



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

Sunday 25th February

Theme: The Vine

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
and John 15:1-17

9am Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry

10.20am Children's Church (3 - 13+)

meet in the Church Centre for their activities,
before joining their families in church
for Communion and Final Blessing

10.30am Morning Worship with Prayer Ministry

Wednesday 28th February

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

Sunday 4th March

9am Holy Communion

Theme: Christian Motivation

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
and John 2:13-22

10.30am Active All Age Worship with Baptism
and Prayer Ministry

Children join us in church

Theme: Jesus Promises The Holy Spirit

Reading: John 14:15-17

*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.*



Could You Be A Street Pastor?

Do you want to reach out to the people of Andover? Do you want to make a difference for God? Can you spare one late night per month? Then please consider joining Andover Street Pastors! We are recruiting **NOW** and training begins on the 23rd February. We need more Street Pastors and prayer teams to help us continue to make a positive difference in our town. If you are interested to find out more or to volunteer with us, please contact Barry Wadhams email Andover@streetpastors.org.uk or come out with us as an observer, to see first-hand what the front line looks like. **The training dates are on 25th February, 9th, 10th, 11th, 23rd, 24th and 25th March. Is God calling you to this powerful ministry?**

Spring Term 2018

This term our focus is on **Healing and Wholeness**, and having explored different aspects of this in our sermon series in January, we are now running a short course which is open to all members of St. Mary's Church. Each of the sessions will be on **Tuesdays in the Church Centre from 7.30pm to 9.30pm**, covering: **27th February** - Leaves for Healing and 13th March - Growing a Healing Church. Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to attend, or contact Heather or Derrick Norton via the Church Office, if you have any questions.

Men's Group

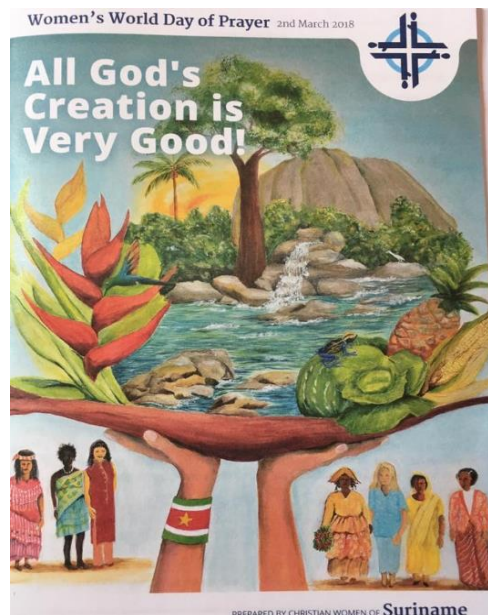
All St. Mary's Church men are welcome to join us for our 'Pie and Pint' evening on **Wednesday 28th February at 6.30pm for 7pm**, at the Anton Arms, Salisbury Road, Andover. Meals are two main courses for £9.49 (order in pairs again) and desserts vary from £2.99 to £3.69. Do use this as an opportunity to bring a friend or colleague. Please sign the list at the back of church.

Bryan Beggs Memorial Service

Bryan's service will be held in St. Mary's Church on **Thursday 1st March at 2.30pm**, followed by a reception in the Harris Hall. Do please come to support Diana and their daughter Jacquelyn in this time of loss. All are warmly invited.

Parish Prayers

We pray because God tells us to, because He hears us when we pray and because He is willing and able to fully answer all our prayers. Come and join us on **Thursday 1st March at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre to pray together.



Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's theme will be
'All God's Creation is Very Good:
Praying for Suriname.'

The annual service will be held at
St. Michael and All Angels Church,
Colebrook Way, Andover
on **Friday 2nd March at 10.30am**,
and the service will be followed
by refreshments.

Everyone is very welcome,
men included.

Women's Group

Do come and join us on **Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre, to hear our invited speaker Val Jourdan MBE, who is the Chair and Founder Trustee of Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability (ABCD). This is a charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of those children and young adults who suffer from physical, mental and psychological disabilities in Palestine. Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to join us.

The Friends of St. Mary's

There will be pancakes at the monthly Coffee Morning on **Saturday 3rd March from 10am to 12 noon**. Come along and meet up with this friendly group - all welcome! There will be a raffle too, so bring along some money.

The 3R's (Relax, Revive, Refresh) Pop-Up Café at Pilgrims' Cross School

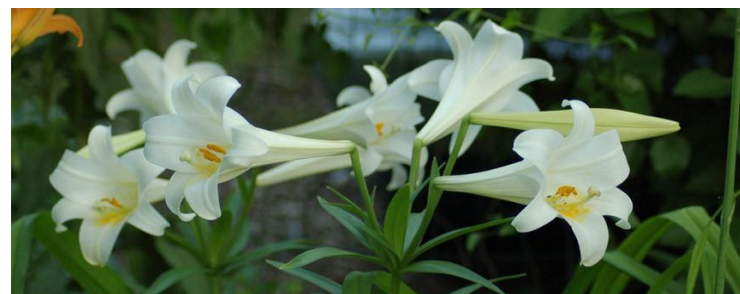
We will host another Pop-Up Café on **Saturday 3rd March setting up from 1pm to open from 2pm until 4pm**. Please let Diane in the Church Office know if you are able to help or provide a homemade cake (which can be brought into the office on Friday, between 9.30am and 4pm, if you prefer.)

St. Mary's Walkers - Sunday 4th March at 12.15pm

Spring is in the air so calling all walkers, less abled walkers and those who use mobility scooters or wheelchairs! We will follow a pretty walk that is tarmac, paving or wooden decking all the way and back. It takes us through St. Mary's Cemetery down to Anton Lakes where we will have lunch, so please bring something to eat and a hot drink. If you can come, please bring your scooter/wheelchairs around to the church side door. Speak to Simon Nash or Rosemary Baker for further information.

'Death or Life'

The Unity Christian Theatre present 'Death or Life' with music by Roger Jones (Christian Music Ministries). The production follows the life of Christ from His baptism to His resurrection, showing both the humanity and divinity of Jesus. A read through and initial casting is at **5pm**, following the Passion Play Rehearsal, on **Sunday 4th March** at St. John the Baptist Church Hall, Alexandra Road. 'Death or Life' will be performed at The Lights on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June. All are very welcome, you do not need to be a singer to be involved. Come and join us!



Easter Lilies

If you would like to pay for an Easter Lily in remembrance of a loved one, the cost will be £4 per Lily. Kindly place your order by **Friday 9th March**. Fill in the name/names of your loved ones on the list at the back of church or email them to the office. Please bring payments to the office or bank transfer to sort code 40-52-40, account number 00025634, reference Lilies and your name.

Thanksgiving Meal to Say Goodbye to Canon John, Sue and Family

This will be held on **Saturday 10th March, 6.30pm for 7pm** in the Harris Hall. Please sign up at the back of church if you are going to attend. There is a list of food required, so please add your name to this if you are able to bring something; if you have a speciality you would like to prepare, please add it under 'other.'

Canon John and Sue

As Canon John and Sue retire from full time ministry, for John to be Licensed as an Associate Minister on a House For Duty basis in the Guildford Diocese, they would be delighted if you were able to join them for their Farewell United Parish Communion Mothering Sunday Service on the **11th March at 10am**. **"So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of His call. May He give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do."** 2 Thessalonians 1:11

Social Evening

Do join us for a fun evening of skittles at the Crook and Shears, Upper Clatford, on **Friday 16th March** to start at **6.30pm**. This year the food options will be homemade beef chilli, or vegetarian bean chilli at a cost of £9.95 each, which will be served around 8pm, before more skittles! If you would like to come, but do not like spicy food, please let Guy Medley know. We are going to arrange this early to secure the booking, so do sign the list at the back of church to avoid disappointment. Parking by the pub is limited, so try and share a lift.

A Date For Your Diary!

The Friends of St. Mary's Lent Devotional Talk will be on **Saturday 24th March at 2pm** in the Church Centre, followed by Afternoon Tea.

Holiday Club Planning Sessions - Dates For Your Diary!

This year's Holiday Club will be taking place in the Harris Hall from **Tuesday 7th August to Friday 10th August from 9.30am to 1pm as well as a Fun Afternoon on Friday from 1pm to 3pm**. If you would like to be involved, planning meeting dates will be on **29th March**, 26th April, 24th May, 28th June and 25th July from 7pm to 9pm in the Church Centre Chapel. Setting up for the Holiday Club will be on Sunday 5th August after 3pm and clearing away will be on Saturday 11th August.

Maundy Thursday Agape Supper

Many thanks to Rosalyn Peszkowski for organising this event to be held in the Harris Hall on **Thursday 29th March, 7pm for 7.30pm**. There are two lists at the back of church to sign, one if you are coming and the other to indicate which food selection you will be bringing. Fruit juice, water and white wine will be provided, if you wish to bring any other drink please do so.



Thank you for all your generous donations. This week we need fruit juice, tinned fish, Longlife milk, tins of fish, spaghetti, rice pudding, potatoes, tomatoes, packets of rice, jars of pasta sauce and tin openers. Thank you.

Remain in me, and I will remain in you.

*No branch can bear fruit by itself;
it must remain in the vine.*

Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches.

*If a man remains in me and I in him,
he will bear much fruit;*

apart from me you can do nothing.

*If anyone does not remain in me,
he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers;
such branches are picked up,
thrown into the fire and burned.*

John 15:4-7