



# NoticeSheet

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

## **Sunday 19th March**

**Theme: Spiritual Discipline - Prayer**

**Readings: Acts 6:1-4 and Luke 11:1-4**

**9am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship with Prayer Ministry**

**10.30am Little, Junior and Urban Saints meet in Church for worship  
before leaving for their activities in the Church Centre**

**2.30pm Baptisms**

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

## **Wednesday 22nd March**

**Holy Communion Service at 10.30am**

**in St. Mary's Church led by Canon Jill**

## **Mothering Sunday 26th March**

**Theme: Spiritual Discipline - Fasting**

**Readings: 2 Chronicles 20:1-4 and Luke 4:1-13**

**9am Holy Communion**

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

**10.30am Little and Junior Saints meet in Church for worship  
before leaving for their activities in the Church Centre**

## **Men's Group**

Our next monthly evening gathering will be held on **Sunday 19th March** from **6.30pm to 8.30pm** in the Church Centre. Help **from 6pm** to get tables and chairs from the Chapel would be appreciated. The evening will start with soup and rolls, and be followed by Informal Worship led by Barry Wadhams. All men are welcome, please sign the clipboard at the back of the church.

## **Andover Foodbank**

In January and February this year the Foodbank distributed 122 family boxes, 158 single boxes and 17 limited cooking boxes (these are designed for people with no access to cooking facilities). They also gave out 28 cleaning packs, 37 toiletry packs and 13 baby bags. This week there is a desperate need for laundry powder/liquid and basic cleaning products such as toilet cleaner, multipurpose spray etc.

**Easter Eggs** - Please start collecting chocolate eggs which will be distributed to children and vulnerable adults in our area who may not otherwise be given one. The eggs are to be received by **Monday 20th March** as this gives time for partner agencies to pass them on to the children.

**FoodFreeLent has started!** This is an easy way to convert your food donation to cash. Simply download a moneybox from [www.andover.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.andover.foodbank.org.uk), or take one from the inside of the Foodbank container in church, and start collecting. Alternatively donate online or by cheque. Your donations give a valuable breathing space to someone in crisis.

## **Easter Lilies**

If you would like to pay for an Easter lily in remembrance of a loved one, the cost will be £4 per lily. Kindly place your order with the Church Office by **Friday 24th March** and fill in your loved ones name/names on the list at the back of church. Thank you.

## **The Friends of St. Mary's Coffee Morning**

Our monthly Coffee Morning on **Saturday 1st April** from 10am to 12 noon is being held in **St. Mary's Church**, rather than the Church Centre. Hot Cross Buns will be available! Do come and join us.

## **St. Mary's Walkers**

The next St. Mary's walk will be on **Sunday 2nd April**, starting from church at **12.15pm**. Please bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear. If you are interested in coming, please speak with Simon Nash or Rosemary Baker.

### **Electoral Roll Revision**

It is time for the annual revision of the Electoral Roll. Please would you check if your name is on the list near the South Door. If so, there is nothing more you need to do. If not, you are warmly invited to consider filling in an application form (available near the South Door) **by Monday 3rd April**. If living outside the parish (see [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)), you will note the need to have attended public worship at St. Mary's for six months. Please return the completed form to either Diane in the Church Office, or Martin Bazire, Electoral Roll Officer. Please note that participation in the APCM on 28th April requires your name to be on the Roll.

### **Andy, Jo, Steven, Nathan and Peter Berry**

Our new Children and Families Leaders and their sons have now booked the hire vehicle for their move to Andover, where their new home will be at 2 Madrid Road, Andover SP10 1JR. They will be loading up in Shropshire on Monday 3rd April, driving down early morning on **Tuesday 4th April**, arriving in Andover late morning/lunchtime, and then unloading everything for their first night in their new home. **They would appreciate it if there were any people available to help with the unloading please.** We will also be organizing a work party to clean the house before they move in, and arranging a welcome hamper for them all. More details to follow.

### **Women's Group**

The Women's Group will be meeting on **Friday 7th April at 7.30pm** in St. Mary's Church. There will be an opportunity to create our own personal collage to reflect who we are and our future journey, as well as to enjoy coffee and cake, and have time for prayer and worship. Any donations of craft and haberdashery items will be useful, for example, magazines for cutting, ribbons, wool, buttons, lace etc. Cakes will be gratefully received on the night! Thank you. Rosemary Baker and Stella Bruce-Kerr.

### **Agape Supper Meal Co-ordinator**

On Maundy Thursday the **13th April** we would like to host an Agape Supper in the Harris Hall starting at **7pm for 7.30pm**. This evening is a return to our Christian roots where we meet together for thanksgiving and fellowship, over a meal with each other and with our Lord and Saviour, remembering especially the very first 'Lord's Supper.' **To enable this to go ahead**, a Co-ordinator is required to take responsibility for organising the practical and catering side of the evening. Please speak with Diane in the Church Office.

### **Prayer Ministry Team Training in the Church Centre**

This will be held on **Saturday 29th April, 10am to 11.30am**, and will be an informal meeting allowing time for any issues to be raised, or for any suggestions that will encourage us all. We will spend a short time praying for each other too, using the St. Mary's model when praying for others. Coffee and cake will be provided at 9.45am - very important! Tim and Rosemary.

### **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.

### **Milk Bottle Tops**

We now have two people who are interested in taking milk bottle tops for recycling, Jane Bazire and Paula Deverill. Jane would like only green milk bottle tops and Paula would like any other plastic bottle tops. When you bring your collected bottle tops to church there is a small three drawer unit at the back in the corner by the sofa. Would you please put green bottle tops in the top drawer and all others in the second and third drawers. Thank you for helping to reduce waste by recycling.

### **Weekly Offering Envelopes**

Kindly note the new sets of weekly offering envelopes are at the back of church for those who already use them. If anyone would like to start using offering envelopes, please speak with either Mary or June. Thank you.

*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.  
When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him,  
"Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."  
He said to them, "When you pray, say:  
Father, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.  
And lead us not into temptation."*

*Luke 11:1-4*