

WELCOME

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27th January 2019
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Hymns

485, 684, 86, 361, 506, 231

TODAY

Welcome to Revd. Canon Ken Batt who is leading us in worship today.

Holy Baptisms At 2.30 pm Sophie and Harlow Berends and Max Sutton are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

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.

THIS WEEK

The Tea and Talk Café takes place in the Parish Room on Monday 28th January, 2pm - 3.30 pm. All welcome.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, 2nd February at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

BITS & PIECES

Revd Sarah's Institution Revd Sarah would love you to come along to support her at her institution as the Vicar of Shalford and Peasmarsh at St Mary's Church, Shalford (postcode to follow), on Tuesday 19th March with refreshments from 6.30 pm followed by service with Bishop Jo at 7.30/8 pm. Please do sign up on the sheet in the lobby if you'd like to come. Lifts can be arranged. (PS Rev Sarah sends lots of love!)

SAVE THE DATE

FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Saturday 23rd March from 9am
This is the occasion when we spruce up the church for Easter by cleaning all the high sills and everywhere else normally out of reach. Please come along and join in with what is usually a very jolly but productive time. You don't have to be tall, there are lower level tasks as well. Materials provided. *The Churchwardens*

A Children's Games Afternoon is planned for the afternoon of Sunday 10th February, 2pm - 4.30 pm in the Parish Room. There will be the usual selection of games and maybe some new ones, followed by party-type food (maybe even jelly!). If your child would like to join in please let either Paul, Caroline or Debbie Filer know. Feel free to bring any games or food and a friend!

INSTITUTION SERVICE

The Institution of
The Reverend Heather Leppard
as Vicar of St Mary's will take
place on
Wednesday 26th June
at 7.30 pm.

The Children's Society boxes

Thank you to everyone who has a fundraising box at home. The time has come to collect them in so that your donations may be sent off to the charity and we will be contacting you. However, if you are able to bring your box to either of the morning Church services on Sunday 3rd or Sunday 10th February, Jackie Fox or I will be there to collect them. Please call 01256 355500 if you have any queries.
Rosemary Kershaw, Parish Representative.

Message from The Basingstoke Foodbank Due to our generous harvest and Christmas donations from churches and the wider community, we will continue with our practise of encouraging members of our churches who support us to have a break through Jan/Feb from giving us food donations. In February we'll update our website on any items we start to run low of as time goes by. Thank you to all who give so generously.

Can you help with school visits to church? Volunteers are sought to welcome children and staff to the church for their year-group Acts of Worship. Please do take a look at the list of dates in the lobby and sign up if you can help.

For information: In church this week:

A service of remembrance for Beryl Streether will take place on Thurs 31st Jan. at 12.30 pm.

Please pray for....

- Christ's light and love to fill our lives;
- People experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness and homelessness;
- All those in parliament, praying for a spirit of tolerance and co-operation;
- Those using and volunteering at the Basingstoke Winter Night Shelter;
- First Point and the You Trust, the homelessness emergency fund we support in January;
- Regions of conflict and disaster: Syria; Afghanistan; Myanmar; South Sudan; Iraq; Congo; Yemen; Indonesia;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Harlow & Sophie Berends; Max Sutton, being baptised today;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jenny Surridge; and all in sorrow and pain.
- All those who have died recently: Beryl Streether; 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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