

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**10.00 am United Parish Communion**

**The Light Approaches - Isaiah 60:15-22 & John 1:1**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Theme: The Light Approaches**

**4.00 pm Christingle Service led by Reverend Phil Dykes**

**Readings: Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-7 & Luke 2:8-20**

**11.30 pm Midnight Communion**

**Readings Titus 2:11-14 & Luke 2: 1-14**

**Canon Martin Coppen**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.00 am All Age Christmas Communion**

**Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14**

**With Tom Etherton & David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.00 am United Parish Communion**

**With Heather Norton & Canon Martin Coppen**

**Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, John 3:1-17**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

**10.30 am Communion Service**

**Led by Reverend Sue Kipling**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Epiphany**

**10.00 am United Parish Communion**

**Canon Martin Coppen**

**Readings: Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12**

**6.00 pm Taizé Service with Tom Etherton**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

**Theme: Jesus, the Meaning of Baptism**

**Readings: Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22**

**9 am Holy Communion**

**Canon Martin Coppen leading, Tom Etherton preaching**

**10.20 am Children's Church register in church**

**10.30 am Morning Worship with Communion**

**Tom Etherton & Reverend Pete Steele leading**

**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.**

## **Wednesday Communion Services**

There will be no Communion Service on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December.

However there will be one on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 10.30 am as usual in the Memorial Chapel. This service will be taken by the Reverend Sue Kipling.

## **Christingle Factory**

We will be making Christingles in the Church Centre **today, 23 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 just turn up if you have some time to spare - no need to stay for the whole session 😊

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

Are you planning to come to this service? Would you be able to come early at 2.45 pm to help welcome the large congregation that attends each year? Alternatively, would you be available after the service to help give out goody bags and sweets to all? Speak to Diane or the Church Wardens. The Collection after this service will be donated to the Children's Society. Gift Aid Envelopes will be available for you to use if you are a tax payer.

### Timetable for the Resource Church.

- 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)

### Friends of St. Mary's

There will be the usual monthly coffee morning on Saturday 6th January from 10am to 12 noon. All are welcome to come and join this friendly group and enjoy refreshments and a raffle.

### Grapevine & Church Office

The next edition of the Grapevine will be published on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January. The cut off for entries is the Wednesday before - in this case 9<sup>th</sup> January. The office will be closed from 4pm on 21<sup>st</sup> December until 9.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

### Taizé Service

Sunday 6th January at 6pm in the church. Do come along to enjoy this quiet reflective service after the busyness of the Christmas Season.

### Prayer Meetings

The Prayer Meetings will start again on **Thursday 17th January 2019** from 8pm - 9pm in the Church Centre. The focus will be "New Beginnings."

### Foodbank

We would like to take this opportunity to say an ENORMOUS thank you to everyone who has donated to the foodbank during the past year – we are so, so grateful – you have been AMAZING!!! The foodbank will be closing at noon on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and will be re-opening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year From All the staff and volunteers at the Andover foodbank

### Christmas Cards

Please remember to check the pigeon-holes at the back of the church for Christmas cards from St. Mary's friends.



### 2019 Dates for your Diaries (contact the office for more information)

**Wednesday 2nd January** - Church Office reopens

**Wednesday 7th January** - Regular Art group meets in the Church Centre

**Friday 11th January** - Mustard Seed Toddler Group restarts (Church Centre)

**Sunday 13th January** - Children's Church starts again

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

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

**Office closed from 4pm on 21st December until 9.30am 2nd January.**

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