



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**

Sunday 28th May

Theme: Jesus' Prayer

Readings: Acts 1:6-14 and John 17:1-26

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 a blessing or communion**

**10.30am Morning Worship with Communion and Prayer Ministry
3pm Street Pastors Commissioning Service
at Bridge Street Methodist Church**

Wednesday 31st May

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

Sunday 4th June

9am Holy Communion

Theme: The Holy Spirit

Readings: Acts 2:1-21 and John 7:37-39

10.30am Active All Age Service and Prayer Ministry

Theme: Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:3 and Acts 2:1-13, 38-41

12.15pm St. Mary's Walkers leave church

3pm Andover Churches Together Pentecost Praise Service

*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*

Children's Church Summer Term Theme - Fruit of the Spirit

Children's Church will be meeting again **TODAY** so do please bring your child/children directly to the Church Centre for registration. Jo, Andy and the Children's Church team members will then bring the children into church in time to receive a blessing or communion with their families. Please encourage your child/children to stay with you for the remainder of the service. Thank you.

Children's Church - Cardboard needed!

Children's Church are focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit, found in Galatians 5:22-23. At our last session in July, prior to breaking up for the Summer holiday, St. Mary's Children's Church will be creating some pieces of art work, which will visually pull all of our Sunday sessions together and something they can take home. For this we will need some pieces of cardboard, anything with a flat surface of 40cm x 40cm or 16 inches by 16 inches (or bigger) would be gratefully received. Please see Andy or Jo or any of the St. Mary's Children's Church Team, or leave the cardboard at the back of Church. Thank you.

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World - 27th May to 25th June

This is a prayer focus when Christians worldwide are called upon to make an intentional and respectful effort to learn about, pray for and reach out to Muslim neighbours. A full colour prayer guide booklet is produced each year, and copies are available from Tim Townsend.

3R's Café

Thank you to everyone who shares in this exciting ministry to the residents of Picket Twenty. Grateful thanks especially to those who bake the cakes, which are so very much appreciated and always complimented on each month! Our next Café will be on **Saturday 3rd June from 2pm to 4pm.**

Christian Aid

The collections in Church during Christian Aid Week raised £482.50 including the Gift Aid. Thank you for your generosity.

Pentecost Sunday All Age Service - Call For Language Speakers

As part of a short drama within the 10.30am service on the **4th June**, we are hoping to recreate something of the atmosphere of those present speaking in different languages, as in Acts 2:1-4. Are you able to speak a language, other than English, to help us speak out some statements of praise, such as “God be praised”, “Jesus is Lord”, “The Holy Spirit is here” or similar statements? Please contact Andy and Jo if you can help. Thank you.

St. Mary's Walkers

The next St. Mary's walk will be on **Sunday 4th June**, leaving church at **12.15pm** in order to meet at House Martin, Weyhill, from where the walk will start. Please bring a packed lunch and suitable footwear. If you are interested in coming, please speak with Martin Bazire.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Initiative - 25th May to 4th June

Do pray especially during this time for our world. There will be a special Pentecost Praise Service organized by Andover Churches Together, held in St. Mary's on **Sunday 4th June at 3pm** to which all are very welcome.

Prayer Workshop

One of the Active Inputs in our pMAP is to organize a Prayer Workshop and more training on how to pray. This Workshop will be held on **Saturday 10th June from 9.30am to 12 noon** in the Church Centre. We are all encouraged to come together so that we can learn new, or deepen existing ways, to strengthen our prayer life.

Baptisms, Dedication and Confirmations

The Bishop of Basingstoke, the Right Reverend Bishop David Williams will be joining us for the morning services on **Sunday 11th June at 9am and 10.30am**. During the 10.30am service he will be conducting a dedication in addition to baptisms and confirmations. Do please come to support the candidates.

Men's Group

Please note there will be a Men's Breakfast at The Redbridge in Bridge Street on **Saturday 17th June at 8am**. All men are very welcome to come and share in this time of fellowship together.

Attention Nature Lovers

Please join me (Neil Catty) for a guided nature walk around Rooksbury Mill Nature Reserve on **Sunday 18th June at 2pm**. It will be a short but slow stroll suitable for all ages. There is a stretch of unsurfaced path accessed through gates, and as the path may be muddy I would advise that suitable footwear is worn. We should see plenty of birds, butterflies and dragonflies. I will be leaving from the reserve car park which is off Barlow's Lane, next to the allotments.

Taizé Service

Join us on **Sunday 18th June at 4pm** for the launch of our new 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.

Andover Foodbank

Thank you as always for your support, it is greatly appreciated. Your donations whether food, money or non-food products provide really valuable assistance to people in our community who are in, or facing crisis. The Foodbank this week are in need of fruit juice, pasta sauce, 500ml bags of sugar and tinned tomatoes and fruit, in addition to deodorant, shaving foam and shampoo/conditioner.

Servant Hearts Required!

We have an **urgent need** for people to act as Sidespeople or to help with refreshments at the 10.30am service on Sunday mornings. Please take a turn at helping, clearly the more people we get the more these ministries are shared! Thank you.

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but that you protect them from the evil one.
They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.
Sanctify them by the truth: Your word is truth.*

John 17:15-17