

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 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

Wednesday 12th September

Holy Communion Service at 10.30 am

in St. Mary's Church

led by Reverend Katrina Dykes (Vicar, Anna Benefice)

Sunday 16th September

9.00 am Holy Communion

Led by Canon Martin Coppen

Theme: Cross Words

Readings: James 3:1-12 & Mark 8:27-38

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

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**.

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Picket Twenty 3Rs Café

The continuation of the 3Rs Café has been placed under review by the PCC.

Men's Group

The Men's Group are having a Pie and Pint evening on **Tuesday 25th September** at the Anton Arms, **7.00 pm for 7.30** Pleas sign the list!

Paediatric Emergency First Aid Training

There are still some spaces available for the Paediatric First Aid training on **Saturday 13th October** from **9.00 am until 4.00 pm**. If you are interested please see Diane Caruana or speak to Diane Wilson in the Parish Office.

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.

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. Fish & Chips £5.50, Chicken & Chips £4.50, Large Sausage & Chips £3.50, Vegburger & Chips £4.50 or if you prefer you can bring your own food. All ages welcome! Please bring your own drinks.

The Vine Trust Bookshop

The Vine Trust is urgently looking for volunteers to help in their Christian Bookshop in Bridge Street Andover. We especially need help on Tuesdays, Thursday, Friday morning and Saturdays. The shop is open 6 days a week from 10 am to 4 pm. There are two shifts per day 10 am to 1 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm and we are looking for volunteers to help with either a 1/2 or full day. Please call into the shop to find out more or arrange a time for training, or contact Brenda Sleath on vinetrustandover@gmail.com, 01264 355706.

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.

Sponsored Walk for ABCD

A sponsored walk of nine miles has been arranged on **Saturday 15th September 10 am** to help disabled children. If you would like to take part, please see the poster or their website <http://www.abcdbethlehem.org/>.

Roots & Shoots Peace Day Procession

This event is taking place on **Friday 21st September from 9.45 – 11.30 am** from the Pavilion in Augusta Park. For more information please see the poster at the back of the church.

Andover foodbank

We have 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 RIP

John was Verger at St. Mary's from 1969 to 1975. His funeral is on **Wednesday September 24th, 1pm** at Salisbury Crematorium Chapel. Canon Jill Bentall will be taking the service - any queries or transport requests contact Jill via the office.

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 the the church
Saturday 6th October 7.30pm Anton Rotary Variety Show in the church in aid of the Countess of Brecknock Hospice

Sunday 7th October 9am and 10.30am Harvest Festival Services with the Bishop of Basingstoke

Saturday 13th October 7.30pm Romsey Male Voice Choir in St. Mary's Church in aid of Young Carers and St. Peter's Church Goodworth Clatford

Saturday 17th November Christmas Fayre

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