

Grapevine



Welcome to St. Mary's Andover

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

Sunday 15th April Theme: Easter Witnesses

9.00am Holy Communion led by Canon Martin Coppen

10.20am Children's Church (4 - 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

Led by Bishop David Williams

Readings: Acts 3:12-19 & Luke 24:36b-48

3.00 pm Taize Service led by Tom Etherton

Wednesday 18th April

Holy Communion Service at 10.30am

in St. Mary's Church led by Canon Martin Coppen

Sunday 22nd April Theme: The Impact of the Resurrection

9.00am Holy Communion led by Canon Martin Coppen

10.20am Children's Church (4 - 13+)

meet in the Church Centre for their activities,

before joining their families in church for the Final Blessing

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mike Browning LLM from Basingstoke

Readings: Acts 4:5-12 & John 10:11-18

3.00pm St George's Day Service

***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.***

The Taize Service TODAY is at the earlier time of **3pm**. Come along and enjoy this peaceful reflective service.

Weekly Offering Envelopes

The new sets of weekly offering envelopes are at the back of church for those who already use them. If you would like to start using offering envelopes, please speak with Mary or June. Thank you.

April & May 10.30am Communions

The 10.30am Services including Communion will be on different Sundays of the month for April and May. We will share Communion at **10.30am today, 15th April** and **10am on 29th April**. Communion will be shared at **10.30am on 20th & 27th May**. 9am Holy Communion Services will be unaffected.

Attention nature lovers.

Please join Neil Catty for a guided nature walk around Chilbolton **today at 2pm**. It will be a short but slow stroll suitable for all ages. The path may be muddy so I would advise that suitable footwear is worn. We should see plenty of birds, butterflies and spring flowers. I will leave from the West Down car park, Coley Lane SO20 6AX, first left turn after Station Road.

Men's Group

We are meeting **this evening, Sunday 15 April**, for informal worship and Bible study in the book of Habbakuk led by Barry and Ian. We meet at Nigel's from **6.30pm - 8.30pm**. starting with soup and rolls. All men are welcome. Please sign the clipboard list at the back of the church. Please would you consider signing up for the coming Sundays with providing and serving soup, as we start this latest rota?

APCM

The annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th April** in the Church Centre at **7.30pm**. The Venerable Richard Brand, Archdeacon of Winchester will be chairing the meeting. Everyone is invited to attend – I hope we can get a good turnout from St. Mary's at this crucial point in our journey. **There are vacancies for three Parochial Church Council members and for a Church Warden**. If you think you could take on either of these roles as we start to look for a new Vicar please talk with Gordon Bell, June Harris (PCC Secretary) or contact Diane in the office. PCC Minutes for the past year or so are available in the Old Office in Church if you want to see the sort of things that the PCC is involved in.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Cancelled earlier in the year because of the snow, this service is now rescheduled for **Friday 20th April 10.30am** at St. Michael & All Angels, West Andover, Colebrook Way. This year's theme is 'All God's Creation is Very Good: Praying for Suriname.' The service will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is very welcome, men included.

Children's Ministry Training

There will be a session with Andy Saunders, the Children's & Family's Adviser for Winchester Diocese, on **Monday 23rd April, 7.30pm** in the Church Centre Chapel, to discuss what training we could organise for the Children's Church Team. If you would be interested in coming along to this meeting and perhaps helping with Children's Church please let Diane in the office know.

Prayer Ministry Get Together

Saturday 28th April, 10am to 12 noon in the Church Centre - please put this in your diary if you are part of the Prayer Ministry Team or are interested in joining us.

Andover Choral Society

Spring Concert in St. Mary's Church on **Saturday 5th May at 7.30pm**. Tickets cost £12 and are available from the Lights on 01264 368368 or thelights.org.uk

St Mary's Plant Sale

With the start of Spring, could I remind you of the annual Plant Sale, to be held on **Saturday 19 May**. If you are splitting any annuals, buying in bedding plants or growing your own seed, we would appreciate any plants you can spare. Please speak to Rosemary Baker, or Liz Medley, if you have any queries. The proceeds will be split between helping pay for guest speakers at the Church Away Weekend, to be held later this year, and Sophie Willis and the charity International Justice Mission she is working for which is helping stop and rescue victims of sex trafficking in Mumbai India.

Hope Into Action

You will be pleased to hear that an Andover house for the homeless has recently been purchased and is in the process of being furnished and prepared for the first two residents. There is a need for blinds and curtains. If anyone would like to donate tab curtains or give towards the cost of roller blinds, please speak to Derrick or Heather Norton.

Friends of St Mary's

Our next outing is a coach trip to Bournemouth. Beach! Gardens! Shops! On **Saturday 12th May**. Seats are being booked now, so hurry and contact Rosalyn, Eileen or email the office to reserve seats. The coach will leave from the **Anton Arms at 9.15am** or **bus layby outside the Museum at 9.30am**. Tickets £10 a seat. All Welcome.

St. Mary's Amazing Away Weekend

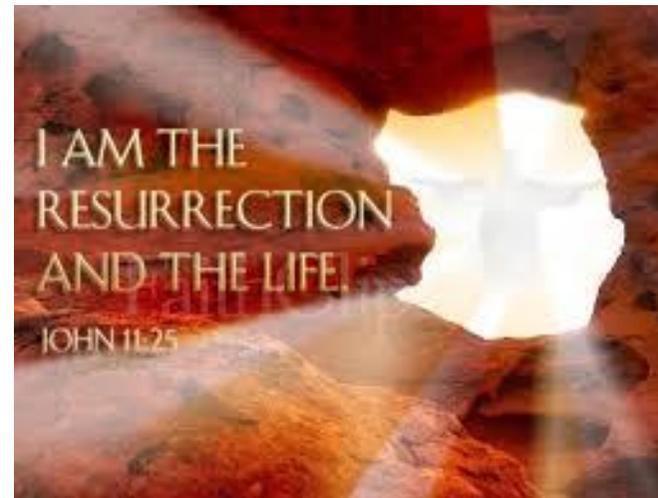
At the wonderful Sidholme Hotel - **14th to 16th September**. A time of relaxation and fellowship with Andy Peck leading talks and a Communion service. There will be plenty of entertainment available including a swimming pool, and garden games. So far 40 of us have secured a place with a deposit. If you are still not decided please talk with Nigel May or Diane in the office for further details. The hotel will need final bookings soon for us to be certain of you securing your place. A system has been started for those who would like to pay in stages rather than one lump sum."

Foodbank Coffee Mornings

Our next get together will take place on **Friday 4th May** at the usual time of **10.30am** in the Parish Hall next to the foodbank in Alexandra Road, Andover.

Andover Foodbank

This week we need Long Life fruit juice and Long Life milk, tins of fish, potatoes, tomatoes and rice pudding, jars of pasta sauce, packets of rice (500g or 1kg), razors, washing up liquid and cleaning products for the kitchen, bathroom and laundry. Thank you.



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**Church Office Hours:
Monday to Thursday
9.30am to 3pm
Friday 9.30am to 4pm**