

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 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

Wednesday 14th November
10.30 am Holy Communion Service
Led by Canon Martin Coppen

Sunday 18th November
Theme: Marks of a Healthy Church:
Does few things and does them well.
Readings: James 3: 13-18 & Mark 6:7-13
9.00 am Holy Communion
Led by Canon Martin Coppen, Tom Etherton preaching

10.30 am Morning Worship
Led by Heather Norton, Tom Etherton 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.

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 Prayer Meeting is on **Wednesday 14th November from 8pm to 9pm** when the Focus will be on the **Community of Andover**. Future Prayer Meetings are on Tuesday 27th November and Thursday 6th December.



Christmas Fayre

NEXT Saturday 17th November 10 am to 1 pm in the Harris Hall. Bring any final donations of paperback books; Glass or China bric-a-brac; bottles and cans for the tombola stall; new unwanted gifts and raffle prizes; produce (chutneys, jams etc.) AND CAKES/MINCE PIES please to the office or to the Harris Hall after 3.30pm on Friday 16th November. **Don't forget to come and join us on the day - tell your friends and bring your family.**

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.

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.

Men's Evening

Sunday 18th November, 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm at Nigel's home. We begin with soup and rolls, AS LONG AS SOMEONE PROVIDES THE SOUP! Informal Worship led by Barry. New Bible study - "Staying in the Boat" by Jeff Lucas. This month's theme is "Encouraging each other". Bring a Bible. All men welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church.

Collection on Remembrance Sunday

There will be an retiring collection today as you exit the south porch door.

Nature Walk

Attention nature lovers. I am planning another guided nature walk next **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.

Old Photographs

There are some of old photographs that have been left in the church over the years. Many of these don't have any information about who is in them or what event they are so are not historically interesting. All these photographs will be arranged on a table at the back of church on **Sundays 18th and 25th November**. Please look through and if there are any that interest you feel free to take them. Thank you. Any left over will be disposed of.

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.

Church Opening

More volunteers are needed to join the team of people from St. Mary's 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 with this date or would like to join the team.

The Hiding Place

Oddments Theatre Company are putting on a production of "The Hiding Place" as an ACT event on **Fri 30th November at 7.30pm** in Andover Baptism Church. This is a riveting tale of a Christian Dutch lady called Corrie Ten Boom who hid Jews from the Nazis in World War 2 and eventually was arrested and sent to a Concentration Camp, which she survived but the rest of her family did not. The production is suitable for ages 15+. The tickets cost: £10 in advance from ABC, £10.36 online via this link <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/oddments20181130> or £12 on the door

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 the Church on **Friday 7th December at 7.30 pm** and will include Salisbury Plain Military Wives Choir and Andover Light Orchestra. Tickets £12, £6 (under 16s) available from www.enhamtrust.org.uk/Event/enham-trust-christmas-concert.

Churches Together Lantern Parade

Friday 7th December, 6 pm Pilgrims' Cross School. Lantern Parade around Picket Twenty. All welcome!

Harmonium Singers' Concert

Saturday 15th December 7.30pm Christmas Concert "O Holy Night". Tickets £8 in advance from Newbury Building Society or The Lights or £10 on the night. Proceeds to Countess of Brecknock Hospice.

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