

## 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.

## 14th May 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Hymns:

636, 97, 123, 99, 584, 503

## TODAY

**Retiring collection for St Mary's charity of the month, May:** Christian Aid.

**Holy Baptisms** At 2pm Charlie Dodd is to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

## THIS WEEK

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS

**TODAY** (14-20 May). Please don't forget to take your bag from the back of church and drop it back. Several roads still need collectors please speak to Debbie if you can help. All welcome to **Christian Aid Big Brekkie in the parish room Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am** (cooked by men's breakfast chefs led by Chris Beadle). **Pitch your Tent for CA:** camp out in aid of Christian Aid outside the church. Friday night there will be a **Family Camp Out** with an evening of singing, roasting marshmallows & enjoying the great outdoors together. Call Cara 07884 353030 for details.

**Ploughmen's Lunch:** This Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30 pm. All welcome.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Thy Kingdom Come Novena of Prayer 26<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** The Archbishops are inviting all Christians globally to join in this great wave of prayer again between Ascension and Pentecost. Across Basingstoke all denominations are joining in this *Thy Kingdom Come Ecumenical Novena*; at St Mary's there will be a variety of ways we can engage in 9 days of prayer together. **Pray for 1hr in TKC 24hr Prayer** – sign-up if you can manage one hour to pause/reflect/pray and enable our continuous 24hr prayer. **TKC Prayer Stations:** will be around the church throughout the novena. **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May Pilgrim Walk:** join short walk from St Mary's to Methodist Chapel (long way round!) and share your sandwich lunch together at noon. **1<sup>st</sup> June Praying Beyond Boundaries:** pray simultaneously across the world with our global friends in Uganda, India

etc. See **noticeboard** for details of these and more opportunities to join in TKC prayer at home, in church, or elsewhere.

[www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk](http://www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk).



### Thy Kingdom Come, Pentecost Messy Church.

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> June, 3.45pm - 6.00pm

Come and join in creative ways to explore The Lord's Prayer together. Lots of crafts and arts, as part of our worship together and then the great Messy Church tea together in the Parish Room. Whatever your age, please feel welcome to come and take part.

### 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. *There will not be a 9.30 am service on this day.*

### Celebrating Age Service – 18<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am,

special service with and for all ages. Please bring a small plant or seed which represents the age you feel, and a plant pot label saying why.

## BITS AND PIECES.

**New Pilgrim Course** - For those enquiring into the faith or looking to take the next step. After the success of our last course, we are looking to begin again from the start. If you would like to take part please speak to Fr Alec

**St Mary's Prayer Requests:** our friends in Katakala, and also in Vellore India, have sent 9 topics they'd welcome our prayers for during our TKC Novena of Prayer. We'll send St Mary's prayer requests back.....please let Rev Sarah know any prayer suggestions you have on behalf of St Mary's.

**Memory Café Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May** At this month's café Basingstoke Library will be coming along to give details of the home library service for those who have difficulty accessing their local library.

**Stations of the Resurrection** Recording 19 occasions in the gospels and Acts when Jesus appeared to his friends after being raised from the dead, the stations around the church have all been created by members of our congregation. Please pick up a special new guide from the table for reflection and prayer as you journey round.

**Imaging the Story** This course is now well underway on Thursdays with about 25

participants. If anyone would be willing to prepare and serve refreshments (7:10 - 7:45) on the following dates, please see Gill as this would be most helpful - 18 May, 8, 15 June.

**St Mary's Summer Fair and evening concert - July 8<sup>th</sup>** "Taste and See" is this year's theme and will be a multi-sensory experience of international food and entertainment. During the day there will be opportunities to sample culinary delights, play games, and try out dances from other countries. In the evening the theme continues with a concert. If you would like to cook, face-paint, host games, busk or offer other suggestions please call Gill on 07969 158488..

**Hymns & Pimms 7<sup>th</sup> July:** To get our festival off to a great start please pick up a form from the church and put in your request for your favourite hymn, and then return the form to the blue box. Many thanks. *Penny Potter*

## From Fr Alec:

As we begin Christian Aid week, we are invited to turn our eyes outwards into the wider world and remember our connexion to all of God's children, and the responsibility that we bear for our brothers and sisters in need.

### Please pray for

- The work of Christian Aid, and those fundraising this Christian Aid Week.
- Those suffering the grief of loss, that they may find hope and joy once more.
- Those trapped by poverty, prejudice or addiction, that they may discover new freedom.
- Those scarred by broken relationships, that they can find new love and trust.
- Our friends in Katakala: giving thanks for little boy Emanuel's recovery from Malaria.
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- Charlie Dodd being baptised today;
- Drew Merritt & Michelle Collier preparing for their marriage on Saturday;
- The people of East Africa, Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is famine, violence, or suffering.
- 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, Bryan Snook and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: and 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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