

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**

Summer Notices 29 July to 2 September

Sunday 29th July

Theme: Wholeness & Healing

Readings: Psalm 103:1-5 & Luke 8:40-56

09.50 am Children's Church in the Church Centre

10.00 am United Wholeness, Healing & Communion Service

Led by Canon Martin Coppen, Heather Norton preaching

Wednesday 1st August

10.30 am Holy Communion Service Led by Rev. Trevor Lewis

Sunday 5th August

10 am United Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry

Theme: Transfiguration of Christ

Readings 2 Peter 1:16-19, Luke 9:28-36

Led by Canon Martin Coppen

There is an unsupervised crèche available for 0-4 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.

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

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Prayers

The regular Thursday prayers will be taking a break during August but, do continue your personal prayer for the future of St. Mary's.

Taize

The next Taize service will be on **Sunday 5th August at 6 pm**. All are welcome to join in this quiet reflective service on the first Sunday of each month. There will also be a service at **6 pm on Sunday 2nd September**.

Eco Church - Lifts to Church

Did you know that giving a lift to someone to church helps our Eco Church credentials so to those who already do this thank you! If not, could you share your car with someone? Or, why not walk to church during August and enjoy the sunshine.

Men's Group Apsley Farm Visit

Saturday 18th August, 10.30 am to 11.30 am. A modern arable farm now farming energy. All men welcome. Please sign the sheet at the back of church

Men's Group BBQ

Sunday 19th August, 6.00 pm in Guy's garden, All men welcome - please sign the sheet at the rear of church and bring a contribution. Contact the office for more details

Friends of St Mary's

There will be Coffee Mornings on **Saturday 4th August** and the following month on **1st September at 10.00 am** in the Church Centre.

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being,
praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who
redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and
compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so
that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103: 1-5

The Friends of St Mary's are going to Weston Super Mare on **Saturday 8th September**, tickets for the coach are £15 per person. For more information please see Ros Peszkowski, Valda England or contact the Parish Office.

Women's Group Social

Friday 17th August, 7 pm, Women's Group social, Crook and Shears, Upper Clatford. Come and join us for an evening of skittles and food. Please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church by 6th Aug - be sure to tick your food option and whether you need/can give a lift. All meals cost £8.95, to be paid on/by 12th Aug. If you are able, please donate towards the hire cost too. For more information, or to pay, speak to Eniola Richardson, Maria Lowry, Sarah Watson or Karyn French. Payment can also be made to the church office.

St Mary's Walkers

The next St. Mary's walk will be on **Sunday 5th August**, starting from church at **11.45 am**. Please bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear. If you are interested in coming, please speak with Simon Nash. There will also be a walk on **2nd September** from **12.15 pm**.

Tools with a Mission

Wanted for 'Tools with a Mission' items, which are sent mainly to Africa, to encourage small businesses, self-sufficiency, education, etc. through churches, training centres, and schools. Can you help by donating unwanted hand and electric tools, gardening tools, sewing & knitting machines, haberdashery, typewriters, bikes, wheelchairs, computers, printers, scanners (working) and educational text books. Contact Derrick Norton.

Baptism

Glenn and Eniola invite you to join us for the Baptism of their daughter on **Sunday 26th August 2018, 10 am** at St Mary's Church and afterwards for light refreshments at the back of Church.

St Paul's Church & Community Centre

During the summer holidays there will be a children and parent or carer's group running in St Paul's Community Centre from **11 am** until **2 pm** on the following **Tuesdays: 31st July, 14th, 21st and 28th August**. All ages of children are welcome, they will have a baby room set up and the outside area will be available for use (as long as the children are supervised). Please feel free to bring your lunch along too.

Grapevine

The next edition of the Grapevine will be published on **Sunday 2nd September**. Please keep hold of your copy for reference until then.

August Services

Services on 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th August at 10 am will be United Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry and will be continuing the theme of Women in the Bible. For full details see our website:

www.stmarys-andover.org.uk/worship_services.html .

Midweek Holy Communion Services

Wednesday 1st August 10.30 am

Holy Communion Service Led by Rev. Trevor Lewis

Wednesday August 8th 10.30 am

Holy Communion Service Led by Canon Andrew Warner

Wednesday August 15th 10.30 am

Holy Communion Service Led by Canon Martin Coppen

Wednesday August 22nd 10.30 am

Holy Communion Service Led by Canon Jill Bentall

Wednesday August 29th 10.30 am

Holy Communion Service led by Canon Andrew Warner

FoodBank

Our requirements this week are as follows:- Tins of Rice Pudding, Long Life Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned soup, Tinned Potatoes/Instant Mash and Tinned Fish



Office Closure

The office will be closed from **2 pm** on **Thursday 2nd August** re-opening on **Monday 13th August at 9.30 am**. Emails and phone messages will be monitored occasionally.

Vicar

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Parish Administrator:

Diane Wilson

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Hi everyone !

It is a huge joy and privilege to introduce myself as your next Vicar. As many of you will know, I preached and was interviewed on Pentecost Sunday this year. I was humbled to then receive a call from the Bishop offering me the post. We are so excited by the prospect of getting to know you and making Andover home. We can see already what a great place Andover is to live and we can't wait to be with you. I am married to Naomi ('Nai') who is a qualified social worker, but a full time mum at the moment. We have three young children, Peter (5), Juliette (3) and Lydia (9 months). Our children love playing in the parks, camping, visiting their grandparent's farm and The Go Jettors (...their dad is also a fan!). We currently live in London where I am on staff at HTB, probably best known as the home of the Alpha Course. Prior to this, I served a curacy in The Parish of the Resurrection, Alton which is a thriving market town on the eastern side of Winchester Diocese.

As we think ahead, we're so looking forward to growing with you as followers of Jesus and as we explore new ways of sharing God's love and hope with those around us. It's a great encouragement to hear that there is a prayer group happening on Thursday evenings. We pray at the same time in London so that our prayers for you and the town may be united before God. There will, no doubt, be more to follow, but for now we wish you a peaceful and restful summer break. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon!

Much love,

Chris, Nai, Peter, Juliette and Lydia