



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

**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**

**Wednesday 27th September**

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

**Sunday 8th October**

**Theme: Harvest Thanksgiving**

**Readings: Deuteronomy 28:1-14**

**Luke 12:16-31**

**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 Communion & Final Blessing**

**10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving 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.*

**Christmas Choir**

We are seeking this year to have a Christmas Choir once again and would love it if you would join us. The next Practice is **tomorrow, Monday 2nd October** at **7.30pm** and will continue on the following dates: 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 or just come along.

**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. Supper will be Cod (£4.75), Sausage (£3), Chicken (£4), Vegeburger (£4) all with chips of course! No charge for the evening if you prefer to bring your own, but do sign up so we can arrange enough tables. Bring your own drinks. Please sign up on the list at the back of church or contact the Church Office.

**Friends of St. Mary's Coffee Morning**

The monthly Coffee Morning will be held again from 10am in the Church Centre. Everyone is welcome - do bring any friends who might be interested.

**Picket Twenty 3R's Café**

The café will be running again, in Pilgrims' Cross School, next Saturday, **7th October, 2pm to 4pm**. Please bake a cake and bring to the office on Friday between 9.30am and 4pm or to the school on Saturday from 1pm. Let Diane in the office know if you're able to help on the day.

**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 for 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.

**Litter Pick Event**

Another litter clean up event has been arranged for **Sunday 15th October** after the 10.30am service (about **12 noon**). It is intended to clean up the area around the church and the cemetery again as so much litter was collected last time. If you are able to participate in this event. could you please put your name on the list at the back of the church. Thank you for continuing to support our Eco Church work.

### **Men's Group**

Talk by Rob Savill on "Journeys - Matt.5:14" **Sunday 15th October, 6.30pm to 8.30pm** at Nigel's house. Starting with soup & rolls. ALL MEN WELCOME, ESPECIALLY NECOMERS. Please sign the clipboard!

### **Reverend Lee**

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 the Church Office marked 'Lee Davies'. His Licensing Service is at St. Paul's on **Monday 16th October, 7.30pm**.

### **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 would like to help 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 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**.

### **St. Mary's Christmas Fayre**

Is to be held on **Saturday November 18th, 10am to 1pm** in the Harris Hall. Put the date in your diary! Please look out for new items for the gift stall and items for the Tombola and raffle. Someone brought in a raffle drum last year but we cannot remember who - are you able to get it again this year? Please contact Ros or Diane in the office!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:vinetrustandover@gmail.com).

### **Christmas Cards**

Bryan Beggs has donated some lovely Christmas Cards depicting St. Mary's Church. They are available at the back of church and he suggests you give a donation to the Appeal Fund.

### **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, shower gel, Toothbrushes, Razors. Also collecting Christmas Gift Boxes - take a flyer. Next Coffee Morning **Friday 6th October, 10.30am** at the Catholic Church Hall. 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.

**For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,  
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future."**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

**For more information**

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