



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**

### **Mothing Sunday 26th March**

**Theme: Spiritual Discipline - Fasting**

**Readings: 2 Chronicles 20:1-4  
and Luke 4:1-13**

**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**

### **Wednesday 29th March**

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

### **Sunday 2nd April**

**9am Holy Communion**

**Theme: The Spirit of Life and Peace**

**Readings: Romans 8:5-11  
and John 11:1-45**

**10.30am Active All Age Service**

**Theme: Rattles, Sighs and New Life!**

**Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**12.15pm St. Mary's Walkers leave church**

### **For Your Prayers - A Message from Kitty Willis**

"I am going out to Palestine with a group of friends who run a charity which operates in Bethlehem. The Christian based charity offers physiotherapy to children who are disabled or who have been wounded in Bethlehem, the West Bank and Gaza. We are taking part in the Bethlehem Marathon on **Friday 31st March** to raise money for this charity. We will also be visiting the charity's projects in the refugee camps and in the hospital. Please could you pray for peace in Bethlehem and safety for us out there. Thank you."

### **The Friends of St. Mary's Coffee Morning**

Our monthly Coffee Morning on **Saturday 1st April** from 10am to 12 noon is being held in **St. Mary's Church**, rather than the Church Centre. Hot Cross Buns will be available! Do come and join us.

### **3R's Café in April**

Due to a double booking with the PTA at Pilgrims' Cross School, and the significant numbers of people expected to attend, we sadly have little option but to cancel the 3R's Café scheduled for **Saturday 1st April at 2pm**. Our next Café will therefore be held on Saturday 6th May. However, the PTA event will be a great opportunity to meet with Picket Twenty residents so Canon John will attend and publicize future 3R's Café dates!

### **St. Mary's Walkers**

The next St. Mary's walk will be on **Sunday 2nd April**, 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 or Rosemary Baker.

### **Electoral Roll Revision**

It is time for the annual revision of the Electoral Roll, so please check if your name is on the list near the South Door. If it is not, do consider filling in an application form **by Monday 3rd April**, and return it to either the Church Office, or Martin Bazire our Electoral Roll Officer. Thank you.

### **Andy, Jo, Steven, Nathan and Peter Berry**

Thank you to those of you who have already offered to help the family unload their removal vans at 2 Madrid Road, Andover SP10 1JR on **Tuesday 4th April**. We are collecting for a Welcome Hamper, as well as organizing a work party to tidy the gardens on **Thursday 30th March from 2pm to 4pm**. Please sign the appropriate list at the back of church if you can help.

### **Women's Group**

The Women's Group will be meeting on **Friday 7th April at 7.30pm** in St. Mary's Church. There will be an opportunity to create our own personal collage to reflect who we are and our future journey, as well as to enjoy coffee and cake, and have time for prayer and worship. Any donations of craft and haberdashery items will be useful, for example, magazines for cutting, ribbons, wool, buttons, lace etc. Cakes will be gratefully received on the night! Please sign the list at the back of church if you will be joining us. Rosemary Baker and Stella Bruce-Kerr.

### **Baptisms and Confirmations**

Please remember in your prayers Richard and Karyn French who are being Confirmed on **Easter Eve, Saturday 15th April in Winchester Cathedral**, as well as other members of our congregation being Baptized/Confirmed here at St. Mary's at the 10.30am service on Sunday 11th June by Bishop David.

### **Prayer Ministry Team Training in the Church Centre**

This will be held on **Saturday 29th April, 10am to 11.30am**, and will be an informal meeting allowing time for any issues to be raised, or for any suggestions that will encourage us all. We will spend a short time praying for each other too, using the St. Mary's model when praying for others. Coffee and cake will be provided at 9.45am - very important! Tim and Rosemary.

### **Away Day - Fun, Fellowship and Friends**

Do come and join us on **Saturday 24th June from 10am to 4pm** at Tangleby Parish Hall, Hatherden. This **FREE** Day is designed for Fun, Fellowship and Friends and will consist of both indoor and outdoor games and activities for children and adults. Bring your own lunch, refreshments will be provided and there will be plenty of space to enjoy some time together. Please sign the list at the back of church if you will be attending.

### **Milk Bottle Tops**

We now have two people who are interested in taking milk bottle tops for recycling, Jane Bazire and Paula Deverill. Jane would like only green milk bottle tops and Paula would like any other plastic bottle tops. When you bring your collected bottle tops to church there is a small three drawer unit at the back in the corner by the sofa. Would you please put green bottle tops in the top drawer and all others in the second and third drawers. Thank you for helping to reduce waste by recycling.

### **Toilet Twinning**

We now have three TT Certificates to present to the community. Some of the money for these was donated by people in Andover. The total amount sent to Toilet Twinning now stands at £1,518. Many thanks to those who have taken this need so much to heart and also to Richard Barnes-Gorell for putting up all the certificates in the Church, Church Centre and the Harris Hall. The intention is now to arrange with a local councillor for a place for the three certificates to be displayed, probably at the Guildhall. If anyone would still like to be part of this wonderful work, please contact Heather Norton.

### **Congratulations! Eco Church Bronze Award**

As part of our pMAP objective to work towards the three levels of the Eco Church Award, we have now successfully achieved the Eco Church Bronze Award! Our thanks go to Ann Smith who is leading this initiative, and to all of you who are supporting it. Well done for this first significant step forward.

### **Andover Foodbank**

**Easter Eggs** - A big thank you so much to everyone who has donated Easter Eggs! **Request for Non-Food Items** - We desperately need dinner plates, small packs of laundry powder/liquid, deodorant and toilet rolls.

**FoodFreeLent has started!** The Foodbank are having a FoodFreeLent this year where they are asking us to convert our food donation to cash. Coins can be put in a Foodbank money box (do take one from the Foodbank container in church). You can also donate online or by cheque. For more information please telephone 01264 362111. Thank you.

*Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit in the desert,  
where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.  
He ate nothing during those days  
and at the end of them he was hungry.  
The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God,  
tell this stone to become bread."  
Jesus answered, "It is written:  
Man does not live on bread alone."*

*Luke 4:1-4*