

## 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. **Gluten free Communion Wafers** are available on request in advance. 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.

## 1st December 2019 The First Sunday of Advent

### Hymns

405, 557, 128, 303, 101, 480

## TODAY

**Retiring Collection** We particularly welcome Dr Avril Slone-Cross who will be speaking about the work of The Children's Society, St Mary's chosen charity for December.

**Pilots Christmas Tree for Christmas Tree Festival** Revd Heather invites all Pilots (age 11+) to decorate the Pilots Christmas Tree this afternoon from 4-6pm in the Parish Room. Drinks provided but please do bring snacks if you'd like to

## THIS WEEK

**Morning prayer** Due to the current building work Morning Prayer is currently being said in the **Parish Room** on Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30 am.

**Advent Meditation and Compline** Reflective services pondering some of the Old Testament prophecies relating to Jesus' birth. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 7.30 pm in the Bolton Chapel.

There is a service of **Holy Communion** at 10am, Wednesday in the Bolton Chapel.

**School Act of Worship** Revd Heather will be leading an Act of Worship at St Mary's Junior School on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm.

**Cubs Visit** We look forward to welcoming the local Cub Pack to the Church this Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival - 'A Christmas Carol' 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December

including a Concert at 2pm on 7<sup>th</sup> with Basing Singers, St Mary's Junior & Old Basing Infants School

PICK UP A POSTER to display!

**RAFFLE/TOMBOLA & GIFTS STALLS:** Donations welcome. Please place items, clearly marked, in the Choir Vestry;

**CAKES, SWEETS & PRESERVES** are needed for the Christmas stall, cake & mince pies for the Refreshments please.

**STEWARDING:** Can you spare an hour or two please? Sign-up sheets are on the board in the lobby.

*Thank you very much: Team - A Christmas Carol*

## NEXT WEEK

**Christingle Service at 4pm** in support of The Children's Society. **Can you help prepare the oranges?** Volunteers are sought to make up the Christingles on Friday, time to be confirmed. If you're available please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**SAVE THE DATE - Parish Vision Day** All are invited and encouraged to join a planned Parish Vision Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February (10 am - 3pm). The event will take place at St John's Church in Hartley Wintney (transport can be arranged if necessary). Further details to follow.

## BITS & PIECES.

**Tesco Toy Appeal** St Mary's, together with The Village Café, are once again supporting this year's Tesco Toy Appeal by acting as a collecting point for new toys to be distributed via social services to local families in need. A box will be available next week. Toys should be unwrapped please. Thank you for your generosity.

**One Church General Election Hustings at St Mary's Eastrop** All are invited to come and meet the candidates

on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 - 9.30 pm. Questions can be emailed in advance to: [hustingsquestions@stmarys-basingstoke.org.uk](mailto:hustingsquestions@stmarys-basingstoke.org.uk).

**Monday Discussion Group:** Our next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. Further question cards as a basis for discussion focusing on the New Year. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4pm

### CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4 pm

### ST MARY'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

#### CAROL SERVICE

Weds 18th Dec, 6 pm

### BLUE CHRISTMAS

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6pm  
(refreshments from 5.15 pm)

### CRIB SERVICES

2.30 pm & 4 pm on Christmas Eve

### MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST

11.30 pm Christmas Eve

### CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Holy Communion;  
9.30 am All Age Eucharist

## Please pray for....

- Our own church, that it may be a place of generosity, sharing and welcome;
- Those in our community experiencing poverty, hunger and need;
- Members of our parliament, praying for a spirit of tolerance and co-operation;
- The work of The Children's Society;
- Our global partners in Katakala;
- Regions of conflict and disaster;
- Victims of human trafficking;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Our families and friends in this community, especially those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jean Schluter; Rachel Parks; Irene Allaway; David Taylor; all in sorrow & pain
- All those who have died recently; particularly Del Davis (Caroline's mum from the parish of St Peter's Henleaze); Brenda Hall; Eileen Dungle; 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. Thank you. Registered Charity No 1136606

## PARISH CONTACTS:

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**Home Communion Enquiries** – please contact the Vicar

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