

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 2nd September

9.00 am Holy Communion

Led by Canon Martin Coppen

Theme: Marks of a Healthy Church, Energized by Faith

Readings: Hebrews 11: 32-12: 2 & John 14: 1-7

10.30 am All Age Service & Baptisms

Led by Rev Phil Dykes & All Age Worship Team

Theme: Trust

Reading John 14: 1-7

Wednesday 5th September

Holy Communion Service at 10.30 am

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

Sunday 9th September

Theme: Marks of a Healthy Church, Outward Looking Focus

Readings: Acts 9: 32-42 & Matthew 4: 17-24

Preacher: Derrick Norton

9.00 am Holy Communion

Led by Canon Martin Coppen

10.30 am Morning Worship with Communion & Prayer Ministry

Led by Heather Norton & Reverend Sue Hobbins

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.

Children's Church

Children's Church need more volunteers to help on Sunday mornings if it is to continue to bless our children in St. Mary's. If you are willing to help in any way please speak to Sven Maxfield or Paula Deverill.

Psalm 8:2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

Sermon Series

The new sermon series *Seven Marks of a Healthy Church* is based on Robert Warren's book, *The Healthy Churches' Handbook* (2012) starts today.

Prayers

The monthly Parish Prayer Meeting will be on **Thursday 6 September** at **7.30 pm** in the Church Centre. There will not be further weekly prayer meetings until it has been discussed at the PCC on 18 September.

St. Mary's Weekend Away

There will only be one service at **9am on Sunday 16th September** due to the church weekend away. There will be no men's group meeting in September.



Street Pastors

Street Pastors are recruiting now for new volunteers and training begins on **14th September**.

We need more Street Pastors and prayer teams to help us continue to make a positive difference in our town. If you feel called to reach out to people

of Andover and are happy to have one late night a month, please contact Barry Wadhams on 07527 296 513.

Picket Twenty 3Rs Café

The next outreach café will be held on **Saturday 8th September, setting up at 1pm, café from 2pm to 4pm**. If you'd like to be involved please contact Diane in the office. If you are able to provide a cake please drop it in to the office on Friday between 9.30am and 4pm or bring along on Saturday.

Harvest Supper and Quiz

Friday 5th October, 6.30 pm for prompt 7 pm start in the Harris Hall. Please sign up on the list at the back of church selecting the food that you would like. All ages welcome! If you prefer you can bring your own food.

Christmas Cakes

Lisanne is baking Christmas Cakes again for the Christmas Fayre on 17 November 2018. Last year the congregation very generously gave either cash, ingredients or cake boards and boxes on the basis of "Donate a £ or a lb of ingredients". Please would you consider repeating your generosity for the Christmas Fayre 2018. The ingredients list is at the back of the church and donations can be brought to Sunday Services or left with Diane in the Church Office. **Donations are needed by no later than 30 September 2018** to give Lisanne time to bake the cakes. Once the cakes designs are complete, there will be a list so you can reserve your Christmas Cake before the Fayre. Thank you.

Mustard Seed Group

St. Mary's Parent/Carer, baby and toddler group is starting again on **Friday 7th September** and then each Friday in term time from **10 am to 11.30 am** in the Church Centre. It's free to attend with refreshments and lots of fun.

Ride and Stride

Ride and Stride involves people of all ages who spend an enjoyable time raising money for repairs and restoration to the churches and chapels of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Half the money you raise goes to the church of your choice. We are grateful to the many people who Gift Aid their sponsorship, which greatly increases the total raised; the tax recovered is retained by the Trust to add to its funds for future grants and loans. This event is a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to discover the rich



heritage of our historic church buildings. It's Ride & Stride day again on **Saturday 8th September**. For more information see their website www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride_taking.php. There are a few printed copies of participating churches at the back of

church, but the online list is more up to date. There are also some information sheets and sponsorship forms should anyone wish to take part.

Please contact Diane in the office if you could be available to man St.

Mary's Church sometime between 10 am and 1 pm on Saturday 8th September to allow access for Riders and Striders this year? Even just an hour of your time would help to show off our beautiful building.

Vocations Morning

There will be a Vocations morning on **Saturday 15th September** for anyone interested in finding out more about Lay and Ordained ministries, for more information please see the poster at the back of the church.

Sponsored Walk for ABCD

A sponsored walk of nine miles has been arranged on **Saturday 15th September** to help disabled children in Palestine and ABCD (Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability). If you would like to take part, please see the poster or their website <http://www.abcdbethlehem.org/>.

FoodBank

The foodbank has now reopened after the summer building works and we are busy moving the last few items into the new space. We'll be organizing an official opening shortly but in the meantime its back to work.

If you could add something to your shopping list this week we are in need of: Soup, Sugar, Pasta sauce, Fish, Shampoo/conditioner, Deodorant, Razors. Thank you.



John Moss

John Moss, who used to be Verger and in the choir at St. Mary's, passed away peacefully at Ashbourne Court last weekend at the age of 92. His funeral will be taken by Canon Jill Bentall at Salisbury Crematorium.

Andover Chatty Café

A new initiative for Andover for those who would like some company, is the Chatty Café which takes place at different venues each day of the week. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information.

Dates for your diary

Sunday September 23rd 10.30 am Green Worship service with presentation of our Eco-Church Silver Award by the deputy Mayor of Test Valley.

Sunday September 23rd 6.30 pm Andover Churches Together service in St. Mary's Church led by Reverend Lee Davies.

Friday 28th September 7.30pm Women's Group meet.

Saturday 29th September 7pm Test Valley Brass Concert in St. Mary's Church

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