

Please Pray For ...

Brenda Quicke, Richard Mumford,
Chris Brown, Maureen Haynes, Alison Hudson
Sandi Rice-Berry, Darren Thompson, and the
family and friends of Barbara Clee.

- ◆ Our churches, in particular for **The Test** and our **Band and Musicians**
- ◆ Churches Together - the **Catholic Church**
- ◆ **Andover Food Bank**
- ◆ The residents of **Sheep Fair Lane** and **Sovereign Gate**
- ◆ Please continue to pray for the people in areas of conflict, including, Lebanon, Burkina Faso, Myanmar, Haiti, Mali, Somalia, South Sudan, Gaza and Israel, Iran and other troubled areas, and the many refugees from war.
- ◆ That the ceasefire in **Gaza** becomes total and lasting.
- ◆ For the aid agencies taking medicines and food to the sick and starving in **Gaza**, and for their safety.
- ◆ All those affected by the earthquake in **Afghanistan**, the population and the aid agencies.
- ◆ **Peace in Europe**, particularly in **Ukraine** and Russia, for negotiations that bring a genuine, lasting and stable peace.

MAF Coffee Morning

Thursday 30th October

10am to 12 noon at 5 Glebe Meadow.

A coffee morning and gift sale to raise funds for MAF. Entry £2 - to include a hot drink and a slice of homemade cake.

For more details contact Corinne on 01256 771263.

The Next Week at St Mary's

Tuesday 28th

9:00 am Prayer meeting - *in the Upper Church Room - all welcome*

10:30 - 11:30am The Test distribution
- *35 Poyntz Road*

Thursday 30th

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Coffee and Chat
- *in the White Hart*

11:00 am to 1:00 pm Art Together
- *in the Lower Church Rooms*

Friday 31st

10:00 - 11:30 am Friday Friends
- *in the Church Rooms*

4:30 pm - Light Party (see inside)

Saturday 1st November

8:20 - 9:00 am Breathing Space
- *the meeting room, Overton Surgery*

Andover Foodbank

Updated weekly
Urgently needed:



Biscuits. Tinned Meat Pies.
Multi Pack Crisps. Marshmallows. Tinned Potatoes. Deodorant. General Cleaning Spray. Bin Bags.

They have plenty of Pot Noodles.

Christmas Day Lunch

In St Mary's Church rooms, from 12:30 / 1pm. If you wish to join us, please put your name and phone number on the list at the back of Church. A donation on the day towards the cost would be appreciated. All welcome. For further information please contact Marian Sweet 07810 608537 or Gilly Delbridge 07979 534053.



The Benefice Messenger

St Mary's Church Laverstoke and Overton

Striving for more of God in more of our lives

Sunday 26th October 2025 Last After Trinity Bible Sunday

Verse of the Week

"The LORD is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalm 27:1

St Mary the Virgin, Laverstoke

9:00 am Matins

St Mary's, Overton

10:30 am Holy Communion
Reading Psalm 27 (Alison Peters)

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Light Party

"Shining Light in the Dark"

We are organising a children's party
4:30 pm on the Friday 31st October.



This is primarily aimed at Primary and pre-schoolers (and they will need tickets, so we can provide enough food and craft materials), but baby brothers and sisters can be brought along too (without tickets), if they can cope with the noise!



Pizza & Snacks.
Disco. Crafts.
Sports. Chill-Out Zone.

Tickets are free but all children must be booked in and be accompanied by an adult.

Visit the QR code or use [this link to book](#).

The Bells of St Mary's

The bells here in St Mary's will be coming out for repair and refurbishment in November, can you be part of this once in a lifetime event? If you would like to donate to this project, please contact the Parish Treasurer, Chris Cates ,
treasurer@stmarysoverton.org.uk

We are also replacing the wooden louvres in the tower. Can you 'sponsor a louvre' for £200? You will then be able to leave your own mark/message on your very own personal louvre! [More on the church website.](#)

Test Editor Vacancy

Editor of *The Test* Magazine

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is seeking a volunteer to take over when the current editor stands down at the end of this year.

Please see the job description [on the church website](#), where you can also contact the current editor for more background if needed.

Unless someone comes forward by the end of this month, the December issue of The Test will be the last.

A Date for Your Diary

Overton Churches Together presents

An Evening of Songs, Stories and Inspiration with Philippa Hanna.

Supported by local artist Sarah Hawkyard.

Friday 7th November. 7:00 pm here at St Mary's

Tickets and details at [EventBrite](#)

Watching God at Work

Any ladies are welcome to come to Oakley Hall on Wednesday 12th November 10-11:30 am.

It's a morning of encouragement, with a talk on '**Watching God at Work**' by Pippa Cheshire, as well as our Ingrid Hatt from the Restore Charity. Donation on the day.

Please let Annabel know if you're coming.
annabelrussell99@gmail.com .

Around the Benefice

Sunday 26th October - Last After Trinity

Holy Trinity & St Andrew's, Ashe

11:00 am Harvest Service

All Saints', Deane

6:00 pm No service

St Mary the Virgin, Laverstoke

9:00 am Matins

St Michael's, North Waltham

9:30 am Family Communion

St Mary's, Overton

10:30 am Holy Communion

Saturday 25th October

St Nicholas', Steventon

8:45 am Breakfast Church (Village Hall)

Sunday 2nd November - All Saints

Holy Trinity & St Andrew's, Ashe

No service

All Saints', Deane

10:15 am Matins

St Mary the Virgin, Laverstoke

9:00 am Holy Communion BCP

St Michael's, North Waltham

10:00 am Informal Service

St Mary's, Overton

10:30 am Sunday Celebration

5:00 pm Bereavement Service

St Nicholas', Steventon

4:00 pm All Souls Bereavement Service