



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

Sunday 8th October

Theme: Harvest Thanksgiving

**Readings: Deuteronomy 28:1-14
and Luke 12:16-31**

9am Holy Communion and 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 Harvest Thanksgiving with Communion and Prayer Ministry

Wednesday 11th October

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

Sunday 15th October

Theme: The Chosen Ones

**Readings: Philippians 4:1-9
and Matthew 22:1-14**

9am Holy Communion

**10.20am Children's Church (3 - 13+)
meet in the Church Centre for their activities,
before joining their families in church for refreshments**

10.30am Morning Worship and Prayer Ministry

4pm Taizé Service

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

*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.*

Good News!

We rejoice in the safe arrival of Elora weighing 7lbs 2ozs on Wednesday 27th September, baby daughter to Eni and Glenn Richardson. We send the family all our love and warmest congratulations.

Men's Group Pie and Pint

Come and join us for our next social at the Chalkhill Blue, Hawker Siddley Road, Andover SP11 8BF, just off the A303 near the Army Headquarters, on **Wednesday 11th October, 6.30pm for 7pm**. There is a good choice of main courses for £5. Lifts are available, please sign the list at the back of church.

Litter Pick Event

Another litter clean up event has been arranged for **Sunday 15th October** after the 10.30am service (**about 12 noon**). It is intended to clean up the area around the church and the cemetery again as so much litter was collected last time. If you are able to participate in this event, could you please put your name on the list at the back of the church. Thank you for continuing to support our Eco Church work.

Men's Group

All men welcome especially newcomers, to our next Sunday event on the **15th October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm** at Nigel's home, 224 Weyhill Road. The evening will start with soup and rolls, followed by a talk by Rob Savill entitled 'Journeys - Matthew 5:14.' Please sign the list at the back of church.

Reverend Lee Davies

Lee's Licensing Service as Priest in Charge at Knight's Enham will take place on **Monday 16th October at 7.30pm** in St. Paul's Church and Community Centre, Smannell Road, Andover SP11 6JP. If you would like to attend the service and reception afterwards please contact Rachel Harper, Parish Administrator on 01264 335237 or at admin@knightsenham.org.uk. If you would like to make a donation as a farewell gift to Lee for his ministry here at St. Mary's, do please send your gift to Diane in St. Mary's Church Office marked 'Lee Davies.' Thank you.

The Vine Trust Launches Christmas

The launch begins on **Saturday 21st October from 10am to 1pm** at The Bridge, Bridge Street, Andover with Advent items, gifts, Christmas cards, diaries, calendars, nativity sets and stocking fillers to buy or reserve. All are welcome.

Christmas Choir

We are seeking this year to have a Christmas Choir once again and would love it if you would join us. The next practice is on **Monday 23rd October at 7.30pm** and will continue on the following dates: 30th October, 6th, 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.

Children's Light Party

St. Mary's is holding a Light Party on **Tuesday 31st October from 6pm to 7pm** in St. Mary's Church. We need your support to make this evening memorable! If you would like to help with this event in any way please speak to Andy and Jo Berry, or contact Diane in the Church Office. The Light Party will be very similar in format and feel to the Holiday Club/Children's Church, which means all activities will be led from the front. We simply need people to encourage the children and be with them during those 60 minutes. We will have a craft, video worship, video aerobics, a gospel message, interactive talks, a live and very happy pumpkin carving as well as a quieter prayer zone. In addition, we will provide refreshments for parents. Most importantly, we would value your prayers as we seek to provide a safe alternative for children; for God to encourage and draw children to Him. Many thanks in advance, Andy and Jo Berry.

St. Mary's Walkers - Date for your Diary

We will be back out in the fresh air from **12.15pm on Sunday 5th November**. More details to follow!

St. Mary's Christmas Fayre

This will be held on **Saturday 18th November from 10am to 1pm** in the Harris Hall. Put the date in your diary! Please look out for new items for the gift stall and items for the Tombola and raffle. Someone brought in a raffle drum last year, but we cannot remember who! Are you able to get it again this year please? Do contact Rosalyn, or Diane in the Church Office!

Prayer Ministry Training

We are holding a Prayer Ministry Training Day 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.

Sound and Vision Operators

We are very short of sound operators for the 9am and sound and vision operators for the 10.30am services. Full training and opportunity to shadow experienced operators will be given. This is a really vital role for all our services so please consider if you would be willing to try this out and talk with Pru.

Vine Trust Bookshop

The Vine Trust is urgently looking for volunteers to help in their Christian Bookshop on Monday afternoons, Thursday mornings and Saturdays, from 10am to 4pm. The two daily shifts are 10am to 1pm, and 1pm to 4pm, with volunteers working either a half or full day. To find out more please call in, email vinetrustandover@gmail.com or telephone Brenda Sleath on 01264 355706.

Christmas Cards

Bryan Beggs has donated some lovely Christmas Cards depicting St. Mary's Church. They are available at the back of church and he suggests you give a donation to the St. Mary's Church Appeal Fund.

Church Opening on Saturdays

St. Mary's Church is open on **Saturday mornings**, usually from **10.30am to 12.30pm**, thanks to a willing group of volunteers acting in pairs. We need more volunteers, so that each person opens the church no more than once every two months. If you are willing, or interested in finding out more, please contact Martin Bazire.

Then Jesus said to His disciples:

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,
what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.
Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes."*

Luke 12:22-23