



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

Sunday 18th February

Theme: Serving Others

Readings: Galatians 5:13-26 and Matthew 25:31-46

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 Prayer Ministry

4pm Taizé Service

6.30pm Men's Group meeting at Clive's home

Wednesday 21st February

Holy Communion Service at 10.30am

in St. Mary's Church led by Canon Graham

Sunday 25th February

Theme: The Vine

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 and Luke John 15:1-17

9am Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry

10.20am Children's Church (3 - 13+)

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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.*

Men's Group

This month's Men's Group meet at Clive's home on **Sunday 18th February at 6.30pm**. The evening begins with soup and rolls, followed by Clive speaking on, "From Wrangler to Royal Mangler - experiences with a Royal Warrant." Do please sign the list at the back of church if you are planning on joining us.

Holiday Club Planning Sessions - Dates For Your Diary!

This year's Holiday Club will be taking place in the Harris Hall from **Tuesday 7th August to Friday 10th August from 9.30am to 1pm as well as a Fun Afternoon on Friday from 1pm to 3pm**. If you would like to be involved, planning meeting dates will be on 29th March, 26th April, 24th May, 28th June and 25th July from 7pm to 9pm in the Church Centre Chapel. **Kindly note the planning meeting on the 22nd February has been cancelled**. Setting up for the Holiday Club will be on Sunday 5th August after 3pm and clearing away will be on Saturday 11th August.

Could You Be A Street Pastor?

Do you want to reach out to the people of Andover? Do you want to make a difference for God? Can you spare one late night per month? Then please consider joining Andover Street Pastors! We are recruiting **NOW** and training begins on the **23rd February**. We need more Street Pastors and prayer teams to help us continue to make a positive difference in our town. If you are interested to find out more or to volunteer with us, please contact Barry Wadhams email Andover@streetpastors.org.uk or come out with us as an observer, to see first-hand what the front line looks like. Is God calling you to this powerful ministry?

**The training dates are the 23rd, 24th and 25th February,
9th, 10th, 11th, 23rd, 24th and 25th March.**

Spring Term 2018

This term our focus is on **Healing and Wholeness**, and having explored different aspects of this in our sermon series in January, we are now running a short course which is open to all members of St. Mary's Church. Each of the sessions will be on **Tuesdays in the Church Centre from 7.30pm to 9.30pm**, covering: **27th February** - Leaves for Healing and **13th March** - Growing a Healing Church. Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to attend, or contact Heather or Derrick Norton via the office, if you have any questions.

Men's Group

All St. Mary's Church men are welcome to join us for our 'Pie and Pint' evening on **Wednesday 28th February at 6.30pm for 7pm**, at the Anton Arms, Salisbury Road, Andover. Meals are two main courses for £9.49 (order in pairs again) and desserts vary from £2.99 to £3.69. Do use this as an opportunity to bring a friend or colleague. Please sign the list at the back of church.

Bryan Beggs Memorial Service

Bryan's service will be held in St. Mary's Church on **Thursday 1st March at 2.30pm**, followed by a reception in the Harris Hall. Do please come to support Diana and their daughter Jacquelyn in this time of loss. All are warmly invited.

Parish Prayers

We pray because God tells us to, because He hears us when we do pray and because He is willing and able to fully answer all our prayers. Come and join us on **Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre to pray together.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's theme will be 'All God's Creation is Very Good: Praying for Suriname.' The annual service will be held at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Colebrook Way, Andover on **Friday 2nd March at 10.30am**, and will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is very welcome, men included.

Women's Group

Do come and join us on **Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre, to hear our invited speaker Val Jourdan MBE, who is the Chair and Founder Trustee of Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability (ABCD). This is a charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of those children and young adults who suffer from physical, mental and psychological disabilities in Palestine. Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to join us.

St. Mary's Walkers - Sunday 4th March at 12.15pm

Spring is in the air so calling all walkers, less abled walkers and those who use mobility scooters or wheelchairs! We will follow a pretty walk that is tarmac, paving or wooden decking all the way and back. It takes us through St. Mary's Cemetery down to Anton Lakes where we will have lunch, so please bring something to eat and a hot drink. If you can come, please bring your scooter/wheelchairs around to the church side door. Speak to Simon Nash or Rosemary Baker for further information.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to pay for an Easter Lily in remembrance of a loved one, the cost will be £4 per Lily. Kindly place your order by **Friday 9th March**. Fill in the name/names of your loved ones on the list at the back of church or email them to the office. Please bring payments to the office or bank transfer to sort code 40-52-40, account number 00025634, reference Lilies and your name.

Thanksgiving Meal to Say Goodbye to Canon John, Sue and Family

This will be held on **Saturday 10th March, 6.30pm for 7pm** in the Harris Hall. Please sign up at the back of church if you are going to attend. There is a list of food required, so please add your name to this if you are able to bring something; if you have a speciality you would like to prepare, please add it under 'other.'

Canon John and Sue

As Canon John and Sue retire from full time ministry, for John to be Licensed as an Associate Minister on a House For Duty basis in the Guildford Diocese, they would be delighted if you were able to join them for their Farewell United Parish Communion Mothering Sunday Service on the **11th March at 10am**. **"So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of His call. May He give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do."** 2 Thessalonians 1:11

Social Evening

Do join us for a fun evening of skittles at the Crook and Shears, Upper Clatford, on **Friday 16th March** to start at **6.30pm**. This year the food options will be homemade beef chilli, or vegetarian bean chilli at a cost of £9.95 each, which will be served around 8pm, before more skittles! If you would like to come, but do not like spicy food, please let Guy Medley know. We are going to arrange this early to secure the booking, so do sign the list at the back of church to avoid disappointment. Parking by the pub is limited, so try and share a lift.

Andover Foodbank

Thank you for all your generous donations. This week we need fruit juice, tinned fish, Longlife milk, tins of fish, spaghetti, rice pudding, potatoes, tomatoes, packets of rice, jars of pasta sauce and tin openers. Thank you.

**You, my brothers, were called to be free.
But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature;
rather, serve one another in love.**

Galatians 5:13