



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 9th July

Theme: Caring For Each Other

Readings: Acts 2:42-47 and Matthew 25:31-46

9am Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry

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

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and Prayer Ministry  
12 noon Litter Clean Up Event

## Wednesday 12th July

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

## Sunday 16th July

Theme: Life Through The Spirit

Readings: Romans 8:1-11 and Matthew 13:1-9

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 a blessing/communion

10.30am Morning Worship and Prayer Ministry

4pm Taizé Service

6.30pm Men's Group meeting in the Church Centre

*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.*

## Eco Church - Litter Clean Up Event

As part of our Eco Church work we are organising a litter clean up event around the church and cemetery **TODAY, Sunday 9th July at 12 noon**, for one hour. Children should be accompanied by an adult please. Would all who have volunteered for the clean-up, please meet outside the church at 12 noon today. Thank you.

## St. Mary's Youth Bible Study Group

**A brand new, really exciting group is starting for young people who already have a faith in Jesus Christ, and who are between 11 to 16 years of age.**

The meetings will be held on the second Friday of each month, starting on **Friday 14th July from 7.30pm to 8.30pm**, in the Church Centre Chapel, and then on the 8th September, 13th October, 10th November and 8th December. The format will be simple and enable space to explore God's Word together, starting with some contemporary worship before spending time exploring the Bible, and finishing with hot chocolate (and of course cream and marshmallows) or milkshakes! Please pray for those leading the group, for wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they lead and disciple these amazing young people. Pray too for the young people who attend, that their faith would be strengthened and encouraged so they learn how to defend the gospel and share it with those they meet. **"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15.** If you would like further information, or if you wish to help facilitate this evening by praying when they are meeting, providing hot chocolate or milkshakes at the end, or meeting and greeting young people as they arrive, then please speak with Andy Berry, Rob Savill or Kelsey Weymouth, or contact the Church Office. A6 flyers are available on the table at the back of church to give away.

## 'Free Worship' Session

This new initiative led by Pru Caric, is a time on a Saturday morning set aside to praise God in song. The aim is to create a space that is less restricted than a structured worship service in order to explore a freer, more Holy Spirit led approach to sung worship.

It is open to all, and it is not essential to stay for the full two hours. You are very welcome to join us on **Saturday 15th July between 10.30am and 12.30pm** in church.

### **Children's Church Holiday Club**

There will be a Holiday Club meeting for all those who have already said they wish to help, or for those who may be interested in helping and finding out more about what we will be doing during that week. You will get to see some of the things we will be doing and we can explain more about our heart and vision for the week. We will meet in church on **Sunday 16th July at 2pm** for under an hour. If you wish to know more, please speak to Andy and Jo Berry, or contact Diane in the Church Office. Thanks in advance for your physical and prayerful support. The Holiday Club Team.

### **Andover Carnival**

Andover Churches Together will be entering the Bus of Hope in this year's Carnival on **Sunday 16th July**. There is a need for volunteers to walk alongside the bus during the carnival procession, giving away free items and collecting donations in buckets. The procession will begin at 4pm, although the bus and volunteers will need to be in place outside TVBC Offices at Beech Hurst on the Weyhill Road by 3pm, and arrive at Vigo Park by 6.30pm. Please would you join one of the team of walkers, either from 3.30pm to 5pm, or from 5pm to 6.30pm. If so, do sign the list at the back of church. Thank you.

### **Men's Group**

Our next monthly Men's Group meeting will be on **Sunday 16th July from 6.30pm to 8.30pm** in the Church Centre. We need a soup volunteer please. After soup and rolls we will have a general discussion time about the Men's Group, the programme and related matters. All men are welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church to confirm your attendance.

### **Baptism Team Members Training Evening**

All prospective Baptism Team members, or anyone who may be interested in finding out more about this role, are warmly invited to an evening on **Wednesday 19th July from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Church Centre.

### **Children's Church Holiday Club**

This exciting activity for school years 1 to 6 will take place from **Wednesday 26th July to Friday 28th July from 9.30am to 1pm** in the Harris Hall.

The final session on **Saturday 29th July from 9.30am** will be followed at **12.30pm** by a **Family Fun Afternoon** for attending children and their families. Volunteers are **URGENTLY** needed for the Holiday Club, please speak with Andy or Jo if you can help.

### **Andover Foodbank**

Thank you as always for your support, which 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. This week there is a need for the following please: tin and can openers, sugar (small packs), tinned fruit, tinned meat, biscuits and Longlife milk. Thank you.

### **St. Mary's Church Weekend Away 2018**

This is a wonderful opportunity to come away for a time of space, peace, spiritual refreshment and fun in a wonderful, beautiful environment. Do come and join us for our Church Weekend Away, from Friday 14th September to Sunday 16th September next year. The Sidholme Hotel, Sidmouth is the venue for our weekend and there are plenty of rooms available! If you would like to join us you will need to pay a £10 deposit by the **7th September 2017**. Please take this to the Church Office. More details will follow about types of room available and when your selection has to be made. For more information, speak with Paula Deverill or Nigel May.

### **Christmas Choir**

We are seeking this year to have a Christmas Choir once again and would love it if you would join us. Practices will begin on **Monday 18th September**, initially once a fortnight and then weekly on the following dates: 2nd, 16th, 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. For more information or if you wish to join the choir, please speak with Pru.

**All the believers were together  
and had everything in common.  
Selling their possessions and goods,  
they gave to everyone as he had need.**

**Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.**

**Acts 2:44-46a**