



Welcome to
St. Mary's
Andover

NoticeSheet

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

Sunday 21st May

Theme: Receive the Holy Spirit

Readings: Acts 17:22-33 and John 14:15-21

9am Holy Communion

**10.20am Children's Church (3 - 13+) meet in the Church Centre
for their activities before joining their families in church**

10.30am Morning Worship with Prayer Ministry

2.30pm Baptisms

6.30pm Men's Group meeting in the Church Centre

Wednesday 24th May

Holy Communion Service at 10.30am

in St. Mary's Church led by Canon Jill

Sunday 28th May

Theme: Jesus' Prayer

Readings: Acts 1:6-14 and John 17:1-26

9am Holy Communion

**10.20am Children's Church (3 - 13+) meet in the Church Centre
for their activities before joining their families in church**

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and Prayer Ministry

3pm Street Pastors Commissioning Service

at Bridge Street Methodist Church

*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*

Men's Group

Our meeting is being held on **Sunday 21st May at 6.30pm** in the Church Centre, with guest speaker Bruce Dunton, Area Representative for Christian Voice for Men. Please sign the list at the back of church, and bring a donation for Bruce to cover his costs and express our appreciation. Thank you.

North West Hampshire Election Hustings

All are welcome to attend the Hustings on **Sunday 21st May from 7.30pm to 9pm** at the Fairground Hall, Weyhill, Andover SP11 0QN. This event is being organized and sponsored by Andover Churches Together.

Christian Aid

Thank you to all who have returned envelopes last week. If you have not done so yet you can make a donation anytime online at www.caweek.org or return the envelope to the Church Office no later than lunchtime on **Tuesday 23rd May**. Thank you.

Plant Sale

The Plant Sale will be held on **Saturday 27th May** in the Church Centre from **10am to 12.30pm**. Donations of plants can be brought to the Church Centre on Friday 26th May between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If you would like us to collect them please contact Liz Medley. If you don't have a garden or do gardening, please join us for a cup of tea/coffee and cake.

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World - 27th May to 25th June

This is a prayer focus when Christians worldwide are called upon to make an intentional and respectful effort to learn about, pray for and reach out to Muslim neighbours. A full colour prayer guide booklet is produced each year, and copies are available at the back of church. For more information please speak with Tim Townsend.

3R's Café

Thank you to everyone who shares in this exciting ministry to the residents of Picket Twenty. Grateful thanks especially to those who bake the cakes, which are so very much appreciated and always complimented on each month! Our next Café will be on **Saturday 3rd June from 2pm to 4pm**.

Please note that there will not be a Café in July, but offers of cakes to support Pilgrims' Cross School 'Summer Sizzler' on Saturday 1st July would be gratefully received.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Initiative - 25th May to 4th June

Do pray especially during this time for our world. There will be a special Pentecost Praise Service organized by Andover Churches Together, held in St. Mary's on **Sunday 4th June at 3pm** to which all are very welcome.

Prayer Workshop

One of the Active Inputs in our pMAP is to organize a Prayer Workshop and more training on how to pray. This Workshop will be held on **Saturday 10th June from 9.30am to 12 noon** in the Church Centre. We are all encouraged to come together so that we can learn new, or deepen existing ways, to strengthen our prayer life.

Baptisms, Dedication and Confirmations

The Bishop of Basingstoke, the Right Reverend Bishop David will be joining us for the morning services on **Sunday 11th June at 9am and 10.30am**. During the 10.30am service he will be conducting a dedication in addition to baptisms and confirmations. Do please come to support the candidates.

Men's Group

Please note there will be a Men's Breakfast at The Redbridge in Bridge Street on **Saturday 17th June at 8am**. All men are very welcome to come and share in this time of fellowship together.

Attention Nature Lovers

Please join me (Neil Catty) for a guided nature walk around Rooksbury Mill Nature Reserve on **Sunday 18th June at 2pm**. It will be a short but slow stroll suitable for all ages. There is a stretch of unsurfaced path accessed through gates, and as the path may be muddy I would advise that suitable footwear is worn. We should see plenty of birds, butterflies and dragonflies.

I will be leaving from the reserve car park which is off Barlow's Lane, next to the allotments. If you would like further information email me at neilcatty@yahoo.co.uk.

*The Church Office will be closed on Friday 26th May
and reopen on Friday 2nd June from 9.30am to 2pm*

Taizé Service

Join us on **Sunday 18th June at 4pm** for the launch of our new Taizé service. This will be an opportunity, once a month, on the 3rd Sunday to join us for a mixture of reflective music, words and silence which aims to provide space for you to meet with God. If you want to be involved in the service, please let Tom or Pru know.

Great, Great God (3G) Concert

This concert featuring the Petra House Choir and others, will take place on **Saturday 1st July at 5.30pm** at The Lights. Admission is free, but tickets need to be booked in advance, 01264 368368 or www.thelights.org.uk/whatson.

Andover Foodbank

There is an urgent request this week for fruit juice, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes and 500ml bags of sugar, in addition to tinned fruit please. Thank you for your generosity, prayers and support.

Women's Bible Study Group

The WBSG is launching on **Saturday 19th August at 10am** with a breakfast, and will then meet monthly to study women from the Old Testament. The first study session will be on Saturday 9th September at 10am at The Lights Café, and then every 2nd Saturday thereafter. Each meeting will form a complete study, so if you can't come every month you will not miss half a topic. Please speak with Karyn French after the 10.30am service for more information or to register interest.

Servant Hearts Required!

We have an **urgent need** for people to act as Sidespeople or to help with refreshments at the 10.30am service on Sunday mornings. Please take a turn at helping, clearly the more people we get the more these ministries are shared! Thank you.

*If you love me, you will obey what I command.
And I will ask the Father,
and He will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever,
the Spirit of truth.*

John 14:15-17a



Children and Families Leaders

The role of the Children and Families Leader is to lead in developing the work of St. Mary's with children and families both in the church and in the community and to pioneer mission opportunities for children and families in Andover, with a focus on Andover Church of England Primary School and Pilgrims' Cross Church of England (Aided) Primary School.

This role is shared between Andy and Jo and has been divided into ten key areas of responsibility; where one leads, the other will always be supporting that role.

Andy will lead on:	Jo will lead on:
Vision - communication, media	Support and advice for parents
Worship Planning Group - (All Age Service)	Safeguarding
Managing Children's Ministry Teams	Partnership working, liaise with groups in St. Mary's and beyond
Pastoral care for children - Children's Church, Baptisms	Outreach Activities
Special Events - Holiday Club, Light Party	Schools work

If you would like to be involved with Children's Church or for more information, please speak with Andy and Jo, or contact them via the Church Office.

Children's Church Summer Term Theme - Fruit of the Spirit

The new Summer Term has begun and Children's Church will be meeting again **TODAY**. Please bring your child/children directly to the Church Centre for registration. The morning will commence with contemporary worship, and there will be child friendly Bible based teaching and interactive prayer. Jo, Andy and the Children's Church team members will then bring the children into church in time to receive a blessing or communion with their families. They will come up the middle aisle where they will hand your children back into your care. Please encourage your child/children to stay with you for the remainder of the service. Thank you.

Mustard Seed - Parent Toddler Group

Mustard Seed meets in the Church Centre every **Friday from 10am to 11.30am** during term time and are in need of empty plastic bottles. The bottles will be sealed, decorated and filled with dried food to make shakers, really cool and simple musical instruments for the children to play with! Please see Jo Berry, Children and Families Leader, or leave the empty bottles in the old Church Office at the back of Church, or with Diane in the Church Office in the Church Centre.

Children's Church - Cardboard needed!

Children's Church are focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit, found in Galatians 5:22-23. At our last session in July, prior to breaking up for the Summer holiday, St. Mary's Children's Church will be creating some pieces of art work, which will visually pull all of our Sunday sessions together and something they can take home. For this we will need some pieces of cardboard, anything with a flat surface of 40cm x 40cm or 16 inches by 16 inches (or bigger) would be gratefully received. Please see Andy or Jo Berry, Children and Families Leaders or any of the St. Mary's Children's Church Team, or leave the cardboard at the back of Church. Thank you.

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”

Galatians 5:22,23