

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

4th November

9.00 am Holy Communion

Theme: All Saints

Readings: Wisdom 3:1-9 & John 11:32-44

Led by Canon Martin Coppen

10.30 am All Age Service with Baptism

Theme: Welcome Reading Luke 11: 5-13

Led by Reverend Phil Dykes

3.00pm All Souls Service Led by Tom Etherton

6pm Taizé Service Led by Tom Etherton

Wednesday 7th November

10.30 am Holy Communion Service

Led by Reverend Sue Kipling

Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Sunday

10.00 am Morning Worship Led by Canon Martin Coppen

Reading Matthew 5: 1-9

10.45 am Civic Service in the Memorial Gardens

Led by Canon Jill Bentall

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.

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 Evenings

The next Parish Prayer evening is Wednesday 14th November from 8 pm to 9 pm in the Church Centre, then Tuesday 27th November and Thursday 6th December. Topics for future dates include Pastoral Care & Worship

Remembering the 215

This is the final week to add anything to the soldiers as they will be added to the Exhibition in Vigo Park on Saturday 10th November. 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 at 7 pm 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 7:30 pm in the Church.

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 17th November 10 am to 1 pm in the Harris Hall. Donations needed of any paperback books; Glass or China bric-a-brac; bottles and cans for the tombola stall; new unwanted gifts and raffle prizes; produce (jams, chutneys etc.). Nearer the time we would like cakes and packets of mince pies. If you prefer you can donate money to purchase raffle prizes or mince pies. All donations should go into the boxes in church or to the Church Office. There is a sign- up sheet for volunteers to man the stalls – please check your diary!

Nature Walk

Attention nature lovers. I am planning another guided nature walk on **Sunday 18th November**. This time around Danebury Ring which is off the Kentsboro to Stockbridge road. It will leave from the top car park at **2 pm**. The walk includes some steep inclines and a stile. We should see some winter birds and interesting plants and fungi. If you would like more details, you can contact Neil via the Church Office.

Church Opening

A team of people from St. Mary's try to open the church to the public each Saturday. Do get in touch with Diane in the office if you'd like to join the team - either single people or couples are both welcome. We need two people for each session and aim for each person to do a 2 hour session once every 2 months so this is not an onerous task. People who come in to visit the church during these times are usually very grateful for this opportunity. We particularly need someone to open the church on Saturday 24th November, we usually open from 10.30am to 12.30 but an afternoon session would be fine instead. Give the office a call or send an email if you can help.

The Memorial Chapel

St Mary's Memorial Chapel in the north transept commemorates the fallen of both world wars. It was constructed in 1950 and dedicated the following year by the Bishop of Coventry. The altar triptych portrays Christ in Glory and the screen displays the symbols of his passion. The Royal British Legion and Royal Naval Association standards guard the Book of Remembrance recording Andover's Roll of Honour of those who gave their lives in the two World Wars. A wall-board commemorates the men of New Street who died in the First World War.

St Mary's Walkers

The next St Mary's walk is today, starting from church at 12.15 pm. Please bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear. If you are interested in coming, please speak with Simon Nash.

Deanery Half Night of Prayer

This event is taking place on **Friday 30th November** at St Peter's Church, Goodworth Clatford from **6 – 10.15 pm**. Church communities are invited to come together to pray for the town of Andover and the surrounding villages. All are welcome, come when you can and leave when you need to.

Carol Singers

A small group of singers from Knights Enham are going to the Arbory on **Saturday 15th December at 3.00 pm** to sing carols to the residents. If you are interested please contact Rachel admin@knightsenham.org.uk or phone 01264 335237.

Remembrance Day Orders of Service

Andover Churches Together have donated 3000 replicas of the active service copies of the Gospel according to Saint John - given out to all soldiers during WW1 by Scripture Gift Mission. We would like to put these little books together with the Orders of Service for the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph to make sure that they are all given out. We have planned a session for **Thursday 9th November at 11am** and would like to get a team of people together to help and I wondered if you would be available?

Musical Instruments

Does anyone have any toy or small musical instruments that are no longer needed? If so, please see Lucy Olsen who is trying to refresh the collection of children's instruments which has become depleted due to wear and tear.

Andover Choral Society

Andover Choral Society and the Westminster Chamber Orchestra will be performing Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen and Magnificat by John Rutter in St Mary's Church on **Saturday 1st December at 7.30 pm**. Tickets £12 available from The Lights.

Enham Trust Concert

The Enham Trust Christmas Concert will be in St Mary's Church on **Friday 7th December at 7.30 pm** and will include the Salisbury Plain Military Wives Choir and the Andover Light Orchestra. Tickets are £12, £6 for under 16s and are available from www.enhamtrust.org.uk/Event/enham-trust-christmas-concert.

Harmonium Singers' Concert

Saturday 15th December 7.30pm Christmas Concert "O Holy Night".

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