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10th March 2019 The First Sunday of Lent

Hymns

190, 374, 590, 584, 343, 69

TODAY

Welcome to Revd. Canon Ken Batt who is leading us in worship today. Next Sunday we look forward to welcoming Revd. Jill Bentall who is leading both our services.

We also welcome Ryland Lee, a regular volunteer for the **Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance**, our chosen charity for March and April. Ryland will be telling us more about the work of the organisation. Gift aid envelopes are available.

THIS WEEK

Monday Discussion Group: As is our usual custom we will be meeting on five consecutive Mondays during Lent. The first session will be tomorrow in the Parish Room at 1.45pm. This year we will be studying the USPG Lent Course 'The prophetic voice of the church'. Sessions two, three and four will be at the same time but held in the Bolton Chapel and the last meeting (8th April) will be in the Parish Room. Everyone welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

The Ecumenical Lent Course (The Mystery of God) begins this Tuesday 12th March at the Methodist Chapel starting at 7.30 pm. (refreshments from 7pm). A leaflet giving further details is available on the table by the North Door.

LOOKING FORWARD

Christian Aid 2019 It is not envisaged to undertake street collections this year, however plans are underway for a **Christian Aid Gift Day** on Saturday 18th May to be preceded the evening before by a

camp-out in the churchyard with the Men's Breakfast Team kindly offering to host a BBQ. Further details to follow.

BITS & PIECES

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*

Adult Servers needed Please do give some consideration as to whether you would like to take on the role of server. If you are interested or would like to know more please speak to one of the churchwardens.

St Mary's Village Fete

Saturday 29th June 2019

to be preceded on

Friday 28th June at 7.30 pm

by **Hymns & Pimms**

Further details to follow

Malawi Presentation Rachael Stevens recently spent time volunteering in Malawi and would like to tell you more about her experience. She is planning a short presentation to take place in the Parish Room at 11 am on Sunday 7th April - all welcome.

The Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC) has just completed 25 years of working for St Mary's and will celebrate it's 'silver anniversary' with a special AGM on Monday 1st April at 8pm in the Parish Room. There will be a talk by Lydia and Brian Knight called 'Tigers and Temples' plus some nibbles in the interval. Do come and join us - ALL WELCOME!

Thank you to all who came along and supported the recent **Flower Arrangers Coffee Morning**. A tremendous total of £253.40 was raised.

The Basingstoke Foodbank is currently unable to accept donations due to having to move premises. We shall let you know when collections resume.

Renewal of Electoral Roll This year the Church Electoral Roll has to be renewed (not revised, as it is most years) which means that WE ALL have to complete a new Electoral Roll Application Form. [You are able to join the Electoral Roll if you are Baptised, over 18 and live in Old Basing and Lychpit Parish, OR if you live outside the Parish but attend services at St. Mary's regularly.] If you are able and would like to take an active part in the life of St. Mary's, such as joining the PCC or volunteering as a sidesperson, you must be on the Electoral Roll, but joining the Roll does not commit you to anything and your information is protected under the Data Protection Act.

Most of you will have already filled in a Consent Form regarding the holding and processing of your personal data by the PCC of Old Basing & Lychpit, and this will continue to be valid. If you have not completed a Consent Form, please collect one when you pick up your Electoral Roll Application form and hand them in together. If you have any questions, please speak to me, or one of the churchwardens. *Hilary May Miller*

Please pray for....

- Christ to set us aflame with love and inspire us in sacrificial service;
- Generosity & compassion to flow out from our church as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus;
- People experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering;
- All those in parliament, praying for a spirit of tolerance and co-operation;
- The work of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service;
- Regions of conflict and disaster:
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jenny Surrridge; Jean Schluter; all in sorrow & pain.
- All those who have died recently: and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them;

Please note that this news sheet, as well as archived editions, is available on St Mary's website: www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

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