

## 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.

## 12th November 2017 Remembrance Sunday

### TODAY

A service of Holy Communion will take place in the Bolton Chapel following today's Parish Service of Remembrance

### THIS WEEK

**Monday Discussion Group:** Our next meeting is tomorrow, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. We will be taking a fresh look at 'Advent'. Everyone welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

**Ploughmen's Lunches** This Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

**Introducing St Mark** Final evening of discussion about St Mark's Gospel this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, Parish Room, 7-8pm.

### LOOKING FORWARD

**Contemplative Advent:** short creative worship offering a chance for reflection through music, image, and word. Led by St Mary's *Living Word* group. 8pm in the Bolton Chapel, Mondays 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. On 4<sup>th</sup> Dec please bring a favourite book with a card inserted within it mentioning why you like the book and what it is about: all books will be displayed that evening for browsing.

**All Age Festival Worship:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am, followed by **Advent Messy Church** activities 11am, simple **Parish Messy Lunch** 12noon. Coffee after 10am service to linger and watch or join in crafts with children. All ages invited to join for lunch together – please sign-up in church porch. If you could make some Star Biscuits for 'pudding', please sign-up too.

### Big Turkey Community

**Christmas lunch** Sat 30<sup>th</sup> December. This year we've had to relocate to the warmer and larger OB Village Hall. Please spread the word to all you know who might welcome a free Christmas meal

together as helper or diner. For all ages, families, single, all. Please sign-up in porch if you would like to join in (helping & eating). Wonderful if we can all gather to celebrate the great Christmas feast together with all included in our community. Hoping to show film *White Christmas* on big screen at 2.30pm.

**St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December: Trees:** Book your place! Anyone can enter a tree; organisation, family or individuals. **Stalls:** Can you bake for the Cake stall, provide raffle prize or find or make super items for Christmas stall? **Stewarding:** Can you spare 1 or 2hrs to steward? Sign-up sheets in lobby. **Book stall:** novels wanted, fiction only please. Please leave books in choir vestry or porch of 68 The Street. Let's make this the most joyful Christmas Tree Festival yet! **Thank you, Joy to the World Team.**

**Katakala Advent Shed Activity and Christmas Tree:** we are seeking loads of clear plastic drinks bottles, any size but not milk bottles. Please leave in box in vestry. Many thanks Rosey.

**Carol Singing around the streets of Old Basing - Come and Sing!** Spread the word and join the merry carol singing in aid of Basingstoke homelessness charity *First Point*. All ages & voices welcome. Listen out for us, join us, or leave us, at any of our 4 lingering points this year: 5pm start St Mary's porch; 5.45/6pm at Co-op; 6.30pm at The Crown; 7pm at The Bolton Arms (with refreshments). See posters.

### BITS AND PIECES

**Children in Need** This Friday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Coffee Catch Up is holding a special tea to support this (2-4.30 pm). Children's activities including face painting & a lucky dip & adult raffle. Donations for this gratefully received (in Choir Vestry clearly marked or give to Penny Potter).

**The Basing Singers** invite you to "**Be Our Guest**" at a **Christmas Concert** in the Old Basing Village Hall 7.30 Saturday 9 December. Concert will feature top 10 hits from Christmas films, musicals and the charts. Basing Singers will be joined by Blue Horizon Handbell Ringers. Tickets £7/£1 U16 on door or 850415. Profits donated to Hampshire Search and Rescue. Please come and join us.

**Cleaner Required:** St Mary's is looking for a cleaner(s) for Church and Parish Room. Total 5hrs pwk. Possibility of a job share & flexibility in working hours. Contact Debbie: 07541 698235.

### From Fr Alec

Our Act of Remembrance today is important because it is an act of deliberate attention. It is not a passing thought, or a moment of reflection, but a definite act, looking unflinchingly into the sad face of war and acknowledging its cost. This is a source of huge gratitude, that there are those who have placed their own safety and well-being at risk for our benefit. It should also give occasion to commit ourselves afresh to the hard work of peace and reconciliation in our own lives and times.

### Please pray for

- All those who have died in armed conflict, and those who grieve for them.
- Those who have been injured or whose lives are devastated by war.
- Peace among nations and peoples, and all who work for reconciliation. All our brothers and sister in Christ.
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- All regions where there is famine, conflict, abuse, suffering: Myanmar, East Africa, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Congo, Yemen
- 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 and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: Alan Brooks; Joy Evans; 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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