

Please pray for Lee, our Curate, as he begins his Spring Term placement this Sunday in the Downs Benefice, that this would prove to be a broadening and valuable experience for him in this 5 Parish Benefice. The variety of locations and Sunday services, including Book of Common Prayer Worship, will help him as part of his Initial Ministerial Training (IME) to understand and experience the intricacies of leading a multi-parish benefice; this will stand him all the better equipped for future ministry when he becomes a Vicar. Reverend Lee will continue to carry out his weekly commitments here at St. Mary's, but on Sundays until Easter he will be ministering in the Downs Benefice.

Our new Children and Families Leaders

Andy and Jo have finalized the major parts of the leaving process in their current location and are now actively seeking an appropriate house to rent here in Andover, at an affordable price. Please pray specifically that God would literally open doors for them and their family, to find and move into a house they can quickly call their new home; if you are aware of any property you think may be suitable, do let Canon John know. Please pray for Andy, Jo, Steven, Nathan and Peter at this important time, as we look forward to welcoming them so Andy and Jo may begin their new ministry among us.

Children and Youth Ministry

We would value more helpers to assist the leaders with the Little Saints Group (Age 3 to School Year 2) on Sundays 15th January, 29th January and 26th March, as well as a leader and helper on the 9th April. We also require a woman to help Rob and Guy with Urban Saints (School Years 7 and above) on Sundays 15th January, 12th February and 19th March. Please can you help?

St. Mary's Men's Group

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday 15th January, 6.30pm to 8.30pm** at Nigel's home. Following supper of soup and a roll, Ian Willis will lead us in a Bible study looking at the book of Joel. All men are welcome, do please sign the clipboard at the rear of church. Thank you.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be a service held on **Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm**, in addition to short times of shared prayer from 12.30pm to 1pm every lunchtime for the following week, in Bridge Street Methodist Church. All are very welcome.

Alpha Course 2017

The next course commences on Monday evenings from **16th January to the 3rd April from 7.30pm to 9.30pm** in the Church Centre and also includes the Holy Spirit Day on **Saturday 4th March from 10am to 4pm**. Help is needed to provide a soup and roll meal for each of the evenings please, as well as lunch for the Holy Spirit Day. Do speak with Kate Walbyoff or Sven Maxfield if you are interested in joining the course, or are able to help. Thank you.

Discipleship Group 2017

Also beginning on **Monday 16th January at 7.30pm**, an exciting new 6 week course is being formed for people who have either completed an Alpha Course, or who would simply like to deepen their faith. For more information please speak with Pippa Pearce at the 10.30am service or telephone her via the Church Office.

Women's Ministry Launch Bring and Share Supper

St. Mary's Women's Fellowship inaugural meeting will be a Bring and Share Supper on **Friday 20th January, 7pm for 7.30pm** in the Church Centre. Soft drinks, tea/coffee will be provided and if you would like wine, then do bring a bottle to share! A list is available at the back of church to sign if you are coming and it would be very helpful for catering purposes if you could specify what savoury/dessert you are bringing. There will be the opportunity during the evening to help shape and be involved with the year's programme, so do come along and join us as we would love to hear your thoughts and views. Please let us know if you either, require a lift, or you would be willing to collect someone to bring them along. For further information please speak with Eniola Richardson.

Christmas Nativity Pantomime 'Happy Forever After'

The Unity Christian Theatre will be performing this pantomime at The Lights, Andover. Performances will be held on **Friday 20th January at 7.30pm, and Saturday 21st January at 2.30pm and 7.30pm**. Unity are a group made of Christians from many local churches and all the funds that are raised from their shows are donated to charity. This year's Nativity Pantomime is being performed in aid of Neighbourcare, a local charity. The pantomime is suitable for all the family to enjoy and provides an excellent vehicle for outreach. Tickets cost £7 for adults and £5 for children under 16, and are available from The Lights Box Office on www.thelights.org.uk or telephone 01264 368368.

Worship Central Course

This is an informative and stimulating short course looking at some of the theological and practical issues around leading worship. If you are passionate about the power of worship to transform our communities, then this is for you! We meet next on **Saturday 21st January from 10am to 1pm** in the Church Centre to look at 'The Effective Team.' Please speak with Pru Caric.

Andover Young Musician of the Year

This exciting Classical and Popular Music Competition is now in its fifth year, and will be held in St. Mary's Church on **Thursday 9th February starting at 6.30pm**. Each year the audience are treated to a highly entertaining evening with a wonderful range and diversity of talents and abilities demonstrated. Tickets are £10, with under 14's FREE, and are available from David Mellor Jewellers, or from Chris Lynn on 01264 396511 or 07810 848984. All proceeds from the evening are for St. Mary's Church.

Eco-Church Scheme

Our church leadership has committed to work towards obtaining the Eco-Church Award. This award recognizes that a church community cares for the environment and the impact its actions have in all aspects of its work and in the lifestyle choices its members make. There are 3 levels of the Eco-Church award, bronze, silver and gold, looking at 4 areas, worship, buildings, global and community and lifestyle. Over the coming months we will be asking you to review your personal choices on environmental issues such as energy usage, purchasing local and/or organic/Fairtrade foods, recycling and caring for God's earth and all the life it supports. If you would be interested in knowing more or helping in this work please speak with Ann Smith.

*For it is with your heart
that you believe and are justified,
and it is with your mouth
that you confess and are saved.*

Romans 10:10