

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Christ the King**

**Theme: Marks of a Healthy Church:**

**Seeks to find out what God wants.**

**Readings: 1 Kings 19:1-13, Micah 6:6-8 & Acts 13:1-3**

**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**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**10.30 am Holy Communion Service Led by Canon Jill Bentall**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Advent Sunday**

**9 am Holy Communion Followed by Vine Trust Book Stall**

**Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Luke 21:25-36**

**Led by Canon Martin Coppin**

**10.30 am All Age Service followed by Vine Trust Book Stall**

**Theme: Preparing for Christmas**

**Readings: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 & 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2, 16-18**

**Led by Reverend Phil Dykes**

**6 pm Taize Service**

*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](http://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.

## **Parish Prayer Evenings**

The next Prayer Meetings will be **THIS Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm to 9pm.** The theme will be The Community of St Mary's. The final prayer meeting for 2018 will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please do join Richard, Karyn and Lucy as we pray into the worshiping 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.

## **Christmas Choir**

If you are interested in joining the Christmas choir to sing at the Carols by Candlelight service this year on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at 7 pm, please speak to Lucy after the service or email Lucy via the office. No prior experience needed, rehearsals will start **THIS Mondays 26<sup>th</sup> November** then on 3<sup>rd</sup> December and 10<sup>th</sup> December, all starting at 7:30 pm in the Church, final rehearsal at 5 pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December before the service.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. We are particularly keen to hear from some more men. **Contact the Bridge on 01264 335 522** email [office@thevalleychurch.org.uk](mailto:office@thevalleychurch.org.uk).

### Deanery Half Night of Prayer

This event is taking place on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Advent Retreat

There will be an Advent Retreat at the Old Dairy, Hatherden, on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December** from **10-4**. Cost £10 which includes a cooked lunch. To book a place contact Revd Alex Randle-Bissell on [Revdalex@me.com](mailto:Revdalex@me.com) 01264 512161 or Judith Appleby on 07999 352585 email [admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk](mailto:admin@pastrowbenefice.org.uk).

### Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 8.30 - 10.00** am at the John Russell Fox, High Street. Peter Kinross of Valley Church will be speaking more about the Homelessness ministry in Andover. Breakfast costs £5. Unlimited refills of coffee/tea. Please order your own breakfast by 8.30 am. PLEASE EMAIL Derrick to confirm that you are coming - [djnorton@btconnect.com](mailto:djnorton@btconnect.com).

### Christingle Factory

We will be making Christingles as usual in the Church Centre on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 3pm to 5pm**. There will be refreshments, Christmas music and lots of laughter. Do join us even just for part of the time, all ages very welcome. Please sign up at the back of church or email the office ☺

### 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.

### Foodbank

At present we are short of: Long Life Milk, Tinned fish, Sugar 500g. We will be hosting a Christmas Coffee Morning on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 10.30** in the Parish Hall. We are looking forward to seeing you!!

### The Hiding Place

Oddments Theatre Company are putting on a production of "The Hiding Place" as an ACT event **THIS Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm** in Andover Baptist Church. The production is suitable for ages 15+. The tickets cost: £12 on the door, £10 in advance from ABC or £10.36 online via this link <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/oddments20181130>

### Reverend Ron Corne

We welcome Reverend Ron Corne today, who will be taking our 9 am Holy Communion service and presiding over the Communion at our 10.30 service

### City Life from Canon Martin Coppen

They do things differently according to a City of London church notices... "The Wednesday ladies fellowship meeting will **be gin** with prayer".

### Andover Choral Society

Andover Choral Society and the Westminster Chamber Orchestra Christmas Concert **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30 pm**. Tickets £12 from The Lights.

### Enham Trust Christmas Concert

The Enham Trust Concert is in St. Mary's Church on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 7.30 pm** featuring Salisbury Plain Military Wives Choir & Andover Light Orchestra. Tickets £12, under 16s £6 from: [www.enhamtrust.org.uk/Event/enham-trust-christmas-concert](http://www.enhamtrust.org.uk/Event/enham-trust-christmas-concert).

### Churches Together Lantern Parade

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 6 pm** starting at Pilgrims' Cross School before a parade around Picket Twenty. All welcome!

### Test Valley Brass concert

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm** in St. Mary's Church. Tickets £8 on the door or via [www.testvalleybrass.co.uk](http://www.testvalleybrass.co.uk).

### Harmonium Singers' Concert

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm** Christmas Concert "O Holy Night" in the Church. Proceeds to Countess of Brecknock Hospice. Tickets £8 in advance from Newbury Building Society or the Lights, £10 on the door.

### Christmas Free Worship Session

Do you love singing Christmas Carols? Join Lucy on **22nd December** in the church for a Christmas themed Free Worship session from **10.30am to 12.30**. Mince pies and refreshments will be available

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