

Welcome to St. Mary's

A beating heart for Andover



Hi and welcome to St Mary's Andover - we're so glad you're here!

At St Mary's, we have fun, laugh, share life, serve our community, care for each other and worship God together. We have a vision to be a beating heart for Andover – pumping love, life and hope around our town and beyond! In the coming months, we're going on a journey to work out what this looks like afresh. It's a great time to be here; you're so welcome and we invite you to join us!

Revd Chris Bradish, Vicar

Easter Sunday – Fun Day!

After the 10am celebration service on Easter Day, we're going to have some fun in the sun (!) on the lawn. Please stay to join us for an all-age fun-packed afternoon starting straight after the service. There will be music, food, a bouncy castle, face paints, donkey rides and more. All free with donations gratefully received. It's a time for us to enjoy being together, to have fun, and to celebrate Jesus's resurrection. Great fun to be had – you are invited along with your neighbours and friends – please do invite them along!

Mothering Sunday Posies

Many thanks to Pen Barnes-Gorell and her band of helpers who made all the posies for Mothering Sunday, such beautiful tokens of our love for those who provide mothering care.

Planned Giving

The new weekly giving envelopes are available at the back of church for those signed up. If you would like to start giving in this way please talk with Mary Singleton or June Harris.

Annual Plant Sale

Don't forget to plant up a few extra seedlings or pot on some plants when you're splitting them. The plant sale will be on Saturday 18 May this year in the Church.

PCC and Church Wardens – vacancies

As we approach the APCM on 30 April, we are giving thanks for all those who serve St Mary's on the PCC and as church wardens. We are also looking to the future with great excitement as the work continues to prepare for our mission as a Resource Church. In the

usual way, we have a number of vacancies arising for both PCC membership and church warden roles. If you sense God might be calling you to serve in either of these ways, please speak to Chris (Vicar) or Nigel May (one of our current Church Wardens) in the first instance to find out more.

St Mary's Walkers

Meeting today, Sun 7 April. The route will be about 5 miles. Start from St Mary's 12.15 pm. Bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear. More information? speak with Simon Nash.

Pews

Some have asked about pews, so for the benefit of all: to register an interest in a pew, please speak to Karyn French or email Karyn.french@stmarysandover.org

Eco Church – Big Litter Pick at Anton Lakes

Test Valley have organised a Big Litter Pick at Anton Lakes on Saturday 27 April between 10am and 2pm. Why not join in and help maintain our Eco Church credentials.

Vicar's contact details & day off

Revd Chris Bradish

Day off: Friday

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Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 3pm, Friday 9.30am to 4pm

The office is closed from Thursday 4 April reopening on Tuesday 9 April

7 April Theme & Readings

Confession: Forgive Us: John 12:1-18 & Matthew 6:5-15

14 April Theme & Readings

Aspiration: Lead Us: Luke 19:28-40 & Matthew 6:5-15

Services up to Easter

- ∞ Wednesday 10 April 10.30am Holy Communion Service
- ∞ Sunday 14 April 9am Palm Sunday Holy Communion
- ∞ Sunday 14 April 10.30am Palm Sunday Worship with Communion
- ∞ Wednesday 17 April 10.30am Holy Communion Service

Please collect a flyer for Easter services