

# 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 7th October

## Harvest Services

9.00 am Holy Communion

Readings Joel 2: 21-27, John 6: 25-35

Led by Bishop David Williams & Canon Martin Coppen

10.30 am All Age Harvest Service

Reading Luke 12: 13-21

Led by Bishop David Williams & Reverend Phil Dykes

6.00 pm Taize Service Led by Tom Etherton

Wednesday 10th October

Holy Communion Service at 10.30 am

led by Canon Martin Coppen

Sunday 14th October

Theme: Healing and Wholeness

Readings: Isaiah 53: 1-6 & Matthew 8: 5-17

There will be Prayers for Healing and Wholeness at both services

9.00 am Holy Communion

Led by Canon Martin Coppen, Derrick Norton preaching,

10.30 am Morning Worship with Communion

Led by Heather Norton, Derrick Norton preaching,

Canon Martin Coppen administering Communion

*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.*

## Harvest Services

We would like to welcome Bishop David Williams to our Harvest services today as he takes part in today's services. We are supporting Andover Food Bank this year. There are Gift Aid forms and envelopes for monetary donations from tax payers on the table at the back of church. There are also collection boxes at the front and back of church. There will be a harvest gift procession at each service for your money and food donations.



## Taize Service

There will be a Taize Service in the church led by Tom Etherton **today 7th October at 6.00 pm**. All welcome to join in this quiet reflective service on the first Sunday of each month.

## Children's Church

Children's Church will be starting again on **Sunday 14th October** during the 10.30 am service. The children will start in church. There will be a meeting for all involved in Children's Church on **Thursday 11th September** in the **Church Centre Chapel - please use the lower door to enter as we have another event in the Gale Room**. If you are willing to help with this group in any way please speak to Sven Maxfield or Paula Deverill.

## Eco-Church Litter Pick

There will be another chance to get together and clear litter from the church yard area **next Sunday 14th October** after the 10.30 am service - starting outside the south door **12.30 pm**. If you wish to take part please sign the list at the back of the church so that the appropriate number of picking sticks can be obtained from Test Valley Borough Council.

## Men's Group

Men's Group is a week earlier than usual on **Sunday 14th October** this month at Nigel May's home.

The speaker is Colin Parker (former St. Mary's) who will give his testimony of healing.

## Community Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Day lunch for anyone in the Andover area who will be on their own will be at Lion Oak Court on Salisbury Road, Andover. To book or volunteer please telephone Liz on 07914 025741 or 01264 394025.

### **Parish Prayer Evening**

The next Prayer Evening is on **Monday 15th October** from **8pm to 9pm** in the Church Centre Gale Room. The focus this time will be **Home Groups, Small Groups and Pastoral Care**.

Future dates Thursday 1st November Wednesday 14th November, Tuesday 27th November & Thursday 6th December.

### **Men's Evening**

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

### **Remembering the 215**

If you would like to contribute to decorating the life sized soldiers for remembering the 215, there will be a workshop in St Mary's Church on **Saturday 20th October from 10 am to 12 noon**. For more information please see Jane Bell or see the website <https://www.the-215.co.uk>.

### **Christmas Choir**

If you are interested in joining the Christmas choir to sing at the "Carols by Candlelight" service on the 16th of December this year, please speak to Lucy after the service or email lucy via the office. No prior experience needed, rehearsals will be Monday 26th November, 3rd December and 10th December, all starting at 7:30pm.

### **Baby Loss Awareness Week**

Reverend Lee Davies will be leading a service in St Michael's Knights Enham, on **Monday 15th October at 7pm** to coincide with the Baby Loss Awareness Week Wave of Light.

There will be Remembrance ribbons available for people to write names on and hang in St Michael's from 7th October and names will be read out during this service. The service and ribbons are available for anyone who would like to attend.

### **Welcome Packs**

Did you know that there are welcome packs available in the publicity stand at the back of church. If you meet any new people after the service do offer them one to take away.

### **Christmas Fayre**

**10am to 1pm** in the Harris Hall on **Saturday 17th November**. Would you like to volunteers for a spell on refreshments or perhaps to run a stall? There will be a sign-up sheet available next week so bring your diaries!

### **All Souls Service**

We hold this service each year to offer comfort and support and to remember those who have died. This year the service will be on Sunday 4th November at 3pm. Please collect a letter from the back of church.

### **Doug Elliott**

Doug used to be part of St. Mary's before he moved to be closer to his family. He died peacefully, on 30th September aged 80 years. His funeral service will take place at Yeovil Crematorium on Thursday 18th October at 2pm. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation. More information from Brister & Son Funeral Directors 01935 812647

### **Dates for your diary**

**Wednesdays 10th & 24th October 10am** Art Group in the Church Centre

**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 20th October** Free Worship session in the Church from 10.30am to 12.30 - all welcome - a great opportunity to sing together any of your favourite hymns and worship songs.

**Saturday 17th November** Christmas Fayre in the Harris Hall

**St. Mary's Office, The Church Centre, Marlborough St, Andover SP10 1ER**  
**Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 0930h to 1500h, Friday 0930h to 1600h**  
**The Office will be closed from Tuesday 16th to Friday 19th October**

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