



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 15th January**

**Theme: What is Global Mission?**

**Readings: Acts 1:1-8 and Mark 16:14-20**

**9am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship with Prayer Ministry**

**10.30am Little, Junior and Urban Saints meet in Church for worship**

**2.30pm Baptisms**

**6.30pm Men's Group meeting at Nigel May's home**

### **Wednesday 18th January**

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

### **Sunday 22nd January**

**We welcome to our services this morning the Reverend Canon  
Mark Collinson, Canon Principal at the Winchester School of Mission**

**Theme: Global Mission**

**Readings: Ephesians 3:7-12 and Matthew 9:35-38**

**9am Holy Communion**

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

**10.30am Little and Junior Saints meet in Church for worship**

**6.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity United Service  
at Bridge Street Methodist Church**

### **Reverend Lee**

Please pray for Lee, our Curate, as he works for part of this Spring Term at a placement in the Downs Benefice, that this would prove to be a broadening and valuable experience for him in this 5 Parish Benefice. The variety of locations and Sunday services, including Book of Common Prayer Worship, will help him as part of his Initial Ministerial Training (IME). During February Lee will also be attending an IME project where he will be shadowing the Chaplaincy Team in HM Prison, Winchester before joining the team at Andover War Memorial Hospital and The Countess of Brecknock Hospice.

### **Our new Children and Families Leaders**

Andy and Jo are seeking a home to rent in Andover, so please continue to pray for them as we pursue potential housing opportunities. Andy, Jo, Steven, Nathan and Peter will be visiting Andover next weekend and there will be opportunities to meet them, particularly at our Sunday services, so do please offer them a warm St. Mary's welcome. This is an exciting time as we prepare for this new chapter of ministry among our children and families groups.

### **Children and Youth Ministry**

Thank you to the response to our appeal last week for more helpers to assist with our Children and Youth Ministry during the Spring Term. We still require a helper with the Little Saints Group (Age 3 to School Year 2) on Sundays 26th March and the 9th April, as well as a leader for the 9th April. If you can help, please speak with Liz Medley.

### **St. Mary's Men's Group**

Our next meeting will be held **this evening from 6.30pm to 8.30pm** at Nigel's home. Following supper of soup and a roll, Ian Willis will lead us in a Bible study looking at the book of Joel. All men are welcome, do please sign the clipboard at the back of church. Thank you.

### **Alpha Course 2017**

The next course commences on Monday evenings from **16th January to the 3rd April from 7.30pm to 9.30pm** in the Church Centre and also includes the Holy Spirit Day on **Saturday 4th March from 10am to 4pm**. Help is needed to provide a soup and roll meal for each of the evenings please, as well as lunch for the Holy Spirit Day. Do speak with Kate Walbyoff or Sven Maxfield if you are interested in joining the course, or are able to help. Thank you.

### **Discipleship Group 2017**

Also beginning on **Monday 16th January at 7.30pm**, an exciting new 6 week course is being formed for people who have either completed an Alpha Course, or who would simply like to deepen their faith. For more information please speak with Pippa Pearce.

### **Women's Ministry Launch Bring and Share Supper**

St. Mary's Women's Fellowship inaugural meeting will be a Bring and Share Supper on **Friday 20th January, 7pm for 7.30pm** in the Church Centre. Soft drinks, tea/coffee will be provided and if you would like wine, then do bring a bottle to share! A list is available at the back of church to sign if you are coming and it would be very helpful for catering purposes if you could specify what savoury/dessert you are bringing. There will be the opportunity during the evening to help shape and be involved with the year's programme, so do come along and join us as we would love to hear your thoughts and views. Please do let us know if you either, require a lift, or you would be willing to go and collect someone to bring them along. For further information speak with Eniola.

### **Christmas Nativity Pantomime 'Happy Forever After'**

The Unity Christian Theatre will be performing this pantomime at The Lights, Andover. Performances will be held on **Friday 20th January at 7.30pm, and Saturday 21st January at 2.30pm and 7.30pm**. This year's Nativity Pantomime is being performed in aid of Neighbourcare, a local charity. The pantomime is suitable for all the family to enjoy and provides an excellent vehicle for outreach. Tickets cost £7 for adults and £5 for children under 16, and are available from The Lights Box Office or telephone 01264 368368.

### **Worship Central Course Session 5 - The Effective Team**

Come and join us on **Saturday 21st January from 10am to 1pm** in the Church Centre. Please speak with Pru Caric for more information.

### **Andover Young Musician of the Year**

This exciting Classical and Popular Music Competition will be held in St. Mary's Church on **Thursday 9th February starting at 6.30pm**. Tickets are £10, with under 14's FREE and available from David Mellor Jewellers, or from Chris Lynn on 01264 396511 or 07810 848984. All proceeds from the evening are for St. Mary's Church.

**Andover Foodbank** - There is a real need at the moment for rice please. Do also ensure that food donations have as long a 'use by' date as possible!

### **Eco-Church - Managing the Carbon Footprint**

The Eco-Church scheme is about managing the impact that the church and its community have on the earth. All of us in our everyday lives do things that adversely affect the earth and as Christians we all have an obligation to recognise and manage the impact. The Eco-Church scheme asks that we raise our awareness of our impact on climate change by calculating and managing our carbon footprint. In the coming weeks the PCC will be asked to set a target to reduce the carbon footprint and the church community will be encouraged to understand their personal carbon footprint. Finally, please consider this quote from Eco-Congregation Scotland when considering what action you may take, **"Climate change represents a failure in our stewardship of the earth and its implications for the people and other life on earth are profound."** For more information please contact Ann Smith via the Church Office.

### **Toilet Twinning**

This project has been running since September and has had an amazing response. We have sent £1,218 to Toilet Twinning which represents 17 Certificates, one of which was a School Block and also 3 blocks of soap. There are TT Certificates in the Church, the Church Centre and the Harris Hall, a local place of work and in individual homes. We have nearly enough money for one more so if anyone has been collecting, saving, or fundraising and has money to give in would you please do so by the end of January. This certificate will be donated to somewhere in the community. There will then be two remaining certificates so if anyone has been thinking about having one now is the time to decide! For further information please contact Heather Norton via the Church Office.

*Jesus said to the disciples,  
"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.  
Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved,  
but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

*Mark 16:15-16*