



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

### **Sunday 15th October**

**Theme: The Chosen Ones**

**Readings: Philippians 4:1-9  
and Matthew 22:1-14**

**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 refreshments**

**10.30am Morning Worship and Prayer Ministry**

**4pm Taizé Service**

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

### **Wednesday 18th October**

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

### **Sunday 22nd October**

**Theme: Modelling Faith**

**Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
and Matthew 22:15-22**

**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 with Communion and Prayer Ministry**

*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.*

### **Litter Pick Event**

The litter clean up event arranged for after the 10.30am service on **Sunday 15th October**, has been cancelled. The intention was to clean up the area round the Church and the Cemetery. However, another date will now be arranged, probably in the Spring next year.

### **Men's Group**

All men welcome, especially newcomers, to our next event on **Sunday 15th October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm** at Nigel's home. The evening will start with soup and rolls, followed by a talk by Rob Savill entitled 'Journeys - Matthew 5:14.' Please sign the list at the back of church.

### **Reverend Lee Davies**

This Sunday is the last opportunity for people to make a donation as a farewell gift to Lee for his ministry here at St. Mary's, before his Licensing Service is held on **Monday 16th October at 7.30pm** in St. Paul's Church and Community Centre, Smannell Road, Andover SP11 6JP. All are welcome to sign the card for Lee, and/or to leave a gift in the envelope, both of which can be found at the back of church. Thank you.

### **The Vine Trust Launches Christmas**

The launch begins on **Saturday 21st October from 10am to 1pm** at The Bridge, Bridge Street, Andover with Advent items, gifts, Christmas cards, diaries, calendars, nativity sets and stocking fillers to buy or reserve. All are welcome.

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

The Friends will be hosting a Games Afternoon with Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 21st October starting at 2pm** in the Church Centre. All are assured of a very warm welcome, and there is no need to sign up, just come along on the day and join in!

### **Christmas Choir**

We are seeking this year to have a Christmas Choir once again and would love it if you would join us. The next practice is on **Monday 23rd October at 7.30pm**

and will continue on the following dates: 30th October, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November in the Church Centre Chapel. The last practices on the 4th and 11th December will be in church. It is not too late if you wish to join the choir, please speak with Pru or just come along.

### **Alpha Course**

Please hold in your prayers all those attending the current course, leaders Kate Walbyoff and Tom Etherton, in addition to Scott, Julie, Victoria and Charlotte. Pray too for the Holy Spirit Day on **Saturday 28th October**, that the Lord would richly bless all those who are able to attend.

### **Concert in St. Mary's**

A concert will be held on **Saturday 28th October starting at 5pm**, in St. Mary's Church. Olav's Menn, a Male Voice Choir from Norway, will be joined by the Harmonium Singers. All are very welcome, admission is free with a retiring collection.

### **Children's Light Party**

This will be held on **31st October from 6pm to 7pm** in St. Mary's Church. We will have a craft, video worship, video aerobics, a gospel message, interactive talks, a live and very happy pumpkin carving as well as a quieter prayer zone. In addition, we will provide refreshments for parents. Most importantly, we would value your prayers as we seek to provide a safe alternative for children; for God to encourage and draw children to Him. Donations of cakes for parents will be needed by 5.30pm on the 31st October. Do speak with Diane in the Church Office if you can help, or just bring in any cakes to the office between 9.30am and 2pm or to the church after 3pm. Thank you. Andy and Jo.

### **St. Mary's Walkers - Date for your Diary**

We will be back out in the fresh air from **12.15pm on Sunday 5th November**. More details to follow!

### **St. Mary's Christmas Fayre**

This will be held on **Saturday 18th November from 10am to 1pm** in the Harris Hall. Put the date in your diary! Please look out for new items for the gift stall and items for the Tombola and raffle. If you are able to help for 45 minutes, or longer on the day, please sign the sheet at the back of church. Thank you.

### **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.

### **Christmas Cards**

Bryan Beggs has donated some lovely Christmas Cards depicting St. Mary's Church. They are available at the back of church and he suggests you give a donation to the St. Mary's Church Appeal Fund.

### **Sound and Vision Operators**

We are very short of sound operators for the 9am and sound and vision operators for the 10.30am services. Full training and opportunity to shadow experienced operators will be given. This is a really vital role for all our services so please consider if you would be willing to try this out and talk with Pru.

### **Vine Trust Bookshop**

The Vine Trust is urgently looking for volunteers to help in their Christian Bookshop on Monday afternoons, Thursday mornings and Saturdays, from 10am to 4pm. The two daily shifts are 10am to 1pm, and 1pm to 4pm, with volunteers working either a half or full day. To find out more please call in, email [vinetrustandover@gmail.com](mailto:vinetrustandover@gmail.com) or ring Brenda Sleath on 01264 355706.

### **Church Opening on Saturdays**

St. Mary's Church is open on **Saturday mornings**, usually from **10.30am to 12.30pm**, thanks to a willing group of volunteers acting in pairs. We need more volunteers, so that each person opens the church no more than once every two months. If you are willing, or interested in finding out more, please contact Martin Bazire.

*So the servants went out into the streets  
and gathered all the people they could find,  
both good and bad,  
and the wedding hall was filled with guests*

*Matthew 22:10*