

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!

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 Tuesday 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.

Prayer Meeting

The next prayer meeting is on Monday 15th April and the Focus is in two parts: The events of Easter Week and Prayers for our country at this crucial time

Men's Meeting

Sunday 14 April from 6.30pm to 8.30 pm. There will be informal worship, and I will then lead on the next chapter of Jeff Lucas' book "Staying in the Boat". Speak to Derrick Norton if you you'd like to find out more about these meetings – new men always welcome.

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 from 10am to 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

14 April Theme & Readings

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

Services to end of April

- ∞ Wednesday 17 April 10.30am Holy Communion Service (Revd Chris)
- ∞ Thursday 18 April 7.30pm Traditional Communion Service
- ∞ Friday 19 April 10.30am Service outside the Guildhall
- ∞ Friday 19 April 2pm Reflective Service in Church
- ∞ Sunday 21 April 6.30am Sunrise service followed by BBQ Breakfast
- ∞ Sunday 21 April 10am Easter Communion Service followed by food and fun
- ∞ Wednesday 24 April 10.30am Holy Communion Service (Revd Chris)
- ∞ Sunday 28 April 9am Holy Communion
- ∞ Sunday 28 April 10.30am Morning Worship, Communion & Children's Church

**Please collect some flyers for Easter services
to give out to your friends and families**