

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 – He is Risen - Jesus is Alive!

😊 Happy Easter 😊

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 our service today, please join us for some fun in the sun. There will be music, food, a bouncy castle, face paints, donkey rides and more. All free with donations gratefully received. A time for us to enjoy being together, to have fun and to celebrate Jesus's love. You are invited – do join us, we would love to spend time with you.



New Associate Minister!

I'm delighted to announce that the Revd Simon Robertson's appointment as Associate Minister has been confirmed. Simon will be moving from Hordle and Tiptoe on the south coast to join us at St Mary's. He is married to Sandra (Sandie) and they have a daughter, Chloe, who will be going into Year 7 from September. We are so excited to be getting ready to welcome them. Do pray for them as they prepare to leave their community in Hordle. We give thanks to God for their calling to be with us. Please pencil in 16 June as the date for Simon's licensing by the Bishop of Basingstoke. Further details to follow nearer the time.

The Etherton Family

It has been great to get to know Tom a little this year as he has been coming towards the end of his ordination training with us at St Mary's. The plan is for Tom to be ordained in Winchester Cathedral on 30 June and he will go on to serve a curacy in the Pastrow Benefice, not far from Andover at all. Next Sunday will be Tom and Hannah's last with us as they move on to this exciting next stage of life and ministry. We will say thank you to them and pray for them next Sunday. In the meantime, I'm sure many will want to sign a card, please find this at the back of church with an envelope for contributions towards a gift.

Eco Church – Big Litter Pick at Anton Lakes

Let's be a church that cares for our world! - Test Valley have organised a Big Litter Pick at Anton Lakes on Saturday 27 April between 10am and 2pm. What a great idea! Join me and let's protect God's precious creation in our town. See you there!

'Life Together – let's do this!' - new preaching Series

We have spent time dwelling in the words of the Lord's Prayer during Lent. Our prayer was that this would 'spark joy' – I pray that it has and that it will be a prayer that we continue to learn to pray together.

Next week we begin a new preaching series called 'Life Together – let's do this!' – we will focus on five words which have emerged in prayer and the many conversations as I have had with you about the vision. These words will be central to the vision we build together here at St Mary's as we move afresh to proclaim the love, hope and goodness of Jesus to our town: fun, open, deep, brave and fragile. These will be important times of sharing the vision – so please do prioritise these services – I really look forward to seeing you there.

Vicar's contact details & day off

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28 April Theme & Readings

Fun comes first! - Psalm 30 & John 2.1-12

5 May Theme & Readings

Open to the other: Psalm 111 & Matthew 15.21-28