

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. 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 a children's corner in Church for supervised pre-school children.

17th May 2015
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Hymns for Today
16, 359, 164, 332, 340, 644

TODAY

Holy Baptisms At 2 pm Lily Bushnell & L'ucal Hindmarsh are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

Rev'd Rachel is on a Diocesan training course this weekend.

THIS WEEK

Ploughmen's Lunches This Thursday 21st May at 12.30 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

A Designer Fundraiser Sale of quality clothing and a demonstration of scarves is to take place in the Parish Room on Saturday 23rd May (10.30 am – 1.30 pm). Please note that the sale of clothing will be from 11.30 am after the talk and demonstration. All are invited, with proceeds going to St Mary's

LOOKING FORWARD

Next Sunday's 9.30 am Parish Eucharist will now take place at 6.30 pm in the evening as we welcome David Williams, The Bishop of Basingstoke to preside at the confirmation of candidates from Old Basing & Lychoit.

This is an opportunity for the whole parish to celebrate as Victoria, Ben, Eleanor, Caitlin and Kelsey take their next step on their Christian Journey.

Invitation to Ordinations Rachel is being ordained priest at Winchester Cathedral at 6pm on Sat 4th July, and would love some of her St. Mary's family to support her. If you would like to attend, please put your names on the sign-up list in the entrance hall, along with any offers of lifts for those who don't have their own transport. You will receive tickets nearer the time. Rachel will be celebrating her first service of Eucharist at St. Mary's at **10 am on Sunday 12th July**, at which the preacher will be the Very Rev'd Andrew Johnson, Prior of Alton Abbey.

The ordination of our new curate, Sarah Lloyd will be at 10am of Sunday 5th July, at Winchester Cathedral. Those wishing to support Sarah can also sign up in the entrance hall, and she is inviting people to share drinks with her in the Priors Hall, near the Cathedral, afterwards. However everyone is encouraged to attend our own St. Mary's service of welcome to Sarah on Sunday 5th July at 6pm after which there will be refreshments.

St Mary's Fete The fete is on Saturday July 11th 11am – 4pm and I am looking for volunteers! I particularly like someone for i) Face Painting and ii) the Book Stall but if anyone has a bright idea for an outside attraction please contact me asap. Thank you. Penny Potter 01256 333249

BITS AND PIECES

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Thank you to all involved in supporting Christian Aid this year in the parish.

St Mary's Junior School – Link to Uganda – Tea & Cake Invitation All are invited to come along and meet the Headteacher of St Mary's link school in Uganda over tea and cake this Thursday 21st May at 3.30 pm. RSVP to the school office by Weds 20th May at 12 noon (tel. 465092).

Uganda Visit - Barn Dance Invitation Please see the poster in the lobby which gives further details.

Cantemus Concert at St Mary's The Newbury-based choir Cantemus will be performing "Music for a Summer Evening" concert to raise funds for St Mary's on Saturday 27th June at 7.30 pm. Tickets will be £10, including refreshments and are available from this Wednesday from Debbie Filer (07541 698235).

Summer Lunch Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer on which to add your names for this event on **Sunday 28th June**. All who attend any of the three services are very welcome to come along. Lunch will be served at 12:15 and after the 9:30 service there will be chance to linger over refreshments and to try your hand at sedate lawn games in our beautiful church grounds! For further details please see Rosey or Gill.

Ordination Gift for Rachel If you would like to contribute to a celebratory gift for Rachel please place any contributions in an

envelope in the blue box for the attention of Debbie Filer, marking the envelope "Rachel's priesting". It would be appreciated if any contributions could be received by 7th June. Thank you.

Basingstoke Foodbank Request: The Foodbank is particularly short currently of long life milk and fruit juice (1 litre cartons) and would appreciate donations of tinned tomatoes, desserts (particularly microwaveable), crackers & oatcakes. Small, basic tin openers would also be appreciated.

From Fr Alec

This period between Ascension and Pentecost gives us an opportunity to consider the difference between Jesus followers after he left them at the crucifixion, and Jesus' followers after he left them at the Ascension. There is a new confidence among the apostles. The resurrection has changed their understanding of Jesus, and they can face the future in the expectation of his continued presence, even in his absence.

Please pray for:

- Bishops Timothy, David and Jonathan.
- Sarah Lloyd, our new curate, who will join us in July.
- Rachel as she prepares for her ordination as priest.
- The people of Burundi as they face danger and uncertainty.
- African migrants to Europe, and those responsible for their rescue.
- The people of Nepal
- The people of Yemen suffering in the conflict
- Jack Stallard & Leanne Knight as they prepare for their marriage on Saturday;
- Lily Bushnell & L'ucal Hindmarsh being baptised today;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Penelope Bickley; Elan Bansal; David Sacree; Beryl Streether; Mavis Lloyd; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Clifford & Christopher Browne; Des Atkin; Violet Philips, Tom Barrett; Cassie Towhigg; baby Christopher Robinson; and all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Joan Lewis; Keith Brant; Mary Brown; all 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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