

Welcome to St. Mary's

A beating heart for Andover



Hi and welcome to St Mary's Andover - we're so glad you're here. At St Mary's, we have fun, laugh, share life, serve our community, care for each other and worship God together. We have a vision to be a beating heart for Andover – pumping love, life and hope around our town and beyond! In the coming months, we're going on a journey to work out what this looks like afresh. It's a great time to be here; you're so welcome and we invite you to join us!

Revd Chris Bradish, Vicar

APCM 2019

It was great to see such a good turn-out for our APCM on Tuesday this week. Thank you to all who came and participated. We gave thanks for the last year and I presented a substantive update on the St Mary's Vision and our forward-looking plans. Following the meeting, I'm delighted to report that our new Church Wardens are Megan Lock and Nigel May. In addition, new appointments were made to PCC. I list the newly constituted PCC in its entirety below. I thank those who have served on this council over the last year, those who are continuing and those who are stepping in. Please do pray for this group as we seek to serve the life of St Mary's over this next year.

Martin Bazire	Marian Judd	Derrick Norton
Revd Chris Bradish (Chair)	Holly Knight	Ailsa Stewart
Val Bond	Megan Lock	Roger Watson
Kevin Faulkner	Nigel May	Charlotte Weymouth
June Harris	Becky McManus	Ian Willis

'Life Together' - new preaching Series

We continue our preaching series called 'Life Together'. We are talking about five words which have emerged in prayer and conversation about the vision. I talked about these in some depth at the APCM this week. These words will be central to the vision we build together here at St Mary's as we move afresh to proclaim the love, hope and goodness of Jesus to our town. They are fun, open, deep, brave and fragile. Each week we will be reading a Psalm and a gospel reading which reflects the theme of that value. I really look forward to sharing this material with you.

Christian Aid Week 12 – 18 May

Next Sunday we will have donation envelopes available for Christian Aid Week. Please support this if you can as part of our Eco Church work. Thank you.

Internal re-ordering

The PCC approved a Faculty Application to re-order the interior of the church at its meeting on 16 April. These plans have been in progress for several months and I touched on this at the APCM. Copies of the key drawings are available to look at in the Church Office and at the back of church. To help us field your questions in an organised way, please note: boxes and paper slips for questions are available in both locations. Please use these and we will gather the questions together and respond so information is shared across the community.

Walking Group

Walk, 12.15 pm 5th May: all are invited to join our monthly walk, bring a packed lunch and walking shoes. Departing from Karyn and Richard French's house, speak to them or email karyn.french@stmarysandover.org for the address, or to arrange a lift.

FOCUS: you are invited!

Focus is a church family holiday happening on the beautiful Somerley Estate (near Ringwood) – 25-30 July 2019. It will be a fantastic chance to make new friends, grow in faith, have fun and get to know each other better. Please speak to Chris, Naomi or one of the team to find out more, alternatively: www.focus.htb.org

Andover Choral Society

Mozart's Requiem will be performed by The Andover Choral Society at St Mary's on 11 May 7:30pm. Westminster Chamber Orchestra are accompanying the performance and it promises to be a super occasion. Leaflets at the back of church. Box Office: The Lights.

Vicar's contact details & day off

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Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 3pm, Friday 9.30am to 4pm

5 May Theme & Readings

Open: to the other: Psalm 111 & Matthew 15.21-28

12 May Theme & Readings

Life Together: Deep: Psalm 139.1-18 & John 21.15-19