



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

**Sunday 10th September**

**Theme: Love Each Other**

**Readings: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

**John 15:9-12**

**9am Holy Communion and Prayer Ministry**

**with the Blessing of Keith and Gillian's Marriage**

**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**

**Wednesday 13th September**

**Holy Communion Service at 10.30am**

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

**Sunday 17th September**

**Theme: Called To Forgiveness**

**Readings: Romans 14:1-12**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

**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 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.*

### **Keith and Gillian**

Congratulations to Keith and Gillian for their wedding yesterday, and for the blessing of their marriage during the 9am service today. We thank God for them, particularly as they begin this new chapter of life together.

### **Eco Church**

Today we formally launch the quarterly Eco Church Newsletter. To reduce our carbon footprint many will receive an email containing the newsletter. A printed copy can be found on the table at the back of the church together with some Council information leaflets on recycling. The newsletter can also be found on the church website [www.stmarys-andover.org.uk](http://www.stmarys-andover.org.uk).

### **Children's Church**

During this Autumn Term, starting on **Sunday 10th September**, Children's Church will be following the same themes and readings as in church. We pray this will encourage families to share together later in the day, perhaps over lunch, about how they have been experiencing this particular aspect each week of their Christian journey. Please pray for all those involved in seeking to lead, teach and model the Christian faith to our young people, in addition to the adult congregations.

### **Alpha Course**

The Autumn Term Course commences on **Monday 11th September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm** in the Church Centre, beginning with soup and a roll, followed by a DVD and discussion. If you can help practically, or would like to find out more about the course, please speak with Kate Walbyoff or contact Diane in the Church Office. If you could provide soup and rolls for one evening, please would you sign the list at the back of church. Thank you.

### **'Free Worship' Session**

This new initiative provides a time on a Saturday morning 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 in church on the third Saturday of the month, **between 10.30am and 12.30pm, on 16th September**, 21st October and 18th November.

### Men's Group

If you would like to join the men's 5 to 6 mile walk on **Saturday 16th September from 10am to 1pm** led by Martin Bazire, please speak with Derrick Norton.

### Taizé Service

Take a break from the pressures of life and join us on **Sunday 17th September at 4pm** for this quieter, more reflective and contemplative service. A Taizé Worship Service is elegantly simple, involving sung and chanted prayers, meditation, periods of silence and liturgical readings; there is no preaching. It is a time to rest in God, to let the words listened to and sung penetrate one's being. Do come and join us.

### Men's Group

Come and join us on **Sunday 17th September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm**, where we start with soup and rolls and continue our time together with Informal Worship led by Barry Wadhams and a Bible Study on Jonah, led by Ian Willis. Please sign the list at the back of church if you will be coming, or speak with Derrick Norton for more information.

### 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 at 7.30pm on **Monday 18th September**, and continue on the following dates: 2nd, 23rd and 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.

### Unity Christian Theatre Pantomime - The Lights - 19th and 20th January 2018

Rehearsals for 'Esther and the Zargonites' Pantomime- a story about a King who discovers that it's not how you look, but who you are that really matters, are on **Sunday 17th September at 3.30pm** at St. John the Baptist Church Hall, Alexandra Rd, Andover SP10 3AD. For more information email [sharon.oleary11@virginmedia.com](mailto:sharon.oleary11@virginmedia.com) or telephone 01264 392837.

### Women's Group

At the meeting on **Friday 22nd September at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre the group will be assembling Christmas shoeboxes for children, to be sent out by Samaritan's Purse, a Christian Charity, as part of Operation Christmas Child. Everyone can help by:

- Collecting shoeboxes (any size - just leave them in the old Church Office at the back of church)
- Donating items to fill a shoebox (see list on the table at the back of church for suitable items and place your gifts in the box under the table)
- Giving money (£1 to £5) towards transportation costs
- Knit, Sew or Crochet a gift - for free patterns see the website [www.pinterest.co.uk/occuk/occ-knitting-patterns/](http://www.pinterest.co.uk/occuk/occ-knitting-patterns/)

Do join us in making up the boxes (please sign the list at the back of church). Refreshments will be available and some small savouries and sweets. Glue, sticky tape and labels will be provided; all you need to bring is Christmas wrapping paper sufficient to cover a shoebox, and any gifts you wish. To find out more visit [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)

There are also opportunities to join us on the committee, shaping the way forward, so do please speak with Eni Richardson, Jane Viggers, Karyn French or Sue Harkin.

### Church Weekend Away September 2018

We are pleased to offer to everyone at St. Mary's the proposed booking for Sidholme Hotel at Sidmouth for the Weekend Away from **Friday 14th to Sunday 16th September 2018**. Please look at this date for next year, and really consider coming along. To secure the room of your liking we do need a deposit of £10 per person by the end of September this month (after this date we have no guarantee of rooms without a deposit - it is just £10). The hotel is excellent, seen by Paula and Nigel, and known by others too, with garden, sea, and good sizeable rooms, facilities, dining area and indoor swimming pool. Prices vary from £98 up to £160 per person for the weekend. Children big reductions depending on age, tots free, young 75% off to older 25% off, even 15 year olds 50% off. There will be a good outside speaker to lead us, Andy Peck, who has a wide experience and is well known. There will be a programme for the weekend, but yet you will be free to join in whatever you want. Prices include full board and accommodation, all meals, no extras required.