



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

Sunday 11th February

Theme: Generosity

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and Luke 6:37-38

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 Communion and Final Blessing

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and Prayer Ministry

Ash Wednesday 14th February

Holy Communion Service at 10.30am

in St. Mary's Church led by Canon Martin

Sunday 18th February

Theme: Serving Others

Readings: Galatians 5:13-26 and Matthew 25:31-46

9am Holy Communion

10.20am Children's Church (3 - 13+)

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before joining their families in church

for Communion and Final Blessing

10.30am Morning Worship with Prayer Ministry

4pm Taizé Service

6.30pm Men's Group meeting at Clive'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.*

Spring Term 2018

This term our focus is on **Healing and Wholeness**, and having explored different aspects of this in our sermons series in January, we are now running a short course which is open to all members of St. Mary's Church. Each of the sessions will be on **Tuesdays in the Church Centre from 7.30pm to 9.30pm**, covering: **13th February** - Rich Soil for Growth, **27th February** - Leaves for Healing and **13th March** - Growing a Healing Church. Do bring a Bible and pen with you each evening. Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to attend, or contact Derrick and Heather Norton if you have any questions.

Ash Wednesday

This week's Ash Wednesday Communion Service on **14th February at 10.30am** will include a special *Order for the Beginning of Lent*, encouraging us to consider how best to use the next forty days. Ashing, the marking of a cross of ash on the forehead, will be offered as part of the Service. It is the very opposite of 'make-up', a symbol of humility before God and others, marking Lent as a time of testing our values.

Men's Group

This month's Men's Group meet at Clive Brunswick's home on **Sunday 18th February at 6.30pm**. The evening begins with soup and rolls, followed by Clive speaking on, "From Wrangler to Royal Mangler - experiences with a Royal Warrant." Do please sign the list at the back of church if you are planning on joining us.

Holiday Club Planning Sessions - Dates for your diary!

This year's Holiday Club will be taking place in the Harris Hall from **Tuesday 7th August to Friday 10th August from 9.30am to 1pm as well as a Fun Afternoon on Friday from 1pm to 3pm**. If you would like to be involved, planning meeting dates will be on **Thursdays 22nd February**, 29th March, 26th April, 24th May, 28th June and 25th July from 7pm to 9pm in the Church Centre Chapel. Setting up for the Holiday Club will be on Sunday 5th August after 3pm and clearing away will be on Saturday 11th August.

Could You Be A Street Pastor?

Do you want to reach out to the people of Andover? Do you want to make a difference for God? Can you spare one late night per month? Then please consider joining Andover Street Pastors! We are recruiting **NOW** and training begins on the **23rd February**. We need more Street Pastors and prayer teams to help us continue to make a positive difference in our town. If you are interested to find out more or to volunteer with us, please contact Barry Wadhams on 07527296513 or email Andover@streetpastors.org.uk or come out with us as an observer, to see first-hand what the front line looks like. The training dates are the 23rd, 24th and 25th February, 9th, 10th, 11th, 23rd, 24th and 25th March. Is God calling you to this powerful ministry?

Men's Group

All St. Mary's Church men are welcome to join us for our Pie and Pint evening on **Wednesday 28th February at 6.30pm for 7pm**, at the Anton Arms, Salisbury Road, Andover. Meals are two main courses for £9.49 (order in pairs again) and desserts vary from £2.99 to £3.69. Do use this as an opportunity to bring a friend or colleague. Please sign the list at the back of church.

Bryan Beggs Memorial Service

Bryan's service will be held in St. Mary's Church on **Thursday 1st March at 2.30pm**, followed by a reception in the Harris Hall. Do please come to support Diana and their daughter Jacquelyn in this time of loss. All are warmly invited.

Parish Prayers

We pray because God tells us to, because He hears us when we do pray and because He is willing and able to fully answer all our prayers. Come and join us on **Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre to pray together.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's theme will be 'All God's Creation is Very Good: Praying for Suriname.' The annual service will be held at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Colebrook Way, Andover on **Friday 2nd March at 10.30am**, and will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is very welcome, men included.

Women's Group

Do come and join us on **Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre, to hear our invited speaker Val Jourdan MBE, who is the Chair and Founder

Trustee of Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability (ABCD). This is a charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of those children and young adults who suffer from physical, mental and psychological disabilities in Palestine. Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to join us.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to pay for an Easter Lily in remembrance of a loved one, the cost will be £4 per Lily. Kindly place your order by **Friday 9th March**. Fill in the name/names of your loved ones on the list at the back of church or email them to the office. Please bring payments to the office or bank transfer to sort code 40-52-40, account number 00025634, reference Lilies and your name.

Picket Twenty Request

There is a Wednesday after school club, from 2pm to 4pm, in the Community Centre next to Pilgrims' Cross School. It is also a time for collecting items for Andover Foodbank. The group leader and the Community Worker have asked us if we can provide a volunteer, expertise not needed, as an extra pair of hands. This is an opportunity to meet a community need. Please contact Diane in the Church Office if you can help. Thank you.

Samaritan's Purse International Relief UK

The 34 Christmas Shoeboxes generously donated and packed with love by the Women's Group, were delivered to precious, needy children in Liberia. 85% of people in Liberia, West Africa live below the international poverty line, and the country recently suffered an Ebola epidemic, so we can be confident that these gifts, sharing the love of God in a tangible way, can have a powerful impact on children in Jesus' name, and reach out into their wider communities.

*Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

*Each person should give what they have decided
in their heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:6-7