



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

Sunday 24th September

Theme: The Last Shall Be First

Readings: Philippians 1:21-26 and Matthew 20:1-16

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 the final blessing**

10.30am Morning Worship and Prayer Ministry

Wednesday 27th September

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

Sunday 1st October

9am Holy Communion

Theme: The Gift of Humility

**Readings: Philippians 2:1-13
and Matthew 21:23-32**

10.30am Active All Age Service and Prayer Ministry

Theme: God Is Worth Believing In

Reading: Exodus 16:1-5

*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.*

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Alpha Course

The Autumn Term Course is held on **Mondays** from **7.30pm to 9.30pm** in the Church Centre. It's not too late if you'd like to join them this Monday. The meeting begins with soup and a roll, followed by a DVD and discussion. If you would like to find out more about the course, please speak with Kate Walbyoff or contact Diane in the Church Office. If you could provide soup and rolls for one evening, please would you sign against one of the dates on the list at the back of church. Thank you.

Christmas Choir

We are seeking this year to have a Christmas Choir once again and would love it if you would join us. Practices will continue on the following dates: **2nd, 23rd and 30th October**, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November in the Church Centre Chapel. The last practices on the 4th and 11th December will be in church. It's not too late if you wish to join the choir, please speak with Pru.

St. Mary's Walkers

There will be no walk on 1st October, but we'll be back out in the fresh air from 12.15pm on November 5th.

Parish Prayer Meeting

Corrie Ten Boom said "Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?" Do join us for the joy of sharing an hour of prayer together on **Thursday 5th October from 7.30pm** in the Church Centre.

Harvest Supper & Quiz Night

The annual Friends of St. Mary's Harvest Supper and Quiz Night will be held in the Harris Hall on **Friday 6th October, 6.30pm** for 7pm prompt start. Children are most welcome, it won't be a very late night. You can sign up for supper or bring your own if you prefer: Cod & Chips £4.75, Sausage & Chips £3.00, Vegeburger & Chips £4, chicken & Chips £4. Bring your own drinks. Please sign up on the list at the back of church or contact the Church Office if you're planning to come so we can arrange enough tables.

Food Bank Items Needed This Week

tins of meat or fish, tinned potatoes or veg, tins of Spaghetti, tinned fruit or rice pudding, rice, pasta sauce, sugar, coffee, biscuits, longlife milk.

Men's Group Pie & Pint

At the Chalkhill Blue, Hawker Siddley Road, SP11 8BF just off the A303 near the Army Headquarters **Wednesday 11th October, 6.30pm to 7pm**. There is a good choice of main courses for £5. Lifts available, please sign the list at the back of church. A social time for all men friends.

Reverend Lee Davies

Lee's Licensing Service as the new Priest in Charge at Knight's Enham will take place on Monday 16th October at 7.30pm in St. Paul's Church and Community Centre, Smannell Road, Andover SP11 6JP. If you would like to attend the service and reception afterwards please contact Rachel Harper, Parish Administrator on 01264 335237 or at admin@knightsenham.org.uk. Rachel's working hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.45am to 4pm, and Thursday from 8.45am to 3.15pm. If you would like to make a donation as a farewell gift to Lee for his ministry here at St. Mary's, do please send your gift to Diane in St. Mary's Church Office marked 'Lee Davies.'

Children's Light Party

St. Mary's is holding a Light Party on **31st October**, here in the Church from **6pm to 7pm**. We need your support to make this evening memorable! If you feel you could help us with this event in any way please speak to Andy & Jo Berry, or contact Diane Wilson in the church office.

The Light Party will be very similar in format and feel to the Holiday Club/Children's Church, which means all activities will be led from the front. We simply need people to encourage the children and be with them during those 60 minutes. We'll have a craft, video worship, video aerobics, a gospel message, interactive talks, a live and very happy pumpkin carving as well as a quieter prayer zone. In addition, we'll provide refreshments for parents.

Most importantly, we'd value your prayers as we seek to provide a safe alternative for children; for God to encourage and draw children to Him. Many thanks in advance - Andy & Jo Berry

St. Mary's Christmas Fayre

Saturday November 18th, 10am to 1pm. Put the date in your diary! Please look out for new items for the gift stall and items for the Tombola and raffle.

Prayer Ministry Training

We are holding the next prayer ministry training day on **Saturday 25th November, 10am until 12 noon**, if anyone is interested in being on the team or would like to know more, please contact Rosemary or Tim Townsend.

Church Weekend Away September 2018

We are pleased to offer to everyone at St. Mary's the proposed booking for Sidholme Hotel at Sidmouth for the Weekend Away from **Friday 14th to Sunday 16th September 2018**. Please look at this date for next year, and really consider coming along. **To secure your room we need a deposit of £10 per person by the end of September**, please pay this to the Parish Administrator as soon as possible.

The hotel is excellent, seen by Paula and Nigel, and known by others too, with garden, sea, and good sizeable rooms, facilities, dining area and indoor swimming pool. Prices vary from £98 up to £160 per person for the whole weekend, they include full board and accommodation, all meals, no extras required. Big reductions for children depending on age, tots free, young 75% off to older 25% off. There will be a good outside speaker to lead us, Andy Peck, who has a wide experience and is well known. There will be a programme for the weekend, but you will be free to join in whatever you want.

Sound & Vision Operators

We're very short of sound operators for the 9am and sound & vision operators for the 10.30am services. Full training and opportunity to shadow experienced operators will be given. This is a really vital role for all our services so please consider if you would be willing to try this out and talk with Pru.

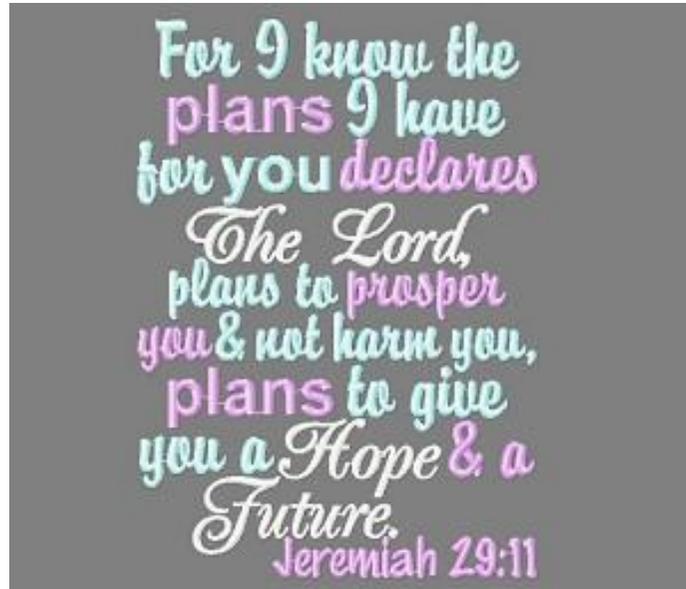
Church opening on Saturdays

You may wish to note that St Mary's church is open each week on **Saturday mornings**, thanks to a willing group of volunteers acting in pairs. Opening times are usually from **10.30am to 12.30pm**, but these are occasionally adjusted due to weddings. Please do take the opportunity to call in.

We need more volunteers, so that each person opens the church no more than once every two months. If you are willing, or interested in finding out more, please contact Martin Bazire.

Vine Trust Bookshop

The Vine Trust is urgently looking for volunteers to help in their Christian Bookshop in Bridge Street Andover. We especially need help on Monday afternoons, Thursday mornings and Saturdays. The Bookshop is open 6 days a week from 10am to 4pm . We operate two shifts per day 10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4pm and we are looking for volunteers to help with either a half or full day. Please call into the shop to find out more, contact Brenda Sleath on 01264 355706, or email vinetrustandover@gmail.com.



For more information

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Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 2pm,

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