



NoticeSheet

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

Sunday 29th January

Theme: What is Global Mission?

Readings: Acts 8:4-8

John 15:12-17

**10am United Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
10am Little and Junior Saints meet in Church for worship
before leaving for their activities in the Church Centre**

Wednesday 1st February

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

Sunday 5th February

Theme: Eco Church Green Communion

9am Holy Communion

Readings: Psalm 8:1-9

Matthew 5:13-16

Theme: Creation Care

10.30am Active All Age Worship

Readings: Colossians 1:15-20

Psalm 8:1-9

12.15pm St. Mary's Walkers

Children and Families Leaders

Thank you for the warm welcome you gave to Andy, Jo, Steven, Nathan and Peter when they visited us last weekend. They were very grateful and appreciated the time they were able to spend with so many people. Please continue to pray for what will be their new home, that it will be made ready for them to move into once the existing two month lease is ended. Pray too for the current tenants as they seek alternative accommodation. Andy and Jo are already praying and beginning preparations for their ministry amongst us, liaising with Canon John and Sue.

Marriage Preparation

Do hold in your prayers all the couples who will be getting married here this year, and for the team from St. Mary's helping them in their preparations. In addition to those helping with the practical aspects, the team members leading the Marriage Preparation Course are Canon John and Sue, Tom Etherton, Richard and Pen Barnes-Gorell and Mike and Clare Castle. The Wedding Preparation Evening will be held on **Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm**, with the Course running over five consecutive Wednesday nights.

Parish Prayers

We meet every first Thursday evening of the month, this month on **Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm** in the Church Centre. As we continue to put prayer as our priority at St. Mary's, it undergirds all the Lord is doing here, so please do come and join us as we pray together.

The Friends Coffee Morning and Annual General Meeting

On **Saturday 4th February from 10am** the Friends invite you to join them in the Church Centre as they enjoy refreshments, including pancakes! The AGM will follow at 11am. All are very welcome.

3R's Pop-Up Café Request

We thank God that the Café is becoming so well received and thank you to all those who bake cakes, serve refreshments and help practically and spiritually. We are now seeking to build up a good stock of **Legó** for the children's craft activities during the afternoon. If you can help please bring any donations of Legó to either the back of church or the Church Office, marked 3R's Café. Thank you very much. The next Café will be on **Saturday 4th February from 2pm to 4pm** at Pilgrims' Cross School, and donations of cakes would be very gratefully received in the Church Office.

Church Weekend Away Fundraising

To build up a reserve towards the cost of the Weekend Away in 2018, Paula will be selling pots of daffodils (£3 or £4) after the services on the **5th February**. Please do support this initiative and enjoy these lovely Spring flowers.

St. Mary's Walkers

It's time to get out the walking shoes after the winter break! The next St. Mary's walk will be on **Sunday 5th February, 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.

The Andover Passion

If you are interested in performing, or helping with the Passion Play in any way, please come to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Hall on **Sunday 5th February at 3.30pm**. Actors, stewards, transport and more are needed! Contact Sharon on sharon.oleary11@virginmedia.com or 01264 392837.

Andover Young Musician of the Year

This exciting Classical and Popular Music Competition will be held in St. Mary's Church on **Thursday 9th February starting at 6.30pm**. Tickets are £10, with under 14's FREE and are available from David Mellor Jewellers, or from Chris Lynn telephone 01264 396511 or 07810 848984. All proceeds from the evening are for St. Mary's Church.

Eco Church - Tools for Transformation

The event on **Thursday 9th February from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, doors open at 7pm**, will now be held at The Bridge instead of St. Thomas' Church, Charlton.

Alpha Holy Spirit Day

Thank you to those who have offered to provide 'Soup and a Roll' for the Alpha Course evenings. Please would someone be prepared to provide a meal for the Alpha Holy Spirit Day on **Saturday 4th March?** Do speak with Diane in the Church Office if you can help.

Can you help please?

We need more people to join the monthly rota to help serve refreshments after the 10.30am Sunday morning services. If you are willing to join the team, please speak with Diane in the Church Office. Thank you.

Agape Supper Meal Co-ordinator

This year Maundy Thursday will be on **Thursday 13th April** and following the pattern of recent years, we would like to host an Agape Supper in the Harris Hall starting at **7pm for 7.30pm**. This evening is a return to our Christian roots where we meet together for thanksgiving and fellowship, over a meal with each other and with our Lord and Saviour, remembering especially the very first 'Lord's Supper.' **To enable this to go ahead**, a Co-ordinator is required to take responsibility for organising the practical and catering side of the evening. Please let Diane in the Church Office know if you would be willing to act as Co-ordinator. Thank you.

Eco Church - Managing the Carbon Footprint

The Eco Church scheme is about managing the impact that the church and its community have on the earth. All of us in our everyday lives do things that adversely affect the earth and as Christians we all have an obligation to recognise and manage the impact. The Eco Church scheme asks that we raise our awareness of our impact on climate change by calculating and managing our carbon footprint. In the coming weeks the PCC will be asked to set a target to reduce the carbon footprint and the church community will be encouraged to understand their personal carbon footprint. Finally, please consider this quote from Eco Congregation Scotland when considering what action you may take, **"Climate change represents a failure in our stewardship of the earth and its implications for the people and other life on earth are profound."** For more information please contact Ann Smith.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

*Greater love has no-one that this,
that he lay down his life for his friends.*

You are my friends if you do what I command.

I no longer call you servants,

because a servant does not know his master's business.

*Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned
from my Father I have made known to you.*

You did not choose me, but I chose you

and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last.

Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

This is my command: Love each other.

John 15: 12-17