

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.

14th June 2015

Second Sunday after Trinity

Hymns for Today

252, 458, 475, 185, 77, 646

THIS WEEK

Ploughmen's Lunches This Thursday 18th June at 12.30 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

For information: Funeral in church this week: Thursday 18th June, 10.30 am, service for Kenneth Dykes RIP

LOOKING FORWARD

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 **10am 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 10 am on 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.

LATEST NEWS! SUMMER FETE

11th JULY Preparations for the fete are now well under way but we would still be grateful to hear from an additional face painter!

In particular we are asking for the following contributions: Cakes, sweets and preserves for sale; Cakes to cut up for teas and Picnic tables to set up in the marquee. Lists are in the lobby for you to sign up if you can contribute in any of these ways. We are also asking for donations of prizes for the raffle. Please bring all contributions to the Church on Saturday 11th - preferably between 9.30 and 10.30 am.

In conjunction with Basingstoke Art Club and all local artists we are holding an art exhibition in the Bolton Chapel. Please contact Tricia Renwick (01256 326155) for more information. There is a children's painting and drawing competition and a children's cartoon competition. Entry forms are in the schools, the Spar Linden Market and The Church. **Thank you!**

BITS AND PIECES

Cantemus Concert at St Mary's The Newbury-based choir Cantemus will be performing a "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 now available from Debbie Filer (07541 698235).

Summer Lunch June 28th TODAY is the deadline to sign up for this lunch. Please put your details on the sign-up sheet in the foyer, thank you!

St Mary's Junior School – Link with Uganda The following is an extract from a recent newsletter sent to St Mary's Junior School parents from Caroline Welch, Headteacher:

At the end of last half-term we had a visit from the head teacher of Katakala Primary School in Uganda. This has really strengthened the link between our two schools and reinforced the concept of One Family extending beyond St Mary's, Old Basing, Hampshire, and now across the seas. As a school we have always supported a child with their education, ably led by our Global Friends Team. Whilst education is technically compulsory in Uganda it is not free and therefore

there are still a huge number of children missing out. It would be great if we, as a community, could support even more children. Wouldn't it be great if as a local community we could sponsor enough children to fill another class!

A poster in the lobby gives further details if you are interested in joining in this initiative or alternatively for further information please contact the school office (tel. 465092).

The Children's Society are organising an exclusive charity trek to the Great Wall of China in April 2016. To make a lasting difference to the lives of disadvantaged children in this country, sign up before August 23rd 2015 for a place on this enchanting trek. Leaflets and posters with more information are available in the foyer. *Rosemary Kershaw*

Basingstoke Foodbank Request: The Foodbank is particularly short currently of tinned tomatoes, long life milk and fruit juice (1 litre cartons) and would appreciate donations of desserts (particularly microwaveable), peanut butter, marmite & savoury spreads. Thank you.

From Fr Alec

The Kingdom of God is perhaps better understood as the 'reign' or 'rule' of God. In Christ he has established his authority, set us an example. It now remains for us, his church, the ambassadors of his kingdom, to go and do likewise.

Please pray for:

- Bishops Timothy, David and Jonathan.
- Rachel as she prepares for her ordination as priest, and Sarah Lloyd, our new curate, who will join us in July.
- The people of St Apollo's Church in Katakala.
- For all suffering from mental illness.
- For families and children, especially those facing hardship or family breakdown.
- 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;; and all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Kenneth Dykes; 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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