



# NoticeSheet

**We are a community of faith  
that SEEKS God in worship  
SERVES one another  
and SHARES the love of Jesus**

## **Sunday 19th February**

**We extend a warm welcome to Gordon Randall,  
Stewardship Adviser for the Winchester Diocese**

**Theme: Encouraging Generosity**

**Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and Mark 12:41-44**

**9am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship with Prayer Ministry**

**2.30pm Baptisms**

**6.30pm Men's Group meeting in the Church Centre**

## **Wednesday 22nd February**

**Holy Communion Service at 10.30am  
in St. Mary's Church led by Canon John**

## **Sunday 26th February**

**Theme: Generous God, Generous People**

**Readings: 1 Chronicles 29:10-20 and Matthew 6:10-20**

**9am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship with Communion  
and Prayer Ministry**

## **Children and Families Leaders**

Please continue to pray for Andy, Jo, Steven, Nathan and Peter, that their new home will be ready for them to move into. Praise God for answered prayer in that the existing tenants have found alternative accommodation.

## **Generosity and Giving**

On **Sundays 19th** and 26th February we shall be considering our generosity back to the Lord in the light of His abundant blessings to us. We are hugely grateful for the way you already contribute to the running of our church here in Andover. However, like everything in life our costs continue to increase. It is therefore important that we continue to encourage a spirit of generosity and ask everyone to consider reviewing their giving. To help us with this a number of things will be happening over the next two Sundays.

1. Enclosed is a short prayer card to help us pray about our giving.
2. Today and next Sunday our sermons will focus on encouraging generosity and giving.
3. On the 26th February everyone will receive a pack of information and will be asked to review their giving.

Please be assured that a review of giving is simply praying through how you believe you should respond, and then do one of three things: increase your giving, maintain your giving at its current level or reduce your giving. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions, concerns or queries.

## **Men's Group**

Our monthly evening gathering is **THIS** evening **Sunday 19th February** from **6.30pm to 8.30pm**. Please note we are meeting in the **Church Centre**, starting with soup and rolls; help with setting up tables and chairs would be appreciated. Our speaker will be Tim Townsend on 'Islam, and the challenge it is to our faith.' All men welcome, do sign the list at the back of church.

## **The Marriage Preparation Course**

Please remember in your prayers all the couples who will be getting married at St. Mary's this year, and for the team members, Canon John and Sue, Tom Etherton, Richard and Pen Barnes-Gorell and Mike and Clare Castle. The Marriage Preparation Course is being held in St. Mary's Church on **Wednesdays 22nd February, 1st and 8th March**.

### **Women's Group - 'A group that encourages the women of St. Mary's to grow together in Christ'**

Come and join us for an informal Prayer, Praise and Cake Evening on **Friday 24th February in St. Mary's Church from 7.30pm to 9pm**. Please sign the list at the back of church if you are coming and indicate whether you are able to provide cake and/or help with refreshments.

### **Reverend Lee**

Lee's project placement with the Chaplaincy Team in HM Prison, Winchester concludes on Sunday 19th February. From Wednesday 1st March Lee will be deployed to work in the Benefice of Knights Enham for the remainder of his curacy, under the support and supervision of Canon John as his Training Incumbent. This means that Lee's last Sunday with us at St. Mary's will be on **Sunday 26th February**. Please continue to pray for Lee, Emily, Jordan, Timmy, Luke and Annie-Joy as they remain in their current home and as Lee gains more experience in this final stage of his Initial Ministerial Education.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd March**

The service this year is being held at All Saints Church, Church Lane, Upper Clatford SP11 7HB **at 10.30am**. The theme is 'Am I Being Unfair to You?' and has been prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines. If you would like a lift, speak with Sue Harkin, Eileen Surtees or Rosalyn Peszkowski.

### **Little Saints Plant Sale**

A Plant Sale will be held on **Saturday 27th May from 10am to 12.30pm** in the Church Centre. If you are able to offer any seedlings, perennials or plant plugs for baskets and tubs to donate to the sale, we would be very grateful. Also if you are able to set the date aside to help with the Plant Sale, please speak with Liz Medley. Thank you.

### **Prayer Training Day**

In accordance with our Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP) we shall be holding a Prayer Workshop, with training on how to pray, on **Saturday 10th June from 9.30am to 12 noon**. This is a date for us all so please keep the morning free to join us.

### **Change of Date**

Kindly note the rescheduled date for the Away Day will now be **Saturday 24th June** at Tangley Parish Hall, Hatherden.

The Day is designed for Fun, Fellowship and Friends (FFF) and will consist of both indoor and outdoor games and activities, including for children, refreshments and space to enjoy some time together. More details will follow nearer the time.

### **Andover Foodbank**

The Foodbank is in need of rice, 1 litre containers of fruit juice (urgent), tinned spaghetti and deodorant. **Please check the sell by dates!** Thank you.

### **Eco Church - Your Personal Carbon Footprint**

The Eco Church Scheme requires that churches calculate their carbon footprint and sets a target to reduce the figure. Our PCC has now set a target of 5% for our church buildings. The scheme also asks that the church community be advised about the causes and impact of the carbon footprint caused by their use of fossil fuels to heat homes and for driving their cars. Please take the time to calculate your footprint and give thought to how you may personally reduce your impact on the atmosphere of God's world. If we all make small changes and reduce our carbon footprint together the sum of our changes will accumulate. A form to calculate your carbon footprint is available in the church and if you require more information please contact Ann Smith. Small changes really do make a difference and next month we will be encouraging participation in an annual event that delivers just that. The event is the WWF Earth Hour and you can obtain more information about this at [www.wwf.org.uk/earthhour](http://www.wwf.org.uk/earthhour).

### *Remember this:*

*Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.  
Each person should give what they have decided  
in their heart to give,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*2 Corinthians 9:6-7*