

# 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**

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## **Update on Resource Church.**

The current programme for announcing the start of the Resource Church has been amended. Following discussions with Rev. Chris Bradish and the team at the Diocese it has been decided that a longer timescale would be beneficial. In essence, we are proposing to give ourselves some headroom to make the changes to the church building and prepare the congregations for the future by launching Resource Church next Summer rather than at Easter. The timetable for next year is currently as follows:

- Chris and Naomi move into Vicarage 28 December 2018
- End of December 2018 Chris appointed as Priest in Charge
- Saturday 2 February 2019 PCC meets with Chris
- Tuesday 12 February 2019 – PCC Meeting
- Sunday 3 March 2019 – Formal induction and licensing of Chris as Vicar with senior members of Civic/Military/Church/Town community
- Tuesday 16 April 2019 – PCC Meeting
- Tuesday 30 April 2019 – APCM
- Summer 2019 – Launch Resource Church (date to be agreed in New Year)

In summary, Rev Chris Bradish and his family will be in the Vicarage by the end of the year and will spend January settling in. From February we shall see them around church, as they take time to get to know us, although Chris will not be leading the Sunday services. On 3rd March every member of St Mary's is warmly welcomed to our Civic Launch, when Chris will be formally inducted as our Vicar. He will be fully undertaking the new role from this date onward.

## **Christingle Factory**

We will be making Christingles as usual in the Church Centre on **Sunday 23rd 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 ☺

## **Carols and Pies**

St Mary's Church, **Saturday 22nd December 10.30am-12.30pm**. Join St Mary's worship band for an all age Christmas themed celebration! We will sing festive carols and songs together, share refreshments and mince pies and have activity sheets for kids too. Whether you can drop-in for 20 minutes, 2 hours or anything in-between we'd love to welcome you. Free event (donations welcome).

### **Mustard Seed Toddler Group**

Mustard Seed parent/carer and toddler Christmas Nativity session is on **Friday 14th December**. Usual time **10am to 11.30am**, meet as usual in the upper room of the Church Centre, come dressed as an angel or a shepherd. If your child is coming please let the office know by Monday 10th December.

### **Grapevine deadline**

The Final Grapevine before Christmas will be published for Sunday 23rd December and will last until Saturday 12th January. Please send in anything you want included in this issue by Wednesday 19th December.

The office will be closed from 4pm on 21st December until 2nd January.

### **Mince Pies**

We would like to serve mince pies at both the Carol Services in St. Mary's on 16th December. Please consider if you could donate some; home-made or shop bought - both would be great. Please bring in to the office or bring to church next week.

### **Christmas Bookmarks**

Please take some Christmas Bookmarks from the back of church detailing all our services over the festive season and pass out to friends and colleagues.

### **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.

### **Rosalyn & family**

would like to say a big thank you for all support both practical and in prayer up to and following George's Thanksgiving Service on 22nd November.

### **Winter Homeless Drop-in**

The Bridge Community Building team will be running a homeless evening drop-in again this year from 7 until 10 every night. Volunteers are needed to host between 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. **Contact the Bridge on 01264 335 522** or email [office@thevalleychurch.org.uk](mailto:office@thevalleychurch.org.uk) .

### **Christingle Service 24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**

Are you planning to come to this service? Would you be able to come early at 2.45pm to help welcome the large congregation that attends this service each year? Or would you be available after the service to help give out goody bags and sweets to all?

### **Foodbank**

At present we are short of: Long Life Milk, Sugar 500g, Frying pans and Saucepans. We will be hosting a Christmas Coffee Morning **this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018** at **10.30** in St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, Alexandra Road, SP10 3AD. We are looking forward to seeing you!!

### **Kids on Track Charity Carol Service**

Friday 14th December 6.30pm in St. Mary's Church tickets £12 (under 16s free) from [www.kidsontrackcarols2018.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.kidsontrackcarols2018.eventbrite.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 £10 on the door, £8 in advance from Newbury Building Society or the Lights.

### **Responsorial Psalm for the 9am service**

Verses from Psalm 62

*Refrain* **On God alone my soul in stillness waits.**

5 Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; ♦  
for in him is my hope.

6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, ♦  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

*Refrain* **On God alone my soul in stillness waits.**

7 In God is my strength and my glory; ♦  
God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.

8 Put your trust in him always, my people; ♦  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

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**St. Mary's Office, The Church Centre, Marlborough St, Andover SP10 1ER**

**Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 0930h to 1500h, Friday 0930h to 1600h**

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