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

Sunday 22nd January

**We welcome to our services this morning the Reverend Canon
Mark Collinson, Canon Principal at the Winchester School of Mission**

Theme: Global Mission

Readings: Ephesians 3:7-12 and Matthew 9:35-38

9am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and Prayer Ministry

**10.30am Little and Junior Saints meet in Church for worship
before leaving for their activities in the Church Centre**

**6.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity United Service
at Bridge Street Methodist Church**

Wednesday 25th January

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

Sunday 29th January

Theme: What is Global Mission?

Readings: Acts 8:4-8 and John 15:12-17

10am United Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry

**10am Little and Junior Saints meet in Church for worship
before leaving for their activities in the Church Centre**

Our new Children and Families Leaders

We are thrilled that Andy, Jo, Steven, Nathan and Peter are joining us today and we offer them a warm St. Mary's welcome. Thank you for all your prayers and we praise the Lord for an answer to those prayers, as the family are in the process of confirming their acceptance of a 4 bedroomed house to rent, at a reasonable monthly fee, and within walking distance of the church! It will be some time before the current tenants move out, and please pray for them too as they now seek alternative accommodation. This is an exciting time as we prepare for this new chapter of ministry with Andy and Jo, as they work with our Children and Family Groups.

Alpha Course Spring Term 2017

The current course started on **16th January** and will continue on Monday evenings until **3rd April, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm**, in the Church Centre; it also includes the Holy Spirit Day on **Saturday 4th March from 11am to 4pm**. Please would you pray for Craig, Andrea, Franky, Zita, Natalie, Michele, Sarah, Cathy, Pete and Karen, as well as for leaders Kate and Sven, that each one may have a personal experience of God that is right for them. Help is still needed to provide a soup and roll meal for some of the evenings please, as well as lunch for the Holy Spirit Day. Do sign the list at the back of church and speak with Kate Walbyoff or Sven Maxfield if you able to help. Thank you.

Discipleship Group Spring Term 2017

This group also met for the first time on **Monday 16th January at 7.30pm**, for an exciting new 6 week course for people who have either completed an Alpha Course, or who simply wish to deepen their faith. Please hold Michael, Marion, Richard, Kelsey, Charles and Ali in your prayers, as well as Pippa, Michael, Tim and Rosemary. For more information please speak with Pippa Pearce at the 10.30am service.

3R's Pop-Up Café Request

We thank God that the Café is becoming so well received and thank you to all those who bake cakes, serve refreshments and help practically and spiritually. Kevin and Katie, who lead the children's craft activities during the afternoon, would be grateful for any donations of **Lego** so we can set up a corner of the hall for this fun activity. Please bring any donations of surplus Lego you may have at home, and leave them at the back of church or in the Church Office, marked 3R's Café. Thank you very much. We next meet on **Saturday 4th February from 2pm to 4pm** at Pilgrims' Cross School.

St. Mary's Walkers

It's time to get out the walking shoes after the winter break! The next St. Mary's walk will be on **Sunday 5th February, starting from church at 12.15pm**. Please bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear. If you are interested in coming, please speak with Simon Nash.

Andover Young Musician of the Year

This exciting Classical and Popular Music Competition will be held in St. Mary's Church on **Thursday 9th February starting at 6.30pm**. Tickets are £10, with under 14's FREE and are available from David Mellor Jewellers, or from Chris Lynn telephone 01264 396511 or 07810 848984. All proceeds from the evening are for St. Mary's Church.

Agape Supper Meal Co-ordinator

This year Maundy Thursday will be on **Thursday 13th April** and following the pattern of recent years, we would like to host an Agape Supper in the Harris Hall starting at **7pm for 7.30pm**. This evening is a return to our Christian roots where we meet together for thanksgiving and fellowship, over a meal with each other and with our Lord and Saviour, remembering especially the very first 'Lord's Supper.' To enable this to go ahead, a Co-ordinator is required to take responsibility for organising the practical and catering side of the evening. Please let Diane in the Church Office know if you would be willing to act as Co-ordinator. Thank you.

Eco-Church - Managing the Carbon Footprint

The Eco-Church scheme is about managing the impact that the church and its community have on the earth. All of us in our everyday lives do things that adversely affect the earth and as Christians we all have an obligation to recognise and manage the impact. The Eco-Church scheme asks that we raise our awareness of our impact on climate change by calculating and managing our carbon footprint. In the coming weeks the PCC will be asked to set a target to reduce the carbon footprint and the church community will be encouraged to understand their personal carbon footprint. Finally, please consider this quote from Eco-Congregation Scotland when considering what action you may take, **"Climate change represents a failure in our stewardship of the earth and its implications for the people and other life on earth are profound."** For more information please contact Ann Smith.

Toilet Twinning

This project has been running since September and has had an amazing response. We have sent £1,218 to Toilet Twinning which represents 17 Certificates, one of which was a School Block and also 3 blocks of soap. There are TT Certificates in the Church, the Church Centre and the Harris Hall, a local place of work and in individual homes. We have nearly enough money for one more so if anyone has been collecting, saving, or fundraising and has money to give in would you please do so by the end of January. This certificate will be donated to somewhere in the community. There will then be two remaining certificates so if anyone has been thinking about having one now is the time to decide! For further information please contact Heather Norton.

Reverend Lee

Please pray for Lee, our Curate, as he works for part of this Spring Term at a placement in the Downs Benefice, that this would prove to be a broadening and valuable experience for him in this 5 Parish Benefice. The variety of locations and Sunday services, including Book of Common Prayer Worship, will help him as part of his Initial Ministerial Training (IME). During February Lee will also be attending an IME project where he will be shadowing the Chaplaincy team in HM Prison, Winchester before joining the team at Andover War Memorial Hospital and The Countess of Brecknock Hospice.

Andover Foodbank

There is a continuing need for rice please, in addition to toilet rolls and deodorant. Please remember to ensure that any food donations have as long a use by date as possible. Thank you.

*When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion on them,
because they were harassed and helpless,
like sheep without a shepherd.
Then He said to the disciples,
"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore,
to send out workers into His harvest field."*

Matthew 9:36-38