

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 18th November

Theme: Marks of a Healthy Church:

Does a 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

Wednesday 21st November

10.30 am Holy Communion Service

Led by Canon Martin Coppen

Sunday 25th November

Christ the King

Theme: Marks of a Healthy Church:

Seeks to find out what God wants.

Readings: 1 Kings 19:1-13 & Matthew 6:25-34

9.00 am Holy Communion

Led by Reverend Ron Corne, Ian Willis preaching

10.30 am Morning Worship with Communion

Led by Tom Etherton & Reverend Ron Corne

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

Raising funds for St Mary's mission at no cost – easyfundraising

St Mary's have registered with easyfundraising. Some members of the congregation have already joined and in the last year have raised over £175 when they have shopped online without any extra expense to themselves. It is free to join and free and simple to use. If you have not already joined St Mary's PCC Andover on easyfundraising please take a few minutes to do so using the link below, and we'll raise free funds whenever you shop online with any of their 3,500 retail partners - imagine the difference we could all make this Christmas simply by shopping online via easyfundraising! It's fundraising for free: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/UNV5OV/Ry6KZN . If you have joined please do not forget to ensure that you activate your donations either by going to the retailer through the easyfunding website or (other than for Amazon or Hotels.com) by setting up the Donation Reminder which then prompts you to activate the donation. If you have any queries please see Mary Singleton.

Men's Evening

Tonight, **18th November, 6.45 pm - 8.30 pm** at Nigel's home. There are no volunteers to bring soup so note the later start time. Informal Worship led by Barry the new Bible study - "Staying in the Boat" by Jeff Lucas. This month's theme is "Encouraging each other". Bring a Bible. All men welcome.

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 are arranged on a table at the back of church **this Sunday and the next**. Please look through and if there are any that interest you feel free to take them. Thank you. Any left after Sunday 25th will be disposed of.

Parish Prayer Evenings

The next Prayer Meetings will be on **Tuesday 27th November, 8pm to 9pm**. The theme will be The Community of St Mary's. The final prayer meeting for 2018 will be on Thursday 6th December. Please do join Richard, Karyn and Lucy as we pray into the worshipping life of St Mary's and ask the Holy Spirit to help us make worship an all day, every day activity. There will be a time of sung worship, as well as opportunity for corporate and private prayer.

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.

Christmas Choir

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

Nature Walk

Attention nature lovers. I am planning another guided nature walk TODAY **Sunday 18th November**. We will walk around Danebury Ring which is off the Kentsboro to Stockbridge road. We 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 on neilcatty@yahoo.co.uk.

Women's Group

The meeting on Friday 23rd November has been cancelled. There will be a pause in Women's group meetings until after Easter 2019. Please continue to pray for the group and if you are interested in joining the steering group contact Eniola Richardson or Maria Lowry.

Winter Homeless Drop-in

The Bridge Community Building team will be running a homeless evening drop-in again this year throughout the winter where the homeless can get a hot meal and a warm and safe place to be from 7 until 10 every night. Volunteers are needed to be part of the 3 person team to host. You can volunteer for one night or several between 10th December 2018 and 28th February 2019. We are particularly keen to hear from some more men. There will be a **training evening at the Bridge, at 7.30pm on Thursday 22nd November**, but if you can't make that a briefing will be provided on the first evening you work. Please **contact the Bridge on 01264 335 522** or email office@thevalleychurch.org.uk.

Foodbank

Items Needed: Long Life Milk, Tinned potatoes or Instant Mash, Sugar 500g, Kitchen Cleaner, Laundry powder/detergent, Teaspoons, Dessert spoons.

George Peszkowski

There will be a Thanksgiving service for the life of George Peszkowski on **Thursday 22nd November at 3.30 pm** in St. Mary's Church. All are most welcome to this celebration service which will be taken by Reverend Lee Davies. There will be light refreshments in church after the service.

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 Baptist Church. 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 Christmas Concert **Saturday 1st December at 7.30 pm**. Tickets £12 from The Lights.

Enham Trust Concert

The Enham Trust Christmas Concert is in St. Mary's 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. Parade around Picket Twenty. All welcome!

Test Valley Brass concert on Saturday 8th December at 7pm in the church.

Harmonium Singers' Concert

Saturday 15th December 7.30pm Christmas Concert "O Holy Night" in St. Mary's Church. 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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