



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

### **Sunday 19th November**

**Theme: The Day Of The Lord**

**Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 and Matthew 25:14-30**

**9am Holy Communion**

**10.20am Children's Church (3 - 13+)**

**meet in the Church Centre for their activities,  
before joining their families in church  
for Communion and Final Blessing**

**10.30am Morning Worship and Prayer Ministry**

**4pm Taizé Service**

**6.30pm Men's Group**

### **Wednesday 22nd November**

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

### **Wednesday 26th November**

**Theme: Wisdom And Revelation**

**Readings: Ephesians 1:15-23 and Matthew 25:31-46**

**9am Holy Communion**

**10.20am Children's Church (3 - 13+)**

**meet in the Church Centre for their activities,  
before joining their families in church  
for Communion and Final Blessing**

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

*There is an unsupervised crèche available for 0-3 year olds,  
through the doors at the back of church.*

*This area contains toys, books, colouring and comfortable seating,  
in addition to sound and vision, so you can see and hear the service.*

### **A Message From Sophie Willis**

There are currently 40.3 million slaves in the world and two million children in the sex trade. Ian and Kitty's daughter Sophie is heading to South Asia in January for a year, to volunteer with the International Justice Mission (IJM). IJM is a global faith based organisation working to free and protect men, women and children in slavery or subjugated to violence in developing countries. On Sunday the **19th of November** Sophie will be sharing at the 10.30am service about IJM's work and how she will be assisting them next year. If you would like to support her, please follow this link [www.youcaring.com/internationaljusticemissioncommunicationsfellow-975256](http://www.youcaring.com/internationaljusticemissioncommunicationsfellow-975256)

### **Taizé Service**

Join us on **Sunday 19th November at 4pm** for our Taizé Service, a mixture of reflective music, words and silence. The service highlights simple phrases, often lines from the Psalms or other pieces of scripture, repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer, and the service provides space for you to meet with God. You are most welcome.

### **St. Mary's Men's Group**

The group will be meeting on **Sunday 19th November at 6.30pm** at Nigel May's home for an evening of Informal Worship led by Barry and a Bible Study on Micah led by Ian. All men from St. Mary's are very warmly invited, please sign the list at the back of church, so we know how many will be joining us for soup and rolls.

### **Christmas Choir**

The next practice is on **Monday 20th November at 7.30pm**, followed by the 27th November in the Church Centre Chapel. The last practices on the 4th and 11th December will be in church.

### **Vine Trust Bookshop**

A Bookstall will be in church on the **26th November**, available after both services, to provide the opportunity to browse and order from their wonderful selection of Christmas cards and items for presents. Please do support them.

### **Prayer Ministry Training**

We are holding a Prayer Ministry Training Day in the Church Centre on **Saturday 25th November from 10am to 12 noon**, refreshments will be available from 9.45am. If anyone is interested in being on the team, or would like to know more, please contact Tim or Rosemary Townsend.

### **Andover Choral Society Christmas Concert**

This will be held on **Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm** in church, and will include selections from Bach's festive masterpiece, the Christmas Oratorio. The evening will also feature the superb Westminster Chamber Orchestra, as well as a stellar line up of professional soloists. Tickets cost £12 and are available from [www.thelights.org.uk](http://www.thelights.org.uk) or the Box Office on 01264 368368.

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

After a snack lunch in St. Mary's **from 12.15pm to 12.45pm on Sunday 3rd December**, we will drive to the car park at *St. Mary Bourne Village Centre and Shop* (on the B3048) for a circular walk starting at 1pm of a maximum of 4.5 miles, depending on weather and energy levels. In any event it is hilly and crosses some fields, so waterproof shoes with a good tread are advisable and a walking stick. Transport will be provided. No need to book unless you need transport, please contact Martin Coppen.

### **Christmas Day Lunch**

There will be a Christmas Day lunch at Lion Oak Court, Salisbury Road, Andover SP10 2JJ which is available for anyone in the Andover area who will be on their own on Christmas Day this year. To book or volunteer, please contact Andover Neighbourcare, telephone 01264 339899 or 01264 404142.

### **Sound and Vision**

You do not need to be technical, nor require any experience, to join our sound and vision team, as we will train and support you completely. It is a privilege to serve in this ministry; to find out more please speak with Pru Caric.

### **Calling All Keen Gardeners**

We hope to hold a Plant Sale again next May, so if you are sub-dividing or moving plants around and have some spare to pot up, we would be very grateful. If you cannot look after them until May, please let Liz Medley or Rosemary Baker know and we can collect them from you. Many thanks.

### **Andover Foodbank**

The Foodbank are running short of the following food items, fruit juice, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned rice pudding, rice, Longlife milk, tinned potatoes/packet mashed potatoes and tinned vegetables. They also need the following non-food items, small saucepans, towels, toiletries including shampoo, shower gel, soap, deodorant, shaving foam, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Thank you very much for your support.

### **Winter Drop In**

As the weather turns colder preparations are being made for the Winter Drop In. The Bridge Centre will be open every evening throughout December, January and February to provide a nutritious meal and somewhere to be in warmth and safety. Tents and sleeping bags will also be provided to those who need them. Within hours of letting people know about the Drop In, the volunteer rota was filling well, but if anyone would like to volunteer for a few evenings, more help would be very gratefully received. Please contact the Bridge Office telephone 01264 335522. The 900 or so evening meals take some resourcing so all churches in town are being asked to contribute £30 or whatever they can, that will enable the Drop In to last through the winter. Individual contributions would also be appreciated, please send any money or make cheques to the Valley Church Andover who keep the accounts for us. Many thanks. Peter Kinross.

***For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath  
but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

***He died for us so that,  
whether we are awake or asleep,  
we may live together with Him.  
Therefore encourage one another  
and build each other up,  
just as in fact you are doing.***

***1 Thessalonians 4: 9-11***