



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 14th May**

**Theme: Jesus is The Way**

**Readings: Acts 7:55-60 and John 14:1-14**

**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 or communion**

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

### **Wednesday 17th May**

**Holy Communion Service at 10.30am**

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

### **Sunday 21st May**

**Theme: Receive the Holy Spirit**

**Readings: Acts 17:22-33 and John 14:15-21**

**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 or communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship with Prayer Ministry**

**2.30pm Baptisms**

**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*

### **St. Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

At the recent APCM, Gordon Bell and Jane Viggers were elected as Churchwardens. Val Bond, Paula Deverill, Tom Etherton, June Harris (PCC Secretary), Derrick Norton, Heather Norton, Mary Singleton (Treasurer), Ann Smith and Victoria Taylor were elected to serve as PCC members. Nigel May is one of our Deanery Synod representatives and is also on the PCC. We thank them all for their commitment to serve the Lord and St. Mary's through these important roles in the life and witness of the church.

### **Christian Aid Week 14th to 20th May**

Enclosed with the Grapevine today is a Christian Aid Week donation envelope. Please consider making a donation for the important work of this Christian charity and place your sealed envelope into the collection during today's service or next Sunday 21st May. You can also donate online at [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org). Thank you.

### **Women's Group**

Do come and join us as we meet again on **Friday 19th May at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre. The evening is called 'Food as God intended' and will be hosted by Pippa Pearce. Is God interested in what and how we eat? Does the Bible have much to say about food and diet? In the face of all we hear from the media, friends and the NHS, how can we know the truth about healthy eating? Having worked for many years in the NHS as a Dietitian, Pippa will be helping to explore this fascinating and important subject. Please sign the list at the back of church. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments.

### **The Friends of St. Mary's Coach Trip**

All are very welcome to join us when we visit Poole on **Saturday 20th May**. We will be meeting outside the Andover Museum in Church Close for a **9.30am** departure. Tickets cost £15 and are available to family, friends and neighbours. Please speak with Valda to reserve a place.

### **Men's Group**

This will be on **Sunday 21st May at 6.30pm** in the Church Centre, with guest speaker Bruce Dunton, Area Representative for Christian Voice for Men.

CVM seek to equip the church with tools and resources that will make church a place where men can be gripped and excited by Jesus. Bruce will talk about men's ministry, something of his own story, and the work of CVM [www.cvm.org.uk](http://www.cvm.org.uk). Please sign the list at the back of church.

### **Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Initiative**

This Prayer Initiative will be held across the world between **25th May and 4th June**, and provides the focus for all Christians to pray we might "be one that the world might believe." We can make a lasting difference in our nations and in our world, by responding to Jesus' call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer. People can pray in whatever way they choose, wherever they are, and there will be a special Pentecost Praise Service organized by Andover Churches Together, held in St. Mary's on **Sunday 4th June at 3pm** to which all are very welcome.

### **Men's Group**

Please note there will be a Men's Breakfast at The Redbridge in Bridge Street on **Saturday 17th June at 8am**. All men are very welcome to come and share in this time of fellowship together.

### **Taizé Service**

Join us on **Sunday 18th June at 4pm** for the launch of our new Taizé service. This will be an opportunity, once a month, on the 3rd Sunday to join us for a mixture of reflective music, words and silence which aims to provide space for you to meet with God. If you want to be involved in the service, please let Tom or Pru know.

### **Great, Great God (3G) Concert**

This concert featuring the Petra House Choir and others, will take place on **Saturday 1st July at 5.30pm** at The Lights. Admission is free, but tickets need to be booked in advance, 01264 368368 or [www.thelights.org.uk/whatson](http://www.thelights.org.uk/whatson).

### **Andover Foodbank**

This week there is an urgent request for fruit juice, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes and 500ml bags of sugar, in addition to tinned fruit please. The Foodbank has been awarded one of the charity days at the famous **Longstock Park Water Gardens**, on **Sunday 2nd July from 1pm to 4pm**. This should offer a great day out and the chance to support your community at the same time. Volunteers will also be available to answer any questions

about the Foodbank and how your donations are sorted, stored and distributed. The Foodbank are moving out of the large warehouse in Andover next week, although there is no change to the Alexandra Road office and warehouse. They would like to thank everyone who is helping with the move, and all those who continue to offer generous and continued support.

### **Women's Bible Study Group**

The WBSG is launching on **Saturday 19th August at 10am** with a breakfast, and will then meet monthly to study women from the Old Testament. The first study session will be on Saturday 9th September at 10am at The Lights Café, and then every 2nd Saturday thereafter. Each meeting will form a complete study, so if you can't come every month you will not miss half a topic. Please speak with Karyn French after a 10.30am service for more information or to register interest, alternatively contact the Church Office.

### **Hope into Action**

We are pleased to say that we have now reached £175,000!! of investment pledges towards a house for the homeless in Andover, and need just one or two more investors to help us over the finishing line. We are now looking at suitable houses, and planning to move forward very soon with the project. For more information contact Derrick Norton or Peter Kinross. Thank you for your prayers.

### **Servant Hearts Required!**

We have an urgent need for people to act as a Sidesperson, or to help with refreshments at the 10.30am service on Sunday mornings. Sidespeople carry out a few duties, including taking the offertory, and at the end of the service, counting, recording and putting the money in the safe in the old Church Office. Those who serve refreshments also wash up and clear the kitchen area. Please take a turn at helping, clearly the more people we get the more these ministries are shared! Please contact Diane in the Church Office if you can help. Thank you.

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.  
If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well.  
From now on, you do know him and have seen him."*

*John 14:6,7*



### Children and Families Leaders

The role of the Children and Families Leader is to lead in developing the work of St. Mary's with children and families both in the church and in the community and to pioneer mission opportunities for children and families in Andover, with a focus on Andover Church of England Primary School and Pilgrims' Cross Church of England (Aided) Primary School.

This role is shared between Andy and Jo and has been divided into ten key areas of responsibility; where one leads, the other will always be supporting that role.

Andy will lead on:	Jo will lead on:
Vision - communication, media	Support and advice for parents
Worship Planning Group - (All Age Service)	Safeguarding
Managing Children's Ministry Teams	Partnership working, liaise with groups in St. Mary's and beyond
Pastoral care for children - Children's Church, Baptisms	Outreach Activities
Special Events - Holiday Club, Light Party	Schools work

**If you would like to be involved with Children's Church, or for more information, please speak with Andy and Jo, or contact them via the Church Office**

### Children's Church Summer Term Theme - Fruit of the Spirit

The new Summer Term has begun and Children's Church will be meeting again **TODAY**. Please bring your child/children directly to the Church Centre for registration. The morning will commence with contemporary worship, and there will be child friendly Bible based teaching and interactive prayer. Jo, Andy and the Children's Church team members will then bring the children into church in time to receive a blessing or communion with their families. They will come up the middle aisle where they will hand your children back into your care. Please encourage your child/children to stay with you for the remainder of the service. Thank you.

### Monthly All Age Services

If you're wondering whether the All Age Service could be a new and exciting area for you to serve God here at St. Mary's, whether actively involved in the service on the Sunday or operating in the background helping to plan and prepare the service together, please feel free to join us for our next planning session **THIS Wednesday 17th May at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre Chapel, to find out more as we seek God together. Your presence will not equate to an expectation to be involved and you don't have to bring cake or biscuits (but we won't complain if you do!) If you want to find out more, please speak with Andy Berry after church or email him at [andyandjoberry@gmail.com](mailto:andyandjoberry@gmail.com) or telephone 01264 353101. Otherwise, please pray for this amazing ministry area, for God's Holy Spirit to move through us as we write the service and for all to be done for His glory. Thank you.

### Mustard Seed - Parent Toddler Group

Mustard Seed meets in the Church Centre every **Friday from 10am to 11.30am** during term time and are in need of empty plastic bottles. The bottles will be sealed, decorated and filled with dried food to make shakers, really cool and simple musical instruments for the children to play with! Please see Jo Berry, Children and Families Leader, or leave the empty bottles in the old Church Office at the back of Church, or with Diane in the Church Office in the Church Centre.

*But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

*There is no law against these things!*

*Galatians 5:22,23*