

Grapevine



Welcome to St. Mary's Andover

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

Sunday 8th April

9.00am Holy Communion

10.20am Children's Church (4 - 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

Led by Bishop David Williams

Readings Acts 4: 32-35 & John 20:19-31

Wednesday 11th April

Holy Communion Service at 10.30am

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

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*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.*

Weekly Offering Envelopes

Kindly note the new sets of weekly offering envelopes are at the back of church for those who already use them. If anyone would like to start using offering envelopes, please speak with Mary or June. Thank you.

April & May 10.30am Communion

The 10.30am Services including Communion will be on different Sundays of the month for April and May. We will share Communion at **10.30am on 8th, 15th April**. Also, the services at **10am on 1st and 29th April** will include Communion. Communion will be shared at **10.30am on 20th & 27th May**. 9am Holy Communion Services will be unaffected.

St. Mary's Walkers – Today Sunday 8th April at 12.15pm

Spring is in the air so calling all walkers, less abled walkers and those who use mobility scooters or wheelchairs! We will follow a pretty walk that is tarmac, paving or wooden decking all the way and back. It takes us through St. Mary's Cemetery down to Anton Lakes where we will have lunch, so please bring something to eat and a hot drink. If you can come, please bring your scooter/wheelchairs around to the church side door. Speak with Simon Nash or Rosemary Baker for further information.

Women's Group Film Night

Women's Group Film Night, **Friday 13th April from 7pm** for 7.30 start in St Mary's church. Join us for a special showing of The Shack, with hotdogs, popcorn and drinks. The Shack is adapted from the best-selling Christian novel, it follows one man's faith journey – Mack Phillips questions the meaning of life after a family tragedy and is led on a journey of hope through the encounters he has at the Shack. Sign-up at the back of church.

Attention nature lovers.

Please join me (Neil Catty) for a guided nature walk around Chilbolton on **Sunday 15th April at 2pm**. It will be a short but slow stroll suitable for all ages. The path may be muddy so I would advise that suitable footwear is worn. We should see plenty of birds, butterflies and spring flowers. I will be leaving from the West Down car park which is Coley Lane SO20 6AX, first left turn after Station Road.

Taize Service

From **Sunday April 15th** this service will be at the new time of **3pm**. Come and enjoy this restful and contemplative worship service in the church.

Men's Group

Sunday April 15th Men's Group at Nigel's house. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church

APCM

The annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th April** in the Church Centre at **7.30pm**. The Venerable Richard Brand, Archdeacon of Winchester will be chairing the meeting. Everyone is invited to attend – I hope we can get a good turnout from St. Mary's at this crucial point in our journey. **There are vacancies for three Parochial Church Council members and for a Church Warden.** If you think you could take on either of these roles as we start to look for a new Vicar please talk with Gordon Bell, June Harris (PCC Secretary) or contact Diane in the office.

St Mary's Plant Sale

With the start of Spring, could I remind you of the annual Plant Sale, to be held on **Saturday 19 May**. If you are splitting any annuals, buying in bedding plants or growing your own seed, we would appreciate any plants you can spare. Please speak to Rosemary Baker, or Liz Medley, if you have any queries. The proceeds will be split between helping pay for guest speakers at the Church Away Weekend, to be held later this year, and Sophie Willis and the charity IJM she is working for which is helping stop and rescue victims of sex trafficking in Mumbai India.

Prayer Ministry Get Together

Saturday 28th April, 10am to 12 noon in the Church Centre - please put this in your diary if you are part of the Prayer Ministry Team or are interested in joining us.

Children's Ministry Training

There will be a session with Andy Saunders, the Children's & Family's Adviser for Winchester Diocese, on **Monday 23rd April, 7.30pm** in the Church Centre Chapel, to discuss what training we could put on for the Children's Church Team. If you would be interested in coming along to this meeting and perhaps helping with Children's Church please let Diane in the office know.

Andover Choral Society

Spring Concert in St. Mary's Church on **Saturday 5th May at 7.30pm**. Tickets cost £12 and are available from the members of the choir, The Lights 01264 368368 or at thelights.org.uk

St. Mary's Amazing Away Weekend

At the wonderful Sidholme Hotel - **14th to 16th September**. A time of relaxation and fellowship with Andy Peck leading talks and a Communion service. There will be plenty of entertainment available including a swimming pool, and garden games. So far 40 of us have secured a place with a deposit. If you are still not decided please talk with Nigel May or Diane in the office for further details. The hotel will need final bookings soon for us to be certain of you securing your place. A system has been started for those who would like to pay in stages rather than one lump sum.

Hope Into Action

You will be pleased to hear that an Andover house for the homeless has recently been purchased and is in the process of being furnished and prepared for the first two residents. There is a need for blinds and curtains. If anyone would like to donate tab curtains or give towards the cost of roller blinds, please speak to Derrick or Heather Norton

Foodbank Coffee Mornings

Our next get together will take place on **Friday 4th May** at the usual time of **10.30am** in the Parish Hall next to the foodbank in Alexandra Road, Andover.

Andover Foodbank

This week we need Long Life fruit juice and Long Life milk, tins of fish, potatoes, tomatoes and rice pudding, jars of pasta sauce, packets of rice (500g or 1kg), razors, washing up liquid and cleaning products for the kitchen, bathroom and laundry. Thank you.

St. Mary's Church Office,

The Church Centre, Marlborough Street, Andover SP10 1ER

Church Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 2pm and Friday 9.30am to 4pm

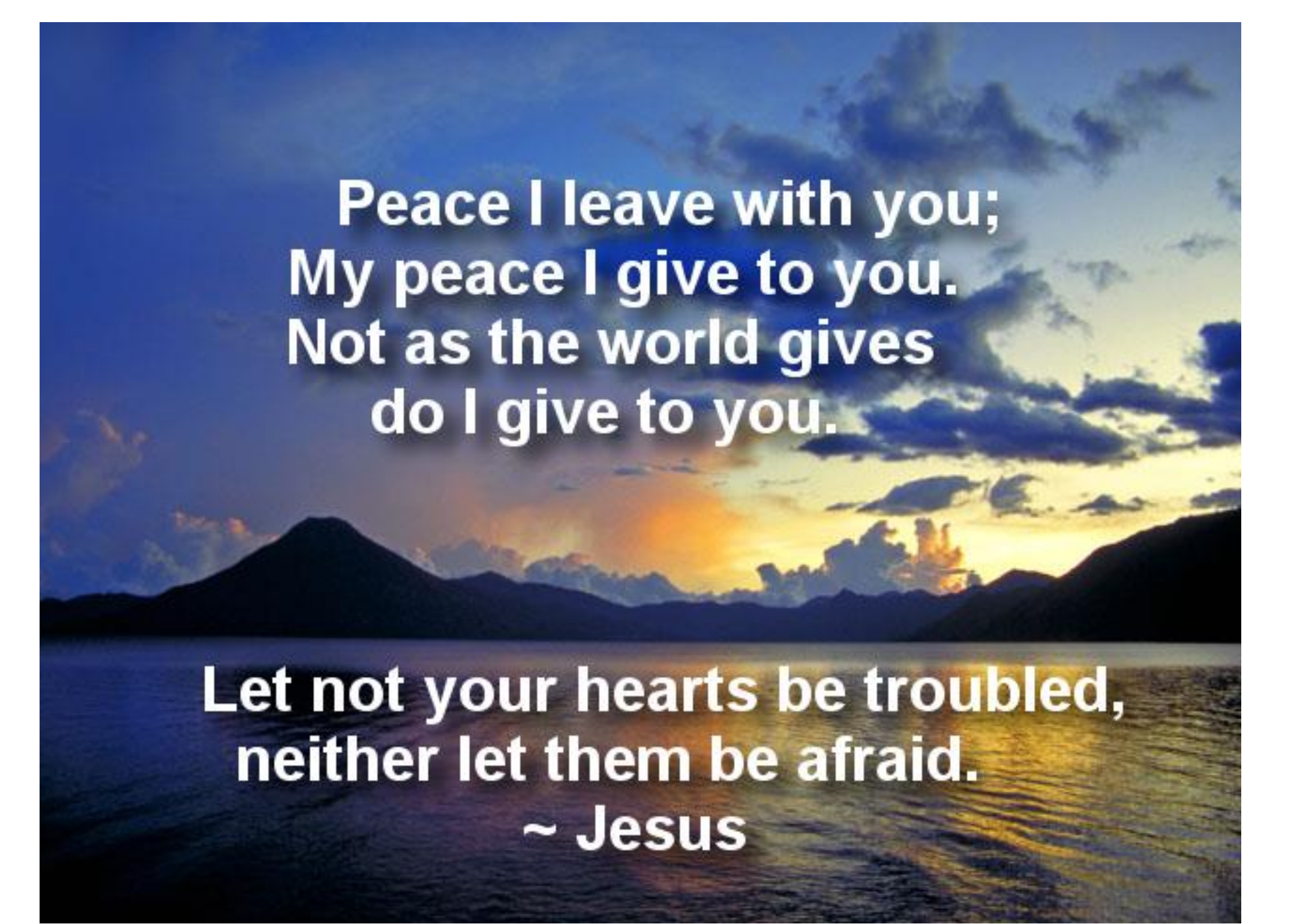
*****OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY 9TH APRIL*****

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**Peace I leave with you;
My peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives
do I give to you.**

**Let not your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.**

~ Jesus