



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

### SUMMER NOTICES

Sunday 23rd July - Saturday 2nd September

#### Sunday 23rd July

Theme: Children Of God

Readings: Romans 8:12-25 and Matthew 13:36-43

9am Holy Communion

10.20am Children's Church (3 - 13+) meet in the Church Centre  
for their activities, before going to the Vicarage Garden

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and Prayer Ministry

#### Wednesday 26th July

Holy Communion Service at 10.30am

in St. Mary's Church led by Canon Jill

#### Sunday 30th July

Theme: Loving Each Other

Readings: Genesis 50:15-21 and John 13:34-35

10am United Parish Communion and Prayer Ministry

Our Sunday Services during August will be at 10am

*There will be a Children's Spot during the services  
and 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.*

Wednesday Holy Communion Services on the  
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August at 10.30am

### Children's Church

**Sunday 23rd July** will be the last meeting of the Summer Term for Children's Church, with the theme of Love. The termly theme has been the 'Fruit of the Spirit' Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. After meeting in the Church Centre for a **10.20am start**, the team members and children will go to the **Vicarage Garden at 11.20am** for a time of fun and games. **Would parents please collect their children from the garden at the end of the 10.30am service.**

### Holiday Club

This exciting activity for school years 1 to 6 will take place from **Wednesday 26th July to Friday 28th July from 9.30am to 1pm** in the Harris Hall. The final session on **Saturday 29th July from 9.30am** will be followed at **12.30pm** by a **Family Fun Afternoon** for attending children and their families. Volunteers are needed, please speak with Andy or Jo if you can help.

### Walk To Church

We would encourage everyone who can, to walk to church on **Sunday 30th July** and to enjoy the beauty of God's earth at the same time. This is a small way in which to reduce your personal carbon footprint and to improve your personal wellbeing.

### Unity Christian Theatre Pantomime

Would you like to find out about the next Unity Group Pantomime 'Esther and the Zargonites!' There will be a taster session to explain the framework, characters and shape that the next pantomime will take with details of rehearsals and performances. Opportunities to sing, act, paint, sew, help backstage, advertise and much more! All are welcome, adults and young people alike! Do join us on **Sunday 30th July at 3.30pm** at St. John the Baptist Church Hall, Alexandra Road SP10 3AD. For more information contact Sharon, email [sharon.oleary11@virginmedia.com](mailto:sharon.oleary11@virginmedia.com) or telephone 392837.

### Derek Cooper

We are very sorry to share the news of Derek's death, following a slow deterioration in his health. Derek died peacefully, surrounded by his family, many singing some of his favourite hymns. Please pray for his daughter Helen and all the family at this time. Derek's funeral will be held on **Thursday 3rd August at 1.45pm** at Salisbury Crematorium, followed by a tea at Hampton Inn, Pearce Way, off London Road, Salisbury SP1 3GU.

This is on the side of the roundabout after the bridge over the Andover to Salisbury Road. All are very welcome. There is a list at the back of church to sign for transport arrangements, and for the family to be aware of catering numbers.

### **Women's Group Skittles and Basket Meal Evening**

Come and join us for our social on **Friday 11th August from 7.30pm** at the Crook and Shears in Upper Clatford, Andover, SP11 7QL. There is a list at the back of church to sign if you would like to come along and do also specify which choice of basket meal you would like. Each meal will cost £7.95 and payment is required in advance by **Sunday 6th August** please, to either Eni Richardson, Karyn French, Jane Viggers, or Sue Harkin. Please indicate if you are able to offer a lift, or are in need of one. The cost to hire the room is an additional £35 for the group, any donation towards this on the night would be much appreciated, but is entirely optional. If you are unable to sign up at church, or would like more information, please contact Eni Richardson [en.adegbuyi11@gmail.com](mailto:en.adegbuyi11@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Wedding of Sarah King and Roger Watson**

Roger and Sarah would be delighted to receive the support of anyone from the congregation at St. Mary's who is able to attend on **Saturday 19th August at 2pm**. We are also seeking a few volunteers to help with serving tea and wedding cake after the service until around 4pm. If you are able to assist, please speak with either Roger, Sarah or contact the Church Office.

### **Taizé Service**

Join us on **Sunday 20th August at 4pm** for our 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. Thank you.

### **Baptisms at St. Mary's**

After considerable prayer and discussion it has been agreed that from this Autumn, all baptisms at St. Mary's Church will be held during the **Active all Age Service at 10.30am on the first Sunday of each month**. This is part of the new preparation process designed to enable us to welcome these baptism families into a lively and fun service, as the Lord draws to Himself those whom He is calling.

This means on the **3rd September** we are expecting an additional 120+ people to the service, and I know you will give them a very warm St. Mary's welcome!

### **Church Weekend Away September 2018**

All those members wishing to attend the event in Sidmouth from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th September 2018 are requested by **7th September 2017** to:

- Sign the sheet at the back of church with details of those expecting to attend (as best as they are known at this stage)
- Pay a £10 deposit for each adult attending, direct to the Church Office

The church has already paid a small deposit to secure the initial booking but now we have to provide a confirmed list and £10 per head deposit by mid-September if our booking is to be confirmed. Further details will be available in due course about the weekend programme, speaker and accommodation, but this is an important first step to secure the Sidholme Hotel for our Weekend Away. Many thanks in advance, Paula Deverill and Nigel May.

### **St. Mary's Youth Bible Study Group**

A brand new, really exciting group has started for young people who already have a faith in Jesus Christ, and who are between 11 to 16 years of age. The meetings will be held on the second Friday of each month from **7.30pm to 9pm** in the Church Centre Chapel on the **8th September**, 13th October, 10th November and 8th December. The format is simple and enables space to explore God's Word together, starting with some contemporary worship before spending time exploring the Bible, and finishing with hot chocolate (and of course cream and marshmallows) or milkshakes! Please pray for those leading the group, for wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they lead and disciple these amazing young people. Pray too for the young people who attend, that their faith would be strengthened and encouraged so they learn how to defend the gospel and share it with those they meet.

**"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15.**

If you would like further information, or if you wish to help facilitate this evening by praying when they are meeting, providing hot chocolate or milkshakes at the end, or meeting and greeting young people as they arrive, then please speak with Andy Berry, Rob Savill, Kelsey Weymouth, Kevin Faulkner or contact the Church Office. A6 flyers are available on the table at the back of church to give away. Thank you.

## Alpha Course

The Autumn Term Course commences on **Monday 11th September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm** in the Church Centre, beginning with soup and a roll, followed by a DVD and discussion. If you can help practically, or would like to find out more about the course, please speak with Kate Walbyoff or contact Diane in the Church Office.

## The Friends of St. Mary

The next coach trip will be a day trip to Swanage on **Saturday 16th September**, departing from outside the Andover Museum at **9.30am**. Tickets cost £15 and are available from Valda England.

## 'Free Worship' Sessions - 16th September, 21st October and 18th November

This new initiative provides a time on a Saturday morning to praise God in song. The aim is to create a space that is less restricted than a structured worship service in order to explore a freer, more Holy Spirit led approach to sung worship. It is open to all, and it is not essential to stay for the full two hours. You are very welcome to join us in church on the third Saturday of the month, **between 10.30am and 12.30pm**.

## 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 begin on **Monday 18th September**, initially once a fortnight and then weekly on the following dates: 2nd, 16th, 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. For more information or if you wish to join the choir, please speak with Pru.

## 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. All are very welcome to attend the service and reception afterwards. 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.' Thank you.

## Andover Foodbank

Thank you as always for your support, which is greatly appreciated. In June the Foodbank gave out 82 family boxes, 65 single boxes and 3 limited cooking

boxes. They also gave out 30 bags of toiletries, 5 single welcome packs and 3 family welcome packs, so providing really valuable assistance to people in our community who are in or facing crisis.

This week there is an urgent need for the following please:

- Tin/can openers, laundry detergent, tinned fruit, tinned meat, biscuits, Longlife Milk and Longlife Fruit Juice

Stocks are very low on some of these items, so your assistance would be very gratefully received. Thank you.

## Hope Into Action

This is an award-winning charity set up to enable churches to fight homelessness, and to change the lives of the most disadvantaged in our society, by finding them homes rather than a bed for the night. We praise God for such good news here in Andover! After significant promotion by Derrick Norton and other local people, sufficient funding has been pledged to purchase a property, and the offer on a house in Pilgrim's Way has been accepted. The Peterborough based charity Hope Into Action is dealing with all the administration whilst locally, an ecumenical Support Team will be set up and trained to help the residents back into mainstream society. This has all been made possible by various local investors, including people from St. Mary's Church, for which very grateful thanks indeed are expressed.

**Please note the Church Office will be closed  
from Monday 7th to Friday 11th August inclusive,  
re-opening on Monday 14th August at 9.30am**

*Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation,  
but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.*

*For if you live according to the sinful nature,  
you will die;*

*but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body,  
you will live,*

*because those who are led by the Spirit of God  
are sons of God.*

*Romans 8:12-13*