

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 also a children's corner in Church for supervised pre-school children.

21st January 2018

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Hymns

642, 609, 625, 146, 752, 352

TODAY

St Mary's January Charity This month we shall be supporting the *First Point Hardship Fund*, run by *The You Trust* in Basingstoke, who offer support to people who are homeless or struggling with poverty

A Games Afternoon for Pilots, Servers & siblings takes place this afternoon, 2.30 - 4.30 pm in the Parish Room. We shall have a variety of games (beetle drive, charades etc.). It's not too late to come. *Paul Skinner*

THIS WEEK

The Tea & Talk Café (formerly known as *The Memory Café*) will be open tomorrow, Monday 22nd January from 2.15 - 3.45 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

LOOKING FORWARD

Gifts for Katakala from St Mary's & Old Basing & Lychpit: Parish visit 2018: On Feb 8th 4 people from our parish will be travelling to Uganda to visit our Katakala Global Partnership and further develop our parish links with St Apollo's church and Katakala CU Primary school. Rosey Stevens, Gill Sakakini, Tracey McCarley (Headteacher of OB Infant School who are developing their school link with Katakala too), and Rev Sarah, will be spending time in the school and with groups in the church and village. We are raising much needed funds to take with us on 8th Feb for school resources and church's provision to the sick (please use gift aid envelopes or online), and gathering donated gifts now too. See poster, flyer and boxes in porch for details. If you can, please tie a bow round your items to show our care. Thanks so much for your support of our

friends living with very little in Katakala. St Mary's charity of the month Feb is Katakala, but please make any donation between now and 8th Feb if you can as we have to take cash with us to give directly. If you would like to sponsor Tracey's 5k run for Katakala, please visit website: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/t-mccarley

Katakala Supper There will be a fundraising Katakala Supper at the Infants School on Monday 5th February to which all are welcome. If you'd like to come along please get in touch with Rosey Stevens via email: roseymarshr2@gmail.com

Living Soup Mondays: Each Monday evening through Lent (beginning Monday 19th February), all very welcome to join me in sharing soup, bread and cheese for supper anytime between 7-8pm in the parish room. Just bring your soup and/or cheese and join whoever comes along that night for a simple supper and chat together. *Rev Sarah*

Lent Course Our shared ecumenical Lent Course, *Lentwise*, using the book of the same name by Paula Gooder, will begin at The Methodist Chapel at 7pm on Tuesday 20th February. If you would like a copy of the book (cost £5.99) please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Parish Quiet Day in Lent: Fr Alec will lead a quiet day in Alton Abbey on Saturday 10th March 2018. Details to follow but please note the date.

BITS & PIECES

Tree Festival The recent festival raised a tremendous profit of £1,473.82! Thank you to everyone for your support. *Team Joy to the World*

Parish Vision morning Saturday 3rd February: ALL are welcome to come to this morning 9am-12pm in the Bolton Chapel, building on all the feedback from the *Who Cares?* initiative in our church and wider community. A chance to explore with the PCC how we build on work done in small groups last

November, and discuss St Mary's vision for the future in the heart of our community and develop our PMAP. This is open to everyone in the community, and coffee and cake will be served. - *Steve Sakakini*

Parish Room Clean - Saturday 10th February, 9.30 - 12 am Calling all those who like getting down and dirty. We are planning a deep clean of the Parish Room on 10th February. If you can help please let us know or just turn up on the morning. Materials and coffee will be provided. *Tricia Renwick & Janet Jackson*

Children's Society Boxes We are now collecting in the boxes for sending on to The Children's Society. Please can you return your box on 3rd February or alternatively leave in the church. Thank you.

From Fr Alec

At the calling Nathaniel, Jesus commends him as an Israelite 'in whom there is no deceit'. How far can that be said of us? What is our relationship with the truth? Do we even tell the truth to ourselves? Christ calls us all to honesty, with ourselves, one another, and God,

Please pray for

- Christ to give us grace to know the world and ourselves better.
- People experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, particularly in this festive season
- Those staying and volunteering at the Basingstoke Winter Night Shelter
- First Point and the You Trust, the homelessness emergency fund we support in January
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields, and our friends in Katakala, Uganda
- Regions of conflict and disasters: Myanmar, East Africa, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Congo, Yemen
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Dudley Clark; Lindsay; and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: Ann White; 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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