

Please Pray For ...

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

The families and friends of Richard Mumford, of Karen Bird, of Marina Mudkins, of Brian Wheeler, of Marilyn Inwood, and of Sandy Haynes.

- Our **Band and Musicians**
- Churches Together - **Catholics in the village**
- **Overton Churches Together Projects**
- The residents of **Waltham Road** and **Waltham Court**
- **The Middle East** - for a stable ceasefire and successful negotiations to end the conflict.
- **Gaza and Lebanon** - for a genuine ceasefire and 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 one of the world's most severe humanitarian crises. Pray for a ceasefire and compassion for those affected.
- **Venezuela** - The earthquakes have killed over 5,200 people, injured many more and made at least 23,000 homeless. Pray for those affected and the teams helping them.

Lord, give us your heart for your world.

The Next Week at St Mary's

Tuesday 28th

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

Thursday 30th

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*

Saturday 1st August

8:20 - 9:00 am Breathing Space

- *the meeting room, Overton Surgery*

Sandy Haynes Funeral Service

Sandy's service will be held on Thursday, August 6th at Basingstoke Crematorium at 12:30 pm. All are welcome to the service, and afterwards, to St Mary's Church Rooms for refreshments, 1:15 - 3:00 pm approx.

United Benefice Service

Our service on **August 30th** will be in **North Waltham** at **10am**. Please do join us. It is always so encouraging when we meet together as a Benefice wide family. If you would like to come but will need a lift please let James know.

Andover Foodbank

Updated weekly

Urgently needed:



Biscuits. Long Life Milk. Tinned Meat Meals. Tinned Fruit. Chocolate. Crisps. Ice Pops (unfrozen).

They have plenty of Tinned Fish and Baked Beans.



The Benefice Messenger

Around the Benefice

Sunday 26th July - Trinity 8

Holy Trinity & St Andrew's, Ashe

No service

All Saints', Deane

No service

St Mary the Virgin, Laverstoke

No service

St Michael's, North Waltham

9:00 am Holy Communion

St Mary's, Overton

10:30 am Holy Communion

St Nicholas', Steventon

No service

Sunday 2nd August - Trinity 9

Holy Trinity & St Andrew's, Ashe

No services in August

All Saints', Deane

No services in August

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 Evensong

St Nicholas', Steventon

No service

Church Cleaner

We are looking to take on a new cleaner to look after the church and rooms from September, when Callum leaves to start at University.

This is usually expected to take about 5 hours a week and is flexible around bookings and your own schedule.

If you would like more information please speak to Ruth (admin).

Time Love Challenge, (TLC)

Take time out to show (y)our love for those who serve our community and add value to our lives, paid or unpaid.

The postie, refuse collectors, charity workers, social carers, Tidy Overton, Tuesday Lunch group, the person fixing a leak or reconnecting the phones, pool volunteers, hospice shop workers, our struggling shop keepers and many many others.

They are all deserving of our Hugs for Heroes with our words of appreciation and thanks and let's highlight their valuable contributions to our village and its people.

Adrian Lines

Time for a 'Messenger' break

This Sunday's 'Messenger' will be the last one before a Summer break. Our first one back will be on Sept 6th.

Mission of the Month Overton Churches Together

"How good it is when God's people live together in unity ... for there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forever more". (Psalm 133 v 1-3).

This is the happy and encouraging promise under which we work together with LifeSpring church on joint initiatives in the village. Please see our displays at the back of the church and in the link. Please pray for the Lou Fellingham concert on Friday October 9th.

If you would like to know more, help out or join the planning team, then James R, Helen F or Ginnie C would love to have a chat.

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](#).

'The Great Gatsby'

St Nicholas', Freefolk

Tuesday 18th August at 7:00 pm

Performed in the churchyard by This is My Theatre.

Tickets from <https://www.tickettailor.com>.

St Mary's Overton

Striving for more of God in more of our lives

Sunday 26th July - Trinity 8

Verse of the Week

"For I am convinced that neither life nor death, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38, 39

10:30 am	Holy Communion
Readings	Romans 8:26-end (Janine Smith) Matt 13:31-33, 44-52 (Paul Trotman)
Intercessions	Helen Francis

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