

WELCOME

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19th January 2014

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Hymns for Today

120, 527, 374, 154, 658,
240

TODAY

Holy Baptisms At 2.00 pm Chloe & Isla Hanks and Matilda Monk are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

THIS WEEK

"The Dawn from on High": Celebrating Epiphany at St Mary's.

Thank you to all who came along to the Epiphany Tea, hosted by the Seasons House Group. Special thanks go to all the talented bakers and their assistants who created the delicious array of Epiphany King cakes from the USA to Poland! This includes Georgie and Peter, Connie and Rosey, Hana and Jo, Paul, Diana and John, and Steve.

"The Dawn from on High" creative, quiet day takes place this Wednesday, 22nd January in the Parish Room from 9:30 - 2:45 and includes lunch. There are still one or two spaces so please see Gill Sakakini today if you are interested.

Epiphany & the Arts II will take place on Tuesday, 28th January at 8pm in The Bolton Chapel. Come along to share in a visual, musical, and dramatic experience of the themes of the Magi and the Presentation,

including two original compositions. Refreshments follow.

Discussion group Jan. 23rd, 7.30 for 8.00 pm in the Parish Room

All welcome. We will discuss what we understand by the Grace of God. One way of preparing might be to read and ponder the Book of Jonah.

BITS AND PIECES

Appointment of New Curate

Some of you may have missed the wonderful news that we will be welcoming a new curate at Petertide: The Rev'd Rachel Hartland. An ex-Reader, she will work on a part-time basis.

I know you will all make her very welcome. *Fr Alec.*

Holy Dusters Saturday 1st March,

10am – 12 noon Our annual church cleaning session., an extra time for cleaning areas and pieces within the church not routinely dusted, polished or washed will take place on Saturday 1st March. If you have a couple of hours to spare, do come and join us, no special skills required, bring your favourite cloths or dusters, wear old clothes, sensible shoes, coffee and biscuits will be provided. *The Churchwardens*

Farewell to Bishop Peter Following the announcement that Bishop Peter has been appointed as the next Bishop of Bath & Wells, a farewell service is to take place during Evensong at 5.30 pm in Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 12th April

followed by a reception in the Cathedral. All are welcome. If you are planning on attending please sign up on the sheet in the lobby so that we can let the Diocese know for catering purposes. There will be a collection towards a gift for Bishop Peter. If you would like to contribute to this please make cheques payable to "Winchester Bishopric Official Expenses" and leave this in the blue post box marked for the attention of Debbie Filer (with "Bishop's Gift") written on the outside of the envelope. We will forward any cheques received to Wolvesey.

2014 Parish Pilgrimage Fr Alec will lead a short pilgrimage to the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from April 22nd - April 24th 2014 - ie 2 nights away. We will be there on a half board basis and will be travelling by car - we already have 3 drivers so there are plenty of places for passengers! The cost is confirmed as £99 per head.

Places are limited to 12 and details have to be given to the Shrine Office by Jan 28th. So please speak to Fr Alec or Penny Potter (333249) if you'd like to know more about it and give in your name(s) to Penny if you want to book a place/places as soon as you can.

Confirmation If you (young or old) would like to be confirmed, or just discuss the possibility, please speak to Fr Alec. Classes will begin during Lent, with a view to a confirmation service being held in June.

Box Holders: The Children's Society Just a reminder to all Box Holders that they are now due in to be counted. It would be very much appreciated if

During the service a collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn. If you miss this collection, gifts can be placed in the wall pillar. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the pews. DeoGratias Registered Charity No. 1136606

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they could be brought to church for me to collect or alternatively, dropped off at my house at 42 Linden Avenue, Old Basing, Tel:- Bas. 324065. Many thanks.

Thelma Gregson.

Barn Dance Regrettably the Burn's Night barn dance has had to be cancelled. Many thanks to all those who put in time and hard work to its organisation.

FROM FR ALEC

Today as we contemplate the conversion of Simon and Andrew, we are led to ask 'What's in a name?' Simon is renamed Peter, the Rock upon which Christ will build his church. Each of us is called by name as we are and for who we are. Becoming a Christian is not so much the abandonment of our individuality as the fulfilment of it.

Please pray for:

- Tim, Peter & Jonathan. our bishops; especially for bishop Peter preparing for his new appointment.
- Those yet to hear the call of Jesus.
- Strength to live out our vocation in this place.
- Chloe & Isla Hanks & Matilda Monk being baptised today;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Pat and David Sacree; Beryl Streether; Mavis Lloyd; Sylvia Dark; Margaret Lomax, Des & Joyce Atkin; Canon Simon Wilkinson; and all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Josephine Barton; John Olohan; Geoffrey Armstead; Arthur Jordan; Cynthia Furmedge; and for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time;

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