

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.

2nd February 2020 Candlemas

Hymns

438, (sheet) 944, 574, 285, 314

TODAY

Retiring Collection Our chosen charity for February is Toilet Twinning, part of Tearfund, who raise funds to enable people in the poorest nations to have clean water and a proper toilet and to learn about hygiene.

THIS WEEK

Morning prayer will be said in the Bolton Chapel on Monday and the Parish Room on Thursday and Friday at 9.15 am.

There is a PCC meeting on Monday evening at 7.30 pm.

Holy Communion Wednesday at 10 am in the Bolton Chapel.

The funeral service for Betty Lewis will take place at Basingstoke Crematorium on Thursday 6th February at 2:45 pm

Revd. Heather will be leading an **assembly at Old Basing Infants School** on Thursday.

Parish Vision Day - please sign up in the lobby! All are encouraged to join us at St John's Hartley Wintney next Saturday 8th February, 10am to 3pm to consider where God is calling us as a church as we begin the 2020s. Our day will be led by Revd Phil Dykes, Church Growth Missioner for Winchester Diocese, and will be an opportunity for us to pray together and consider where are we now and where are we going. It is important for as many voices as possible from our Church community to be heard. Phil will also outline to us how the diocese can support us as a mission shaped community. Lunch will be

provided and lifts can be arranged - please indicate on the sign up sheet. Any questions please speak to Revd Heather

LOOKING FORWARD

The World Day of Prayer Service (formerly *Women's World Day of Prayer*) takes place this year on Friday 6th March, 1.30 pm at Old Basing Methodist Church. This is an interdenominational service open to all. This year's country focus is Zimbabwe, with the title being 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk' taken from John 5 verses 2-3, 5-9a.

A Celebration of Summer - A note for your diaries! This year's summer event will be held on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June. There will be a flower festival and art exhibition, open gardens, refreshments, stalls, music and children's activities. If you have any suggestions to make this a fun filled weekend please do let me know. *Ian Kershaw*

SAVE THE DATES

Ash Wednesday Services

26th February,
10 am at St Mary's Junior School,
7.30 pm at St Mary's Church

Messy Church

Saturday 29th February, 3.45 pm

A Celebration of Summer

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June

BITS & PIECES.

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on 10th February at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. We will continue to read and study St John's Gospel, Chapters 4-6, (not St Mark's Gospel as stated last month). All are welcome. *Ann Price* (320388)

Friends of St Mary's Winter Quiz - Saturday 22nd February, 7pm, Parish Room. This is always a popular and fun event. Teams of 6 and bring your own snacks and drinks. Entry fee is £5 for members and £7.50 for non-members with

a prize for the winning team. Tickets available from Ian Kershaw (tel. 355500), David Whiter (tel. 869934) or Kat Manley (tel. 352403).

Foundation Governor Vacancy St Mary's CE Junior School currently has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Governors work alongside the Headteacher and are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. If you'd like to know more please speak to Revd Heather.

For information:

The funeral of Jim Naylor will take place at Basingstoke Crematorium on Tuesday 11th February at 11 am.

Please pray for....

- Christ's light to shine in our hearts and lives this Epiphany season;
- Those in our community experiencing poverty, hunger and need; the work of the Basingstoke Night Shelter;
- The Royal Family;
- Those affected by the Australian bushfires;
- The work of Toilet Twinning;
- Two new Church Wardens to serve this community from April 2020 to April 2021;
- For our vision day, that as a community we may be guided by the Holy Spirit;
- Our global partners in Katakala;
- Regions of conflict and disaster;
- 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 & Ruth Taylor; all in sorrow & pain
- All those who have died recently; particularly Diane Clay; Betty Lewis; Gloria Taylor; Peter Dark; Jim Naylor; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: particularly Leonard Clark; Carole Mangan; Murdoch Skelton; Barbara Bradley.

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:

Vicar - Revd. Heather Leppard 363612 or 07745 731729, vicar@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk (day off Tuesday)

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