



NoticeSheet

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

Sunday 26th February

Theme: Generous God, Generous People

Readings: 1 Chronicles 29:10-20 and Matthew 6:10-20

9am Holy Communion

**10.30am Morning Worship with Communion
and Prayer Ministry**

Ash Wednesday 1st March

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

Sunday 5th March

9am Holy Communion

Theme: Temptation to Sin

Readings: Romans 5:12-19 and Matthew 4:1-11

10.30am Active All Age Worship

Theme: Mission Impossible: Temptation in the Desert

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11

12.15pm St. Mary's Walkers leave church

Children and Families Leaders

Please continue to pray for Andy, Jo, Steven, Nathan and Peter, that their new home will be ready for them to move into. Praise God for answered prayer in that the existing tenants have found alternative accommodation.

Generosity and Giving

Following the address last Sunday by Gordon Randall, Diocesan Stewardship Advisor, we shall today be again considering our generosity back to the Lord in the light of His abundant blessings to us. We are hugely grateful for the way you already contribute to the running of God's church here in Andover. However, like everything in life our costs continue to increase. It is therefore important that we continue to encourage a spirit of generosity and ask everyone to consider reviewing their giving. To help us with this today, everyone will receive a pack of information and is asked to review their giving. Please be assured that a review of giving is simply praying through how you believe you should respond, and then do one of three things: increase your giving, maintain your giving at its current level or reduce your giving. Please do not hesitate if you have any questions, concerns or queries, to speak with our Treasurer Mary Singleton.

"Reverend Lee, Emily and children would like to express our gratitude to all of you for your love, support and kindness over the last 2½ years. St. Mary's has been a great place to start my initial period of training and has provided numerous opportunities to grow and develop my character and ministry. We would especially like to thank John and Sue for their mentoring and support, and look forward to continuing this relationship as we move to Knight's Enham for the remainder of my curacy. We pray for God's continued blessing to be on all of you at St. Mary's. Although we're not moving from Andover, we will miss you all (do call in for a cuppa)."

The Marriage Preparation Course

Please remember in your prayers all the couples who will be getting married at St. Mary's this year, and for the team members, Canon John and Sue, Tom Etherton, Richard and Pen Barnes-Gorell and Mike and Clare Castle. The Marriage Preparation Course is being held in St. Mary's Church on **Wednesdays 1st** and 8th March, and each week approximately 13 couples currently attend the course, which aims to provide engaged couples with the tools to build a healthy marriage that will last a lifetime.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Have you ever been to one of these meetings? Praying together like this, often in just two's or three's, helps us to grow in our faith. Prayer has so many advantages, for example it builds our relationship with Jesus, helps us to understand God's will and to accomplish His work in this world. Please join us on **Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre, it's relaxed, informal and peaceful. All are very welcome.

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd March

The service this year is being held at All Saints Church, Church Lane, Upper Clatford SP11 7HB **at 10.30am**. The theme is 'Am I Being Unfair to You?' and has been prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines. If you would like a lift, speak with Sue Harkin, Eileen Surtees or Rosalyn Peszkowski.

Andover Foodbank

This week the Foodbank are in need of Long Life fruit juice, 500g bags of sugar, rice pudding, rice, tinned meat and fish. Thank you.

Coffee and Cake Mornings

Andover Foodbank will be holding these monthly mornings, starting on **Friday 3rd March at 10.30am** at St. John the Baptist Church Hall, Alexandra Road, Andover SP10 3AD. These get togethers will be an opportunity for friends and supporters to come and see the operation and to meet some of the Foodbank Team while enjoying some delicious cake and coffee! All are very welcome.

3R's Pop-Up Café

This outreach venture is being blessed by the Lord, as the numbers of residents from the Picket Twenty development who now come to the Café continues to grow! Thank you to all those who support this initiative. Please may we ask for some more cakes for the next Café on **Saturday 4th March**, and for any more Lego you may be able to donate, it's proving very popular!

Alpha Holy Spirit Day - Saturday 4th March from 11am to 5pm

This will be held in the Church Room at St. Peter's, Goodworth Clatford. Please pray for all those attending the course, as well as for Kate Walbyoff, Sven Maxfield, Michael and Pippa Pearce and Canon John, that all would experience a powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit. Thank you.

St. Mary's Walkers

This will be a History Walk around Andover Town which is suitable for wheelchair/mobility scooter users, and anyone who would prefer to be walking on firm and level ground. Andover has a fascinating past so do come and see some of its oldest buildings. Please bring a packed lunch. We shall leave the church on **Sunday 5th March at 12.15pm**, and be out for around two hours. Any further questions, please speak with Rosemary Baker or Simon Nash.

Little Saints Plant Sale

A Plant Sale will be held on **Saturday 27th May from 10am to 12.30pm** in the Church Centre. If you are able to offer any seedlings, perennials or plant plugs for baskets and tubs to donate to the sale, we would be very grateful. Also if you are able to set the date aside to help with the Plant Sale, please speak with Liz Medley. Thank you.

Prayer Training

In accordance with our Parish Mission Action Plan (pMAP) we shall be holding a Prayer Workshop, with training on how to pray, on **Saturday 10th June from 9.30am to 12 noon**. This is a date for us all so please keep the morning free to join us.

Change of Date

Kindly note the rescheduled date for the Away Day will now be **Saturday 24th June** at Tangley Parish Hall, Hatherden. The Day is designed for Fun, Fellowship and Friends (FFF) and will consist of both indoor and outdoor games and activities, including for children, refreshments and space to enjoy some time together. More details will follow nearer the time.

*Now our God, we give You thanks
and praise Your glorious name.
But who am I, and who are my people,
that we should be able to give as generously as this?
Everything comes from You and we have given You
only what comes from Your hand.*

1 Chronicles 29:13-14