



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 16th July**

**Theme: Life Through The Spirit**

**Readings: Romans 8:1-11 and Matthew 13:1-9**

**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/communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship and Prayer Ministry**

**4pm Taizé Service**

**6.30pm Men's Group meeting in the Church Centre**

## **Wednesday 19th July**

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

## **Sunday 23rd July**

**Theme: Children Of God**

**Readings: Romans 8:12-25 and Matthew 13:36-43**

**9am Holy Communion**

**10.20am Children's Church (3 - 13+) meet in the Church Centre  
for their activities, before going to the Vicarage Garden**

**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.*

### **Art Exhibition**

Our grateful thanks to Jane Bell and the exhibitors at the recent Art Exhibition, now in its third successful year, for their generous gift of £269 to St. Mary's Church. Jane organizes the event each year and with her team is responsible for turning the building into an art gallery, with a wonderful display by highly skilled local artists (including other members of our Church family.) Our thanks and congratulations to all concerned.

### **Men's Group**

Our next monthly Men's Group meeting will be on **Sunday 16th July from 6.30pm to 8.30pm** in the Church Centre. We need a soup volunteer please. After soup and rolls we will have a general discussion time about the Men's Group, the programme and related matters. All men are welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church to confirm your attendance.

### **Andover Street Pastors 'Pop In' Evenings**

These informal evenings will be held on **Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July, between 7pm and 9pm**, at Elim Church, South Street. Do come and find out more about Street Pastors, and see how you can help or join us. Refreshments will be served and all are very welcome!

### **Baptism Team Members Training Evening**

All prospective Baptism Team members, or anyone who may be interested in finding out more about this role, are warmly invited to an evening on **Wednesday 19th July from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Church Centre.

### **Walk To Church**

We would encourage everyone who can, to walk to church on **Sunday 30th July** and to enjoy the beauty of God's earth at the same time. This is a small way in which to reduce your personal carbon footprint and to improve your personal wellbeing.

### **Unity Christian Theatre Pantomime**

Would you like to find out about the next Unity Group Pantomime 'Esther and the Zargonites!'

There will be a taster session to explain the framework, characters and shape that the next pantomime will take with details of rehearsals and performances. Opportunities to sing, act, paint, sew, help backstage, advertise and much more! All are welcome, adults and young people alike! Do join us on **Sunday July 30th at 3.30pm** at St. John the Baptist Church Hall, Alexandra Road, SP10 3AD. For more information contact Sharon on 01264 392837 or email [sharon.oleary11@virginmedia.com](mailto:sharon.oleary11@virginmedia.com).

### **Derek Cooper**

We are very sorry to share the news of Derek's death last week, following a slow deterioration in his health. Derek died peacefully, surrounded by his family, many singing some of his favourite hymns. Please pray for his daughter Helen and all the family at this time. Derek's funeral will be held on **Thursday 3rd August at 1.45pm** at Salisbury Crematorium, and all are very welcome. There is a list at the back of church to sign for transport arrangements and a Tea is being arranged after the service, more details will follow.

### **St. Mary's Church Weekend Away 2018**

This is a wonderful opportunity to come away for a time of space, peace, spiritual refreshment and fun in a wonderful, beautiful environment. Do come and join us for our Church Weekend Away, from Friday 14th September to Sunday 16th September next year. The Sidholme Hotel, Sidmouth is the venue for our weekend and there are plenty of rooms available! If you would like to join us you will need to pay a £10 deposit by the **7th September 2017**. Please take this to the Church Office. More details will follow about types of room available and when your selection has to be made. For more information, please speak with Paula Deverill or Nigel May.

### **Christmas Choir**

We are seeking this year to have a Christmas Choir once again and would love it if you would join us. Practices will begin on **Monday 18th September**, initially once a fortnight and then weekly on the following dates: 2nd, 16th, 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. For more information or if you wish to join the choir, please speak with Pru.

### **Andover Foodbank**

Thank you as always for your support, which is greatly appreciated. Your donations whether food, money or non-food products provide really valuable

assistance to people in our community who are in or facing crisis. This week there is a need for the following please: tin and can openers, sugar (small packs), tinned fruit, tinned meat, biscuits and Longlife milk. Thank you.



### **Litter Pick Event**

**Thank you** to everyone who gave an hour last Sunday to pick up litter around the church and cemetery. As you can see, many bags of rubbish were collected and safely disposed of, in addition to other items that could be a hazard to people.

### **Hope Into Action**

This is an award-winning charity set up to enable churches to fight homelessness, and to change the lives of the most disadvantaged in our society, by finding them homes rather than a bed for the night. We praise God for such good news here in Andover! After significant promotion by Derrick Norton and other local people, sufficient funding has been pledged to purchase a property, and the offer on a house in Pilgrim's Way has been accepted. The Peterborough based charity Hope Into Action is dealing with all the administration whilst locally, an ecumenical Support Team will be set up and trained to help the residents back into mainstream society. This has all been made possible by various local investors, including people from St. Mary's Church, for which very grateful thanks indeed are expressed.

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus,  
because through Christ Jesus  
the law of the Spirit of life  
set me free from the law of sin and death.*

*Romans 8:1-2*



### Holiday Club

There will be a Holiday Club meeting for all those who have already said they wish to help, or for those who may be interested in helping and finding out more about what we will be doing during that week. You will get to see some of the things we will be doing and we can explain more about our heart and vision for the week. We will meet in church **THIS AFTERNOON at 2pm** for under an hour. We look forward to seeing you!

### End Of Term

**Sunday 23rd July** will be the last meeting of the Summer Term for Children's Church, with the theme of Love. The termly theme has been the 'Fruit of the Spirit' Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. After meeting in the Church Centre for a **10.20am start**, the team members and children will go to the **Vicarage Garden at 11.20am** for a time of fun and games. Would parents please **collect their children from the garden at the end of the 10.30am service**.

### Holiday Club

This exciting activity for school years 1 to 6 will take place from **Wednesday 26th July to Friday 28th July from 9.30am to 1pm** in the Harris Hall. The final session on **Saturday 29th July from 9.30am** will be followed at **12.30pm** by a **Family Fun Afternoon** for attending children and their families. Volunteers are **URGENTLY** needed for the Holiday Club, please speak with Andy or Jo if you can help.

### How you can help please?

- Plenty of additionally helpers throughout Tuesday afternoon for setting up in the Harris Hall
- Leaders and helpers - possibly with one of the 5 groups of children; approximately 10 children per group (6/8 would be preferable) with at least one leader per group
- Singers, musicians, action song leaders to assist at times of worship
- Extra volunteers for the Family Fun Afternoon, to assist with the activities, prepare and/or serve food and drinks, monitor bouncy Cathedral (yes, an inflatable Cathedral!)
- Helpers to help clean up/tidy each day so the team involved can debrief/have a cup of tea and a pray together before going home

### St. Mary's Youth Bible Study Group

A brand new, really exciting group has started for young people who already have a faith in Jesus Christ, and who are between 11 to 16 years of age. The meetings will be held on the second Friday of each month in the Church Centre Chapel on the **8th September**, 13th October, 10th November and 8th December. The format will be simple and enable space to explore God's Word together, starting with some contemporary worship before spending time exploring the Bible, and finishing with hot chocolate (and of course cream and marshmallows) or milkshakes! Please pray for those leading the group, for wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they lead and disciple these amazing young people. Pray too for the young people who attend, that their faith would be strengthened and encouraged so they learn how to defend the gospel and share it with those they meet.

**"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15.**

If you would like further information, or if you wish to help facilitate this evening by praying when they are meeting, providing hot chocolate or milkshakes at the end, or meeting and greeting young people as they arrive, then please speak with Andy Berry, Rob Savill or Kelsey Weymouth, or contact the Church Office. A6 flyers are available on the table at the back of church to give away. Thank you.