

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.

16th February 2020
Second Sunday Before Lent

Hymns

413, 29, 211, 555, 590, 32

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. It is hoped to collect sufficient funds to twin both St Mary's toilets but please do consider twinning your own toilet. For a £60 donation you can twin your loo with that of an impoverished family, in a country of your choosing. Please do pick up a leaflet.

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.

The funeral of Gloria Taylor will take place at St Mary's on Weds at 12.30 pm.

Holy Communion Wednesday at 10 am in the Bolton Chapel.

The Village Café will be closed this week.

The Flower Arrangers Coffee Morning takes place in the Parish Room on Saturday, 10 am - 12 noon. All welcome! As well as refreshments there will be a bring & buy & a raffle.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S WINTER QUIZ

22nd February, 7pm, Parish Room
Teams of 6
(bring your own snacks/drinks)
£5 entry fee for members,
£7.50 for non-members)
Prize for the winning team!

Tickets available from:
Ian Kershaw (355500),
David Whiter (869934) or
Kat Manley (352403)

LOOKING FORWARD

Ecumenical Lent Course 2020... All Welcome! To be held in the Old Basing Methodist Chapel on the following dates: **Wednesday** March 4th, then all **Tuesdays** March 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. 7.00 pm for refreshments before a 7.30 start We will be using the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland 2020 course entitled "Setting our Hearts on Fire"

SAVE THE DATE

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

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.

BITS & PIECES.

Parish Vision Day - Thank you to all who attended the recent Vision Day. A display outlining areas discussed is now up in the lobby and feedback from the day will be shared with the whole church community over the coming months.

Church Clean-Up! With the building work now almost complete, the church is in need of a good clean! The plan is to set aside some mornings in the coming weeks to work on specific areas, the first session being on **Saturday 29th February 9.30 - 11.30 am**. Revd Heather and the Churchwardens would be grateful for any time you can spare, with all materials provided. There will be a job for any age so please do come along if you can!

Palm Crosses. Please return last year's palm crosses to the basket in the church as they will be burned to provide ash for the services. Thank you.

Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) Taster Evening - 17th March at Christ Church, Chineham.

BCM is a lay training programme equipping and enabling people to develop their ministry in their local context. BCM Worship covers core skills to lead God's people into God's presence, & explores worship in the community. On successful completion of the programme you will be commissioned by the Bishop of Winchester for your BCM role.

Would you like to join the Reader and/or Offertory Rota? I shall shortly be compiling the rota for April, May and June. If you would like to join the rota please get in touch with your availability.

For information:

A Memorial Service for Peter Dark will take place at St Mary's on Monday 24th February at 12.30 pm.

The funeral service for Jim Lickley will take place at St Mary's on Thursday 5th March at 12 noon.

Please pray for....

- That our lives may be filled with God's love and hope;
- Those in our community experiencing poverty, hunger and need; the work of the Basingstoke Night Shelter;
- That we may be good stewards of God's creation;
- The work of Toilet Twinning;
- Two new Church Wardens to serve this community from April 2020 to April 2021;
- Ross Smith & Jessica Leggett, preparing for their marriage on Saturday;
- Our global partners in Katakala;
- Regions of conflict and disaster; particularly Syria, Yemen & Afghanistan;
- 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 Gloria Taylor; Peter Dark; Jim Lickley; Patricia Armstrong; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: particularly Phyllis Sprake;

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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