Please Pray For ...

Brenda Quicke, Maureen Haynes, Alison Hudson, Darren Thompson, Roy Barron, Olga and her family.

The families and friends of Doug Delbridge.

- Our Rector - **James Russell**
- Churches Together - **Methodists in the Village**
- The residents of **The Lynch** and **Silk Mill Lane**
- **Mityana** - and our activities there, led by Dodie Marsden.
- **Nepal** - Pray for all those affected by the flash foods, the injured, lost loved ones and homes
- **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 6,500 people, injured many more and made at least 42,000 homeless. Pray for those affected and the teams helping them.
- **DR Congo** - pray for those facing what is the country's worst ever Ebola outbreak.

Lord, give us your heart for your world.

The Next Week at St Mary's

Tuesday 3rd
9:00 am Prayer meeting - *in the Upper Church Room - all welcome*

Wednesday 4th
1:15 - 1:45 pm Open the Book at School
- Alison, Maddie and Lois

Thursday 5th
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
7:30 pm Test Valley Men
- in the Red Lion

Friday 6th
10:00 - 11:30 am Friday Friends
- in the Church Rooms
2:30 - 3:45 pm Meeting Point
- in the Lower Church Rooms

Saturday 7th
8:20 - 9:00 am Breathing Space
- the meeting room, Overton Surgery

Andover Food Bank

Updated weekly
Urgently needed:

Andover Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Tinned Meat Meals. Tinned Vegan Meals. Coffee. Chocolate. Washing Up Liquid. Anti-Bac Spray Cleaner.

They have plenty of Tinned Fish & Baked Beans

The Benefice Messenger

Around the Benefice

Sunday 1st November - All Saints Day

Holy Trinity & St Andrew's, Ashe
11:00 am Holy Communion

All Saints', Deane
No service

St Mary the Virgin, Laverstoke
9:00 am Matins

St Michael's, North Waltham
9:30 am First Sunday Service

St Mary's, Overton
10:30 am Sunday Celebration
5:00 pm All Souls Service

St Nicholas', Steventon
4:00 pm All Souls Service

Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday

Holy Trinity & St Andrew's, Ashe
10:45 am Act of Remembrance

All Saints', Deane
No service

St Mary the Virgin Laverstoke
10:50 am Act of Remembrance

St Michael's, North Waltham
10:30 am Act of Remembrance

St Mary's, Overton
10:50 am Act of Remembrance

St Nicholas', Steventon
10:45 am Act of Remembrance

Kairos Palestine - Faith in Time of Genocide

Kairos Palestine is a Palestinian Christian ecumenical movement. Their document, 'Faith in a Time of Genocide', is dedicated to the people of Gaza whose witness 'challenges the conscience of the world and calls us to truth, justice, and costly solidarity'. Copies are available at the back of church.
Also, from Christian Aid: "*A Just Peace - Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory: An exploration of the path to peace and what you can do*".
Caid.org.uk/justpeace **Julia Hodgson**

Help Needed: Saturday 7th Nov, 1:30 - 3:30

- We will be having a working party at church to set up for the Remembrance Day services and to undertake some cleaning and re-arranging.
- We also need help collecting the folding chairs from the Community Centre, so if you can help with that please meet us there at 1pm.
- Help will also be needed to clear down after the services on Sunday 8th November, to return the church and rooms to normal and to return the chairs to the Community Centre.

Please look for the sign up sheet at the back of church.

Many thanks, **Ruth**

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.

Mission of the Month
Mityana Projects

We support the Whitchurch Deanery which has had a partnership with Mityana Diocese in Uganda since the 1980's and supports a variety of projects. Rev'd Dodie Marsden comments 'When we go to Mityana and give them something – a water tank, a classroom, new desks, doors, windows, equipment, gifts; whatever it is large or small, they always say 'thank you for loving us … how can we pray for you?'

We support a variety of projects and from time to time send members of the congregation to strengthen our links.

Test Valley Men

5th November Meeting at the Red Lion

We're looking forward to meeting on Thursday 5th November at 7:30 pm in the Red Lion.

We had a lively discussion last month. Hoping that many will join us next week.

As evenings draw in and we are see many dark influences in the world, our discussion will be on the theme of Light and Darkness. Jesus said 'I am the Light of the World'. Take a few minutes to think about what that means to you.

Buffet will be £5 as usual paid at the bar with your first drink.

Please let me know if you're coming by Tuesday 3rd November.

Mike Francis

St Mary's Overton

Striving for more of God in more of our lives

Sunday 1st November
All Saints Day

Verse of the Week

"May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

Ruth 2:12

10:30 am	Sunday Celebration
Readings	Ruth 2:1-13 (Mike Smith)
	Ruth 2:14-23 (Dee Spencer)
Intercessions	Hannah Smith
5:00 pm	All Souls Service
Readings	Isaiah 65:17-end (Adrian Lewis)
	Hebrews 11:32-12:2
Intercessions	Marilyn Bilson

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