

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.

26th March 2017 Mothering Sunday

Hymns:

184, 411, 525, 182, 819, 474

TODAY

Welcome This morning we particularly welcome the uniformed organisations of the parish as we celebrate Mothering Sunday. **Thank You** to the Men's Breakfast Group for preparing today's flower posies and also to those who have made cakes as part of today's refreshments after the service.

Retiring collection for our March charity: This month we are collecting for **St Michael's Hospice**.

THE FOODBANK would welcome donations of Easter Eggs, as well as the usual food supplies please.

THIS WEEK

The Memory Café takes place tomorrow, 2.15 - 3.45 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

Lent Course Our shared ecumenical Lent Course, *The Mystery of Everything*, based on the film, *The Theory of Everything* continues this Weds at The Methodist Chapel (7.30 pm).

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

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday 2nd April 9.30am: please come and make our special guest very welcome: Panelope (Rev'd Rocky's 14 yr old daughter) from our partnership village of Katakala, Uganda, will join us for our worship and at coffee afterwards. Panelope will be staying in Old Basing from Fri 31st-Sunday 2nd April.

MESSY CHURCH 3.45pm Saturday 8th April



Volunteers are sought to help with Messy Church on 8th April. If you're free please speak to Andree McLean.

Palm Sunday The Blessing of Palms and the Procession will start at **9.20 am** from The

Jubilee Cross, opposite The Bolton Arms, with the service in church starting at the usual time of 9.30 am. **Bring a branch to wave!** If you would like to be involved in the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday please speak to Fr Alec.

Confirmation Service, 11th June 6.30 pm Please make a note in your diaries of our Confirmation Service when we shall be joined in worship by Bishop David. *This will be the main service that day*

BITS AND PIECES.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) This will be held on Sunday April 30th at 11.15 am. Notices are in the foyer for nominations for new members of the PCC and Deanery Synod Representatives (both to serve for 3 years) and for Churchwardens (elected annually). Please read the information and consider standing for a role and/or encourage others to do so. Copies of the **Annual Report & Financial Statements** together with the agenda for the APCM will be issued via email or hand-delivered to those on the Electoral Roll.

Preaching Practice On Sunday, 2 April, from 1 p.m., we will welcome a group of future Licenced Lay Ministers (LLM's) for Day 2 of their preaching practice. They will spend the afternoon preaching to each other on the gospel for Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:1-11). Please feel free to wander in and listen and to provide your support to this new cohort of lay ministers from across the Diocese of Winchester, one of whom is Steve Sakakini. We will take a break for refreshments around 2:45 p.m., and all are welcome!

Family Service The last 11.15 am Family Service before Easter will be next Sunday, 2nd April. The service resumes on Sunday 7th May.

Church Electoral Roll Are you on St. Mary's Electoral Roll? You are entitled to join the Electoral Roll if you are baptised and aged 16 or over and live in the parish of Old Basing and Lychpit, or if you live outside the parish but have attended services regularly for at least 6 months. (Full details on the back of the application form.) Although you can join the Roll at any time during the year, people are encouraged to join now so that

they can take an active part in the life of St. Mary's and the APCM on Sunday 30th April.

If you would like to serve on the Parochial Church Council, join the sidesperson's rota, or take some other active part in the running of the church, - or even if you would just like to vote for those who do these things - please make sure that you are on the Electoral Roll. Application forms are available in church, or from the Electoral Roll Officer, Hilary May-Miller. She, or one of the churchwardens can give you more information. **NB:** The last date for applications to join before this APCM is **Easter Sunday 16th April.**

From Rev'd Rachel:

Humans break God's heart when we kill and hurt each other. But we also care for each other and for strangers; we offer comfort and protection in the face of danger. This Mothering Sunday we are reminded what it is to take risks, to suffer and comfort as Jesus did on the cross. We are reminded what it is to love like God.

Please pray for

- Grace this Lent to reassess ourselves and determine what and where we are called to be, as we turn ourselves back to Christ and walk with him the way of the cross.
- Loving hearts to serve the most vulnerable in our community, our society, and around the world.
- A willingness to work among the young families of this community who don't know God's love for them.
- For those killed, injured and bereaved by events in Westminster this week, giving thanks for the emergency services and all who responded with care and compassion.
- We pray with our friends in Katakala: for parents of children in the school, struggling to feed and care for their children.
- The people of Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is violence, fear, or suffering.
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Richard Rylance, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn; Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Peter May-Miller; Dudley Clark, Ruth Taylor and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: Irene Bowgen; Vincent North; those who's 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

PARISH CONTACTS: Vicar - The Rev'd Alexander Battey 354707 vicar@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

Assistant Curates - The Rev'd Rachel Hartland 07717 942669 rachel@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk,

The Rev'd Sarah Lloyd 816122 sarah@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

Churchwardens - Mrs Tricia Renwick 326155, Mr Ian Kershaw 355500

Home Communion Enquiries - please contact Rev'd Sarah in the first instance

Parish Administrator & Parish Room Bookings - Mrs Debbie Filer 07541 698235 admin@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

Friends of St Mary's (Enquiries to 358533) **St Mary's Church Website Address:** www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk