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26th January 2014

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Hymns for Today

144, 347, 691, 656, 540,

100

TODAY

Church Photograph for the Basinga

You may have noticed that the Basinga front cover in recent months has featured various "parish people". Please don't rush off after today's 9.30 am service as Carol Bode, the Basinga photographer, will be taking a photograph of the congregation for the front cover of the April edition.

THIS WEEK

Men's Breakfast This Saturday 1st February at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

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

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.

LOOKING FORWARD

Education Sunday will be celebrated here on Feb 9th at 10am. This will be an All-age service with contributions from the local schools.

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.*

Advent Collection – St Francis' Hospital, Katete

A cheque totalling £251.04 has been sent off to St Francis' Hospital following the Advent collections. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

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.

Last Sunday's Collection If anyone who was at the 9.30 am service last Sunday has found half a £5 note in their wallet, please can you bring it to church so that we can join it up with the half which was in the collection

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.

Food Bank Requests The **Foodbank** is asking for **bags of sugar and fruit juices (only)**. If you could help please leave these items in the church porch **on Sunday February 2**. The Foodbank has not yet indicated they wish to resume donations of other types of foodstuffs. **Many thanks**
Myrna

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 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.

FROM FR ALEC

When Jesus called his first disciples, he could have called anyone, but he

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chose two fishermen, saying 'Follow me, and I will make you Fishers-of-men.'

There is surely significance here that he chose an occupation that is dangerous, uncertain, and speculative.

A fisherman goes to his nets hopefully, with no guarantee that they will be filled.

This costly model of life speaks powerfully of the discipleship to which we are called. Sometimes we will labour all day to no effect. At other times we will do nothing and be showered with more than we need or deserve.

To take up our cross at all, we must first accept that Christ calls us on his own terms.

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.
- 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; Rose White; and for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time;

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