

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 23rd September

9.00 am Green Communion

Led by Reverend John Adams

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:3, Matthew 6:24-33

10.30 am Green Worship with presentation of Eco Silver Award

Led by Tom Etherton

Readings Genesis 1:26-31a, Hosea 4:1-9, Matthew 6:26-33

6.30 pm Andover Churches Together Service

Led by Reverend Lee Davies

Wednesday 26th September

Holy Communion Service at 10.30 am

in St. Mary's Church

led by Canon Jill Bentall

Sunday 30th September

Theme: Shalom

Readings Philippians 4:1-9 & John 14: 23-27

United Parish Communion Service at 10 am

Martin Coppen and Tom Etherton leading

Ian Willis preaching

There is an unsupervised play area available, 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 in St. Mary's

Children's Church needs 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.

There are goodie bags including environmental quizzes, colouring sheets, pencils and recycling information available at the back of church - children please collect one as you leave.

Eco-Church Silver Award

We are pleased to welcome the Deputy Mayor of Test Valley, Councillor Martin Hatley and Deputy Mayoress Mrs Joanne Hatley to present an A Rocha International Eco-Church Silver Award to St Mary's Church at our **10.30 am** service today. We are the only church in Hampshire to be awarded this accolade and we thank Ann Smith our Eco-Church Representative for all her hard work. There are free bags of goodies from Test Valley Borough Council available at the back of church please take one ☺

Andover Churches Together Service

This Service will be taking place **THIS AFTERNOON at 6.30 pm** in St Mary's Church please come along and support this service.

John Moss RIP

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

Men's Group

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

Women's Group

The next St. Mary's Women's group event is **next Friday, 28th September 2018 at 7.30 pm** in the Church Centre. The session will be a quiz called "**Guess where I have been**" where you bring a photo of a place you have been (holiday or special place) and others will match the photo with a place from a list of answers. Alternatively, if no photo a souvenir or written anecdote can be used. Please bring along your photo on the day or

alternatively you can drop it at the office with Diane. Tea and cake will be provided. All are welcome to attend, there is a sign- up list at the back of Church for attendees to register. Please indicate on this list if you are able to offer a lift or are in need of one. Please contact Eniola, Maria, Sarah or the church office if you have questions or cannot make it into Church to sign up.

Paediatric Emergency First Aid Training

There are spaces available for the Paediatric First Aid training on **Saturday 13th October** from **9 am until 4 pm** in the Church Centre. If you are interested see Diane Caruana or contact the Parish Office.

Eco-Church Litter Pick

There will be another chance to get together and clear litter from the church yard area on **Sunday 14th October** after the 10.30 am service - starting outside the south door 12.30 pm.

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 NEXT SUNDAY, 30th 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.

Men's Evening

On **Friday 26th October** Chris Lubbe, the former bodyguard for Nelson Mandela, will be coming to speak in the Harris Hall. All men welcome, free entry and refreshments - Help yourself to leaflets to invite your friends. Please arrive 7.00 pm for 7.30. **Email stmarysandover@btinternet.com to register your interest.**

Art Group

The art group meets in the Church Centre on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month from 10 am to 12 noon. Bring along whatever you are working on and join us, £3 per session to include refreshments. For more details talk to Jane Bell.

Walking Group

Join The Walking Group on the **7th October** for lunch followed by our monthly walk. Leaving St Mary's at **12.15**, we will have lunch at the French's (North Andover) before setting out on a circular route. Please bring your lunch and shoes suitable for uneven paths. Speak to Karyn or Richard French for our address and to let us know you'd like to come. Also, let us know if you are willing to give a lift to/from ours, or if you need one. Alternatively, you can email the office.

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, Veggie-burger & Chips £4.50 or if you prefer you can bring your own food. All ages welcome! Please bring your own drinks.

Andover foodbank

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.



Dates for your diary

Saturday 29th September 7 pm Test Valley Brass Band Concert in the church

Thursday 4th October 8 pm Parish Prayer Meeting - more next week!

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

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

Sunday 7th October 6 pm Taizé Service in the Church

Saturday 13th October 7.30 pm 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 in the Harris Hall

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