



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

Remembrance Sunday 12th November

**We welcome the Right Reverend David Williams,
Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke
10am Remembrance Sunday Service
Theme: We Shall Remember**

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Matthew 25:1-13

Children's Church join us in church

Kindly note there are no crèche facilities this morning

10.50am Civic Service at the Cenotaph

Wednesday 15th November

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

Sunday 19th November

Theme: The Day Of The Lord

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 and Matthew 25:14-30

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 Communion and Final Blessing**

10.30am Morning Worship and Prayer Ministry

4pm Taizé Service

6.30pm Men's Group

*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.*

Christmas Choir

Our Christmas Choir would love it if you would join them. The next practice is on **Monday 13th November at 7.30pm** and will continue on the following dates: 20th, 27th November in the Church Centre Chapel. The last practices on the 4th and 11th December will be in church. Please speak with Pru, or just come along.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Every shoebox is a tangible expression of God's amazing love to needy children around the world, and shares the good news of Jesus Christ. Last Christmas over 11,486,773 boxes were delivered by Samaritan's Purse to children in 109 countries! Thank you to all the women from St. Mary's who have generously created 34 Christmas shoeboxes to be sent to join the others for Christmas 2017. Canon John and Sue will be delivering the completed shoeboxes to our local drop off point, before they are centrally distributed. A £5 donation per shoebox helps towards the cost of shipping, and subsequently notifies us of which country our shoeboxes were sent to in time for Christmas. Please give any donations to Diane in the Church Office by **Wednesday 15th November**. Thank you for making this a special Christmas for at least one needy child.

Christmas Fayre

Please do support St. Mary's Christmas Fayre which this year will be held on **Saturday 18th November from 10am to 1pm** in the Harris Hall.

- The donations which are required are: teddies and other cuddly toys or dolls for adoption stall, bric-a-brac, good quality clean toys, new gifts, books, tombola items, raffle prizes, items for luxury food hamper (check use-by dates!) and contributions to produce stall (cakes nearer the time!)

**Please would you leave any donations in the box under the table
at the back of church**

We require more volunteers to help on the day, so do sign the list on the table for a 45 minute session manning one of the stalls, if you are available.

If you don't have anything to give, a cash donation towards the mince pies or other items would be gratefully received! The Fayre will offer a fantastic variety of stalls, including crafts, cakes, home-made produce and gifts, so do come and join the fun. It's a perfect way to get a head start on your Christmas shopping! Please speak with Rosalyn Peszkowski.

A Message From Sophie Willis

There are currently 40.3 million slaves in the world and two million children in the sex trade. Ian and Kitty's daughter Sophie is heading to South Asia in January for a year, to volunteer with the International Justice Mission (IJM). IJM is a global faith based organisation working to free and protect men, women and children in slavery or subjugated to violence in developing countries. On Sunday the **19th of November** Sophie will be sharing at the 10.30am service about IJM's work and how she will be assisting them next year. If you would like to support her, please follow this link <https://www.youcaring.com/internationaljusticemissioncommunicationsfollow-975256>

St. Mary's Men's Group

The group will be meeting next on **Sunday 19th November at 6.30pm** at Nigel's home for an evening of Informal Worship led by Barry and Bible Study on Micah led by Ian. All men from St. Mary's are very warmly invited, please sign the list at the back of church, so we know how many will be joining us for soup and rolls!

Prayer Ministry Training

We are holding a Prayer Ministry Training Day in the Church Centre 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.

Calling All Keen Gardeners

We hope to hold a Plant Sale again next May, so if you are sub-dividing or moving plants around and have some spare to pot up, we would be very grateful. If you cannot look after them until May, please let Liz Medley or Rosemary Baker know and we can collect them from you. Many thanks.

Andover Foodbank

The Foodbank are running short of the following food items, fruit juice, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned rice pudding, rice, Longlife milk, tinned potatoes/packet mashed potatoes and tinned vegetables. They also need the following non-food items, small saucepans, towels, toiletries including shampoo, shower gel, soap, deodorant, shaving foam, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Thank you very much for your support.

Christmas Day Lunch

There will be a Christmas Day lunch at Lion Oak Court, Salisbury Road, Andover SP10 2JJ which is available for anyone in the Andover area who will be on their own on Christmas Day this year. To book or volunteer, please contact Andover Neighbourcare, telephone 01264 339899 or 01264 404142.

Winter Drop In

As the weather turns colder preparations are being made for the Winter Drop In. The Bridge Centre will be open every evening throughout December, January and February to provide a nutritious meal and somewhere to be in warmth and safety. Tents and sleeping bags will also be provided to those who need them. Within hours of letting people know about the Drop In, the volunteer rota was filling well, but if anyone would like to volunteer for a few evenings, more help would be very gratefully received. Please contact the Bridge Office telephone 01264 335522. The 900 or so evening meals take some resourcing so all churches in town are being asked to contribute £30 or whatever they can, that will enable the Drop In to last through the winter. Individual contributions would also be appreciated, please send any money or make cheques to the Valley Church Andover who keep the accounts for us. Many thanks. Peter Kinross.

