



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

Sunday 26th November

Theme: Wisdom And Revelation

Readings: Ephesians 1:15-23 and Matthew 25:31-46

9am Holy Communion

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 Communion and Prayer Ministry

Wednesday 29th November

Holy Communion Service at 10.30am

in St. Mary's Church led by Canon Jill

Advent Sunday 3rd December

9am Holy Communion

Theme: The Day Of The Lord

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 and Mark 13:24-37

10.30am All Age Service with Baptisms and Prayer Ministry

Children's Church join us in church

Theme: Bringing Light To Darkness

Reading: John 3:1-21

12.45pm St. Mary's Walkers leave church

*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.*

Vine Trust Bookshop

A Bookstall will be in church on the **26th November**, available after both services, to provide the opportunity to browse and order from their wonderful selection of Christmas cards and items for presents. Please do support them.

Christmas Fayre Thank You

Our sincere gratitude to Rosalyn Peszkowski and all those who helped to make the Fayre such a huge success. There was a wonderful atmosphere, Vigo School Choir performed magnificently, much refreshment was consumed and in the region of £900 was raised - thank you all very much indeed!

Andover Choral Society Christmas Concert

This will be held on **Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm** in St. Mary's Church, and will include selections from Bach's festive masterpiece, the Christmas Oratorio. The evening will also feature the superb Westminster Chamber Orchestra, as well as a stellar line up of professional soloists. Tickets cost £12 and are available from The Lights Box Office www.thelights.org.uk/booking or telephone 01264 368368.

St. Mary's Walkers

After a snack lunch in St. Mary's **from 12.15pm to 12.45pm on Sunday 3rd December**, we will drive to the car park at *St. Mary Bourne Village Centre and Shop* (on the B3048) for a circular walk starting at 1pm of a maximum of 4.5 miles, depending on weather and energy levels. In any event it is hilly and crosses some fields, so waterproof shoes with a good tread are advisable and a walking stick. Transport will be provided, please speak with Martin Coppen. No need to book unless you need transport.

Salisbury Military Wives Choir

Enham Trust is delighted to host a festive evening with the Wives Choir on **Friday 8th December at 6.30pm** in St. Mary's Church. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased at www.enhamtrust.org.uk or on the door. Funds raised will help the charity to support over 6,500 disabled people each year, so please do pop along to hear and join in with your favourite festive classics!

Test Valley Brass Christmas Concert

This year the concert will be held in St. Mary's Church on **Saturday 9th December at 7pm**. The concert will have the usual mix of exciting new pieces and traditional Carols and will be relayed through the church using the column displays, so that everyone will have a great view. The entire Test Valley Brass Group will be taking part, from the youngest players, who began playing this year, to the Senior Band. The concert will conclude with all players joining together for the finale. The Musical Directors will be providing the commentary and the usual corny jokes and there will be refreshments available. Please come and support this community band that plays great music throughout the year and across Andover. Tickets can be purchased online at www.buytickets.at/testvalleybrass or at the church on the night.

Harmonium Singers Carol Concert

The Christmas Concert will be held in St. Mary's Church **on Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm**. The evening will include Christmas music, old, new and familiar, as well as carols for all to sing. Tickets in aid of the Andover Crisis and Support Centre cost £10 at the door to include refreshments, or £8 from Newbury Building Society, The Lights or choir members. Under 14's will be admitted free.

Christmas Day Lunch

There will be a Christmas Day lunch at Lion Oak Court, Salisbury Road, Andover SP10 2JJ which is available for anyone in the Andover area who will be on their own on Christmas Day this year. To book or volunteer, please contact Andover Neighbourcare, telephone 01264 339899 or 01264 404142.

Andover Foodbank

The Foodbank are running short of the following food items, Long Life fruit juice, tinned rice pudding, rice, Long Life milk, tinned potatoes, packet mashed potatoes, biscuits and sugar. They also need small saucepans and towels. Thank you very much.

Winter Drop In

As the weather turns colder preparations are being made for the Winter Drop In. The Bridge Centre will be open every evening throughout December, January and February to provide a nutritious meal and somewhere to be in warmth and safety. Tents and sleeping bags will also be provided to those who need them.

Within hours of letting people know about the Drop In, the volunteer rota was filling well, but if anyone would like to volunteer for a few evenings, more help would be very gratefully received. Please contact the Bridge Office telephone 01264 335522. The 900 or so evening meals take some resourcing so all churches in town are being asked to contribute £30 or whatever they can, that will enable the Drop In to last through the winter. Individual contributions would also be appreciated, please send any money or make cheques to the Valley Church Andover who keep the accounts for us. Many thanks. Peter Kinross.

A Message from Sophie Willis

There are currently 40.3 million slaves in the world and two million children in the sex trade. Ian and Kitty's daughter Sophie is heading to South Asia in January for a year, to volunteer with the International Justice Mission (IJM). IJM is a global faith based organisation working to free and protect men, women and children in slavery or subjugated to violence in developing countries. If you would like to support Sophie, please follow the link below www.youcaring.com/internationaljusticemissioncommunicationsfellow-975256

Esther and the Zargonites

Unity Christian Theatre will be presenting this play on **Friday 19th January at 7.30pm** and **Saturday 20th January at 2.30pm and 7.30pm** at The Lights. The story of Esther is ages old but entirely up to date, accepting diversity and promoting tolerance towards others. Tickets cost £7 and £5 for children and are available from The Lights Box Office.

*I keep asking
that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the glorious Father,
may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation,
so that you may know Him better.*

Ephesians 1:17