

## 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.

## 2nd April 2017 Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Hymns:**  
**572, 332,84,333,67,695**

## TODAY

**Welcome Sunday** Today we are delighted to welcome our special guest Panelope from our partnership village of Katakala, Uganda. Please stay for coffee after the service with a chance to chat to Panelope and enjoy the cake (kindly baked by Jo Gough)..

**The Traidcraft Stall** is available today.

**Retiring collection for our April charity:** This month we are collecting for **Pancreatic Cancer UK**.

**Family Service** Today is the last 11.15 am Family Service before Easter. The service resumes on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**Today 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 provide your support to this new cohort of lay ministers from across the Diocese of Winchester, one of whom is Steve Sakakini. Break for refreshments c.2:45 pm, all welcome!

## LOOKING FORWARD

**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 please speak to Fr Alec.

**Confirmation Service, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 consider standing for a role and/or encourage others to do so.

**St Mary's Church Electoral Roll** – Please see the separate notice in the lobby which gives details of who is eligible to join the roll and what this entails.

**Sidespersons** for 2017/18 If you would like to join our team of Sidespersons please add your name to the list in the lobby.

**Knitters wanted** for St Mary's School's "Ewe Matters" Project. A call is going out to all knitters in the parish to make a sheep - please see the notice in the lobby. A pattern is available from Debbie Filer.

### MESSY CHURCH

 Why would a woman pour expensive perfume over the feet of a travelling preacher? What's it got to do with Easter? **Come and enjoy MESSY CHURCH on Saturday 8th April at 3.45pm** to find out. This creative church worship will also include, hammers, nails, pebbles and pizza, ending with a family meal. The Messy Church team look forward to seeing you and your family there.

**The Stitchcraft Group** extends a warm welcome to anyone who enjoys sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery, tatting, or any craft of that sort to their monthly meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Room at 2.00pm. Bring your own work and join in a relaxed afternoon, or come and learn a new craft from our experienced members. We cannot provide materials but can provide a cup of tea, and maybe a biscuit. For more information please contact Christine Young tel: 356973 Or email [chris8young@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris8young@hotmail.co.uk)

**Mowing Rota** It's that time of year again to start mowing the churchyard! From April to October a group of volunteers works in teams of 2 and are allocated a 2-week slot to mow the front and back of the churchyard. Are you able to help out the existing mowing teams and provide 2 to 3 hours of effort about 3 to 4 times over the spring & summer months? If so, you'd be very

welcome, and all the equipment and petrol is provided. Please speak to or contact Steve Sakakini (07812 145 987)

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

**The Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC)** will be holding its AGM on Mon 24 April at 8pm in the Parish Room. Do come along and find out what we have been doing in the past year and then, once business is concluded, enjoy an illustrated talk by Margaret & Tim Carr & refreshments. Their talk is 'Corsica - The Scented Isle'. All welcome

*For information this week: **Funeral in Church, Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10.30 am for Margaret Mansbridge RIP***

***End of Term School Visits: Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April: 9.15-11.30 am***

## From Rev'd Sarah:

At our 9.30 service this morning our young 'Pilots' and 'Junior Church' members will lead us and help us to explore the story of Lazarus, and what makes us sad, mad, and glad. Why do we weep? What does sadness and joy mean in our lives? Jesus weeps with us in his humanity, and is present to raise us to life through his divinity. We can find new life and bring life to others as we help unbind each other and share in the light of God's glory..

### Please pray for

- Grace this Lent to discern afresh our calling as we turn to Christ and walk the way of the cross.
- Loving hearts to weep and share joys with each other, serving in love with the most vulnerable and marginalised.
- Joy and energy to be alongside young families of our parish, sharing God's love with all.
- Our brothers and sisters in Katakala: giving thanks for the blessing of Panelope's presence with us today
- The people of East Africa, Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is famine, violence, 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; Margaret Mansbridge; 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

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