

## WELCOME

All Christians who would normally do so are invited to receive communion. If you wish not to receive, please come forward for a blessing. You are warmly invited to coffee afterwards.



## CHILDREN

Children are very welcome at St Mary's. Junior Church takes place in the Parish Room during the Sung Eucharist. There is a children's corner in Church for supervised pre-school children.

## 29th October 2017 Bible Sunday

### Hymns:

551, 174, 83, 429, 533, 565

## TODAY

**Retiring collection for USPG** - St Mary's charity for October. Please see noticeboard for details.

## THIS WEEK

**Men's Breakfast** this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

**All Souls' Service Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** at this Eucharist service at 7pm (preceded by refreshments at 6pm), those who have died will be prayed for by name. A list for you to write those names of people for whom you wish prayer to be offered is now available in the prayer corner.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Parish Service of Remembrance Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10 am** followed by Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial. Holy Communion follows immediately afterwards in the Bolton chapel at 11.15am.

### Dates for diaries:

**Contemplative Advent** reflective services through Advent, Bolton chapel 8pm Mondays 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4, 11, 18 Dec.

### All Age Christmas Festival

**Worship:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am (followed by Messy Church activities 11am, Parish Messy Church lunch 12noon all welcome).

**Blue Christmas** Fri 22nd Dec 6pm (tea 5pm).

### Big Turkey Community

**Christmas lunch** Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Dec (offers to help, wonderful)

**Spread some Joy with a Tree at the Christmas Tree Festival 9th & 10th December:** Now that preparations are underway for the Christmas Tree Festival we are appealing for tree decorators. This is such a lovely festival so tell your friends, family, fellow members of organisations, neighbours, strangers in the street, to book a space. Anyone can sponsor a tree. Forms are available in Church or by mailto:

[idedwards38@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:idedwards38@hotmail.co.uk)

We will be having a Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December. If you can help with running a stall please contact Tricia Renwick on 326155. We will soon be asking for volunteers to help during the weekend so save the date and make this a festival to remember. *Team Joy to the World*

## BITS AND PIECES

**Introducing St Mark** The second in our series of 3 evenings of discussion about St Mark's Gospel (our Gospel for the new church season starting in Advent) takes place on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, with the final session being on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. Parish Room, 7-8pm.

### Children's Society Christmas

**Cards** will be on sale again today after the 9.30 am service in the Parish Room. Orders can be taken. There is one **unclaimed raffle prize** for someone who attended the recent coffee morning. The ticket is Pink 228. I still have all the tickets and if this remains unclaimed by October 30th, we will draw again. *Rosemary Kershaw*

**Do-nutting!** St Mary's Pilots & acolytes are going do-nutting at Aldershot Ski Slope on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4.30 pm. Places are not restricted to pilots & acolytes so if your child would be interested in joining in the fun please speak to either Caroline Bale, Paul Skinner or Debbie Filer.

**St. Mary's Book Group** is next reading 'Cold Comfort Farm' in which Stella Gibbons takes a humorous look at non-

conformity amongst other things... Join us at 5pm on Sunday 19th November and discuss. We meet at 51 Amport Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0FR, the Taylor's Farm development off the A33. Please give me a call on 07762 957516 if you would like to know more, or just turn up on the day. *Kim Austin.*

### News from Coffee Catch Up Café

During the month of November, all proceeds from the Coffee Catch Up café will go to the BBC's Children In Need Appeal. On 17<sup>th</sup> November (Children In Need Day), as well as our usual selection of home-made cakes, we shall be offering activities for children including face painting and a lucky dip. We raised a fantastic total of £110 for the Basingstoke Foodbank during September & October - thank you!

Do come along and give us a try! We are in the Parish Room every Friday, 2-4pm (2-4.30 pm on 17<sup>th</sup> November)

*For information this week: Funeral in church, Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 11.45 am: Duncan King RIP*

### Please pray for

- Those experiencing poverty, hunger and homelessness.
- All struggling with depression, grief, illness, isolation, relationship breakdowns, addiction
- All regions where there is famine, conflict, abuse, suffering: Myanmar, East Africa, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Congo, Yemen
- Our global partnership friends in Katakala & the work of USPG worldwide
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Dudley Clark, Brenda Pollard, and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: Duncan King; Sylvia Bidwell; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them.

**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. Deo Gratias.** Registered Charity No. 1136606

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