

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.

31st JULY 2016 10th Sunday after Trinity

Hymns:

9, 174, 437, 552, 381, 565

TODAY

Holy Baptisms At 2pm Casey and Eliza Moore are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service

THIS WEEK

Clergy Holidays: Fr Alec is currently on holiday returning this Thursday 4th August. Rachel is on holiday 13th- 30th August; Sarah 5th - 18th Sept.

Men's Breakfast This Saturday, 6th August at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

LOOKING FORWARD



MESSY HARVEST:

Our second adventure with Messy Church will be Saturday 17th

September. Gathering from 3.45pm in the Parish Room for a 4pm start, we will discover more about God's love for his wonderful creation and us, through all sorts of worship and activities, music and a family meal. Please come and join the messy fun.

MESSY HARVEST PROPS: Do you drink fruit juice that comes in cartons? Do you have any old, colourful, (clean) socks? If the answer is yes to these questions, please can you save them and leave them under the table near the church door for the Messy Church team to collect. Curiosity is encouraged, and help on the day much needed, so please talk to Rev'd Rachel about Messy Church.

LIVING PILGRIM: Plans are afoot for a pilgrim walk, centered around a short Eucharist together in St Lawrence's, Winchester at 1pm, Friday 26th August. Shorter and longer walkers (and those

with 4 legs of course) all welcome – we'll plan morning and afternoon routes and meeting points to cater for all hopefully. Non-walkers – join us for Eucharist and lunch? Please chat to Sarah, or any regular at *Living Word*, if interested.

BITS AND PIECES

Harvest Festival. This will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd October, **BUT** there are some events beforehand to note on the calendar! On the Sunday before (the **25th September**), there will be a **Nature Trail** around the Village to collect leaves, berries, grasses, & feathers to make some large collages to display. On **Sat. 1st October** there is a **Barn Dance** in Old Basing Village Hall. All ages are welcome. Posters with more details are on notice boards around the Village and tickets will be available from the beginning of September. We hope you will join in these events to celebrate Harvest Festival!

Gift for Fr Alec to celebrate his 10th anniversary as a priest. If you would like to contribute and have not yet done so it is not too late! Please put donations in an envelope marked Fr Alec and pop into the wall safe.

Winchester Cathedral - Bible Marathon (7-10 Sept) As part of the Cathedral's fund-raising appeal, Winchester Cathedral is holding a non-stop, cover-to-cover, reading marathon which is expected to take a total of 75 hours to complete. There is no age limit and the only qualification is the ability to read aloud. Adults will be asked to read for at least 10 minutes and children for at least 5 minutes. Participants are asked to contribute a minimum of £30 for adults or £10 for children, either through sponsorship or donation. Is there an individual or small group from St. Mary's who would like to take part, and whom we could get behind and sponsor? If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby or speak to Rachel or Sarah.

Would you like to see some picturesque Hampshire countryside and visit historic churches? Then why not take part in this year's **Ride and Stride on 10th of September?** This is a chance to ride (bicycle or horse) or walk (with or without a dog) along a short or long route to your choice of churches and raise sponsorship, which is split between St. Mary's and the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust. Please speak to **Paul Skinner** if you are interested or see the website: www.hihct.org.uk/ridestride.php. If anyone is able to greet visitors to St Mary's on this day this would also be appreciated - a friendly chat and a flapjack is always welcome to keep up the spirits!

From Rev'd Rachel

We can be rather good at getting other people to make decisions for us, or enforce a justice from which we will benefit. What Jesus is calling and equipping us for, is the challenge of taking responsibility for our own performance, and of showing our leaders by example what it is to live with Christ's sacrificial example as our motivation for humility, generosity, and love.

Please pray for

- The people of Turkey, France, Syria, Iraq, USA, and all regions where there is violence, fear, and suffering.
- The poor and oppressed at home and across the world, that their voices are heard and lives lifted.
- Justice and peace in our nation, our world and our hearts
- Our brothers and sisters in St Apolo's Katakala.
- Refugees, prisoners, victims and all affected by war, disaster or abuse.
- Casey & Eliza Moore being baptised today;
- The residents of Basingfield Court;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Emily Fisk; Betty Thorn; Esther Wong and all in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently: David Barrs; and all 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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