

## Please Pray For ...

Brenda Quicke, Chris Brown, Maureen Haynes, Alison Hudson, Sandi Rice-Berry, Darren Thompson, Roy Barron, Olga and her family.

The families and friends of Richard Mumford, of Karen Bird, of Marina Mudkins and of Brian Wheeler.

- **Friday Friends** and our **Children and Families** work
- Churches Together - **Catholics** in the village
- **Open Doors**
- The residents of **Charledown Road** and **Charledown Close**
- **The Middle East** - for a continuation of the ceasefire and successful negotiations to end the conflict..
- **Gaza and Lebanon** - for a genuine ceasefire.
- For safe passage for the aid agencies taking medicines and food to the displaced, sick and starving in **Gaza**.
- **Ukraine** - The war with Russia has caused immense suffering, with many civilians affected by violence and displacement. Pray for a lasting ceasefire and stability.
- **Sudan** - The country is experiencing severe violence and humanitarian crises. Pray for a ceasefire and compassion for those affected.
- **Democratic Republic of Congo** - Ongoing military conflicts have intensified, affecting civilians and communities. Pray for peace, reconciliation and relief from suffering.

**Lord, give us your heart for your world.**

## The Next Week at St Mary's

### Tuesday 2nd

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

### Wednesday 3rd

1 - 1:45 pm Open the Book at school  
- *Alison, Celeste and Lois*

### Thursday 4th

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Coffee and Chat  
- *in the White Hart*  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm Art Together  
- *in the Lower Church Rooms*

### Friday 5th

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

### Saturday 6th

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

## Pastoral Care

A reminder that we have a Pastoral Care Team at St Mary's. If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit from one or two of the team do get in touch. Please contact Annabel Russell.  
[annabelrussell99@gmail.com](mailto:annabelrussell99@gmail.com)

## Andover Foodbank

**Updated weekly**  
Urgently needed:



Rice. Pasta. Sauce. Biscuits. Tinned Fruit.  
Tinned Rice Pudding. Chocolate Bars.  
Scouring Sponges / Dish Cloths.  
They have plenty of Tinned Fish & Baked beans.



# The Benefice Messenger

## St Mary's Church Laverstoke and Overton

Striving for more of God in more of our lives

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026  
Trinity Sunday

### Verse of the Week

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 26:19

### Rogation Sunday walk

Today we shall be walking between our six churches, stopping at each for a reading and prayers.

Details and timings are inside. Please join us at a single church or come for as much of the walk as you would like.

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## Rogation Sunday

We will be marking the above in our benefice on May 31st. Traditionally this involves walking the Parish boundaries and praying in various locations. Charlie is minded, instead, to walk between our six Churches - starting at St Mary's in Laverstoke, then visiting Overton, Ashe, Deane, Steventon and North Waltham Churches and finishing up at The Wheatsheaf for a well earned drink and possibly lunch.

His very rough timings are :

Laverstoke : 09:00 | Overton : 10:30 | Ashe : 11:15 |  
Deane : 11:45 | Steventon : 12:45 |  
North Waltham : 13:15

He would be delighted if anyone wanted to join him for the whole walk, or legs, or just meet him at the Churches for prayer & sustenance

Any questions to him on 07967 555624 or  
[charlie.seligman@outlook.com](mailto:charlie.seligman@outlook.com)

**Note: There are no normal church services on 31st May.**

## Bishop Kelly's Visit

Bishop Kelly will be visiting Whitchurch Deanery on June 7th, 8th, 9th & 12th. We will be having a Deanery Celebration service in St. Mary's, Overton, at **6 pm** on **Sunday, June 7th**, followed by refreshments.

There will also be further opportunity to hear from Bishop Kelly at an informal gathering in All Hallows, Whitchurch, on **Monday, June 8th** at **7 for 7:30 pm**. Please do join us at one or both events.

**James**

## Missed a service?

If you missed a service but would still like to listen to the sermon, recent sermons are available on the [church website](#). These include an audio recording of the Hallowing of the Bells service.

## Charlie's Priesting

Charlie Seligman is to be Priested by the Bishop of Basingstoke in a service at Winchester Cathedral on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

He would be delighted if anyone wished to attend and stand up to support him at the appropriate point in the service.

Admittance is by ticket - not that access to a Cathedral can be barred - so if you would like to go could you please let him know so he can get a ticket to you. You can contact him on 07967 555624 or at [charlie.seligman@outlook.com](mailto:charlie.seligman@outlook.com)

## Children and Families Minister

We are looking for a part-time Children and Families Minister to help us achieve our aim of creating a church community where children feel valued and loved and are equipped and inspired in their walk with Jesus. Full details on the [church website](#).

## New to the Village?

If you are new to the village or church, or know someone who is, Information Packs are available at the back of church. Please take one!

## Around the Benefice

### Sunday 31st May - Trinity Sunday Rogation Sunday Walk

Readings & Prayers at each church - approximate timings

#### St Mary the Virgin, Laverstoke

9:00 am - the start of the walk

#### St Mary's, Overton

10:30 am

#### Trinity & St Andrew's, Ashe

11:15 am

#### All Saints', Deane

11:45 am

#### St Nicholas', Steventon

12:45 pm

#### St Michael's, North Waltham

1:15 pm

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### Sunday 7th June - Trinity 1

#### Holy Trinity & St Andrew's, Ashe

11:00 am Holy Communion

#### All Saints', Deane

No services in June

#### St Nicholas, Freefolk

9:00 am Holy Communion

#### St Michael's, North Waltham

No service

#### St Mary's, Overton

10:30 am Sunday Celebration

6:00 pm Deanery Service with Bishop Kelly

#### St Nicholas', Steventon

No service