

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!
Rev'd Chris

'Life Together'

Today we are continuing our series, 'Life Together'. We are talking about five words which have emerged in prayer and conversation about the vision. 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. We really look forward to sharing this material with you.



Introducing Sam Scott

We are so pleased to tell you that Sam will be joining us as our new Curate in July. Sam is currently Ordinand at St Barnabas, Weeke; he is being Ordained in Winchester Cathedral on 30th June and is studying at St Mellitus, London. Sam has a background in youth work, for St Thomas' Youth Network. He will be living in the Parish, on Picket Twenty.

Pentecost – Adult Baptisms

We're so excited that several people are planning to be baptised and re-affirm their baptismal promises this Pentecost. We'll be gathering for preparation and food at the Vicarage soon. Would you like to be baptised? Please do let Karyn or Chris know if you would like to explore this.

Internal re-ordering

The PCC approved a Faculty Application to re-order the interior of the church at its meeting on 16 April. 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.

FOCUS: you are invited!

Focus, 25-30 July 2019, is a church family holiday happening on the beautiful Somerley Estate, nr Ringwood. It will be a fantastic chance to grow in faith, have fun and get to know each other better. Please speak to Chris or Naomi about what it's like, or Karyn about the practical's; there is a flyer in the leaflet holder summarising these.

More at www.focus.htb.org

Christian Aid Week 12 – 18 May

This Sunday we will have donation envelopes available for Christian Aid Week. It raises huge amount to raise help for poor communities; Please do support it if you can. More info at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/Christian-Aid-Week>

Men's meeting tonight 6.30pm

All men welcome – speak to Derrick Norton djnorton@btconnect.com .

Annual Plant, Cake & Book Sale

10-1pm Saturday 18 May: browse and buy plants; enjoy a cake and coffee whilst you do. Gardening books will be on sale too. All proceeds support our kids.

Andover Churches Together Service

6pm Sunday 19 May: join ACT for a service to mark the end of Christian Aid week, followed by refreshments. Andover United Reformed Church, East Street, SP10 1ES.

Prayer Meeting

Monday 20 May 8pm to 9pm: Church Centre Chapel, Focus: Thy Kingdom Come.

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The office will be closed on Tues 14th May

12 May Theme & Readings

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

19 May Theme & Readings

Life Together, Brave: Psalm 138 & Matthew 10.5-15 & 28.16-20

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