



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 12th March**

**Theme: Spiritual Discipline - Meditation**

**Readings: Psalm 119:145-152 and Luke 2:16-20**

**9am Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry**

**10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and Prayer Ministry**

**10.30am Little and Junior Saints meet in Church for worship  
before leaving for their activities in the Church Centre**

### **Wednesday 15th March**

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

### **Sunday 19th March**

**Theme: Spiritual Discipline - Prayer**

**Readings: Acts 6:1-4 and Luke 11:1-4**

**9am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship with Prayer Ministry**

**10.30am Little, Junior and Urban Saints meet in Church for worship  
before leaving for their activities in the Church Centre**

**2.30pm Baptisms**

**6.30pm Men's Group in the Church Centre**

### **Men's Group - Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre Visit**

This will take place on **Saturday 18th March from 10.30am to 12 noon**. The Army Chaplain, Richard Smith, will speak about the chaplaincy before giving a tour of the fascinating museum at Ampot House. This is not to be missed, especially as the museum will be moving location in the future. Names have to be submitted in advance, so please contact Derrick Norton via email [djnorton@btconnect.com](mailto:djnorton@btconnect.com) as soon as possible. We will meet below the St. Mary's Church steps at 10am on the day to share transport.

### **The Friends of St. Mary's Lent Devotional Talk**

All are welcome to join us on **Saturday 18th March at 2pm for 2.30pm** in the Church Centre. The stimulating talk, 'Keeping In Touch,' will be given by Reverend Canon Martin Copen and there will be the opportunity to join us for Afternoon Tea following the talk. We look forward to welcoming you.

### **Men's Group**

Our next monthly evening gathering will be held on **Sunday 19th March from 6.30pm to 8.30pm** in the Church Centre. Help **from 6pm**, to get tables and chairs from the Chapel, would be appreciated. The evening will start with soup and rolls, and be followed by Informal Worship led by Barry Wadhams. All men are welcome, please sign the clipboard at the back of the church.

### **Andover Foodbank**

In January and February this year the Foodbank distributed 122 family boxes, 158 single boxes and 17 limited cooking boxes (these are designed for people with no access to cooking facilities). They also gave out 28 cleaning packs, 37 toiletry packs and 13 baby bags. This week there is a desperate need for laundry powder/liquid and basic cleaning products such as toilet cleaner, multipurpose spray etc.

**Easter Eggs** - Please start collecting chocolate eggs which will be distributed to children and vulnerable adults in our area who may not otherwise be given one. The eggs are to be received by **Monday 20th March** as this gives time for partner agencies to pass them on to the children.

**FoodFreeLent has started!** This is an easy way to convert your food donation to cash. Simply download a moneybox from [www.andover.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.andover.foodbank.org.uk), or take one from the inside of the Foodbank container in church, and start collecting. Alternatively donate online or by cheque. Your donations give a valuable breathing space to someone in crisis.

## **Eco Church**

### **WWF Earth Hour and WWF Carbon Footprint**

Why not prepare for Earth Hour on **25th March** by signing up to Earth Hour on [www.WWF.org.uk](http://www.WWF.org.uk) to show that you want to take action to stop climate change. While on the website, please consider looking at the WWF Carbon Footprint, with a general calculation which can be found on the home page. It includes items such as air travel and spending patterns, and should take no more than 10 minutes. Please remember every small change matters and helps protect God's Earth.

### **Electoral Roll Revision**

It is time for the annual revision of the Electoral Roll. Please would you check if your name is on the list near the South Door. If so, there is nothing more you need to do. If not, you are warmly invited to consider filling in an application form (available near the South Door) **by Monday 3rd April**. If living outside the parish (see [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)), you will note the need to have attended public worship at St. Mary's for 6 months. Please return the completed form to either Diane in the Church Office, or Martin Bazire, Electoral Roll Officer. Please note that participation in the APCM on 28th April requires your name to be on the Roll.

### **Agape Supper Meal Co-ordinator**

This year Maundy Thursday will be on **Thursday 13th April** and following the pattern of recent years, we would like to host an Agape Supper in the Harris Hall starting at **7pm for 7.30pm**. This evening is a return to our Christian roots where we meet together for thanksgiving and fellowship, over a meal with each other and with our Lord and Saviour, remembering especially the very first 'Lord's Supper.' **To enable this to go ahead**, a Co-ordinator is required to take responsibility for organising the practical and catering side of the evening. Please let Diane in the Church Office know if you would be willing to act as Co-ordinator. Thank you.

### **Prayer Ministry Team Training in the Church Centre**

This will be held on **Saturday 29th April, 10am to 11.30am**, and will be an informal meeting allowing time for any issues to be raised, or for any suggestions that will encourage us all. We will spend a short time praying for each other too, using the St. Mary's model when praying for others. Coffee and cake will be provided at 9.45am - very important! Tim and Rosemary.

## **Change of Date**

Kindly note the rescheduled date for the Away Day will now be **Saturday 24th June** at Tangleby Parish Hall, Hatherden. The Day is designed for Fun, Fellowship and Friends (FFF) and will consist of both indoor and outdoor games and activities, including for children, refreshments and space to enjoy some time together.

### **Church Weekend Away 2018**

As part of our Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP) it was agreed to hold a Weekend Away together as a church community next year. If you would be interested in principle in joining the Church Weekend, which will possibly be held on the weekend of **23rd and 24th June 2018**, please sign the list at the back of church. For more information, please speak with Paula Deverill or Nigel May.

### **Your Church Needs You!**

Please would you consider joining the teams of either sound or vision operators, or act as a sidesperson. Full training will be given, and volunteers are URGENTLY needed please. Thank you. Canon John.

### **Green Milk Bottle Tops**

After Ann Smith urged us to 'do our bit' for the environment, Jane Bazire has found a contact who collects green (only) milk bottle tops for recycling into plastic garden furniture. If you would like to give Jane your washed milk tops, she will be happy to pass them on. Thank you.

*I rise before dawn and cry for help;  
I have put my hope in Your word.  
My eyes stay open through the watches of the night,  
that I may meditate on Your promises.  
Hear my voice in accordance with Your love;  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to Your laws.  
Those who devise wicked schemes are near,  
but they are far from Your law.  
Yet You are near, O Lord, and all Your commands are true.*

*Psalm 119:147-151*