

## 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.

**9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015**  
**Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Hymns for Today**  
12, 573, 67, 473, 610, 408

## THIS WEEK

**Clergy Availability** Fr Alec is on holiday from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August until Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup>. We wish him a happy and relaxing time. Rev'd Rachel returns to the parish on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Our Patronal Festival** On 13<sup>th</sup> September we shall be celebrating the **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a very special day for our church, as it provides time for congregational members and the wider community to celebrate both our church family, and our Patron, the Virgin Mary.

**Coffee Catch Up** launches on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept in the Parish Room, an opportunity for all members of the community to meet up over a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate every Monday morning from 8.30 am to 11.30 am.

## BITS AND PIECES

**A Thank You from Kim Austin** Thank you for my beautiful roses. I was so surprised to receive them that it made me ridiculously speechless and tearful. Helping with Junior Church has been so much fun over the years. I am sure the children have taught me as much as I have taught them. *Kim*

**Volunteers Board** Please take note that we have a new section of the noticeboard dedicated to advertising 'vacancies' for volunteers in the life of St Mary's. Have a look yourself, and see if you are inspired.

**Social Events** You may remember and have taken part in various recent social events here at St Mary's. These ranged from nature walks to pancake tossing! The PCC would value new ideas (or more of the same) for future events. If you have ideas we would like to involve you and support you in the organising and running of them. So please, be inventive and come up with some events for the next year! Please contact **Janet Jackson** if you would like to sound out any ideas you have. Thank you.

**School sponsorship** You will remember the visit of Irene – the headteacher of our linked school in Uganda. St Mary's Junior school is seeking those who might sponsor a child from the Mityana region through school. See the noticeboard for more details.

**Our Summer Fete** A big thank you to everyone who helped to make our summer fete such a happy event. It was good to see so many people from our community enjoying themselves. **All is now gathered in and the grand total net is £1611.21**

**Trout/Salmon Lunch Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon** John and Diana invite you to join them at 7 Almond Close for a 3 course lunch in aid of St Francis' Hospital Katete. The cost is £10 and you are asked please to let Diana know if you plan to attend on 01256 353969 or [werrydm@hotmail.com](mailto:werrydm@hotmail.com) (a vegetarian option is available)

**Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy** has been established for 5 years and its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary is to be celebrated at 6.30 pm on September 10<sup>th</sup> with a service of Commissioning at the London Road United Reform Church in Basingstoke. **All are invited to come and celebrate!**

**Are you interested in helping support church schools in the Diocese of Winchester?** Are you already involved in schools work of some sort? If so there are opportunities for

you to work with the Education Team and develop your ministry. If you would like further details please speak to Penny Potter and she will e-mail you more information.

**Summer News** During the coming weeks I will be teaching an art course at the Grunewald Guild in Washington State which is a place some at St Mary's have a connection with, having hosted visitors in 2010. I shall take our greetings to the people there who all remember their trip and your hospitality very fondly. I would appreciate your prayers for this time and for another teaching week at Carey Theological Institute in Vancouver, Canada. Thank you! *Gill Sakakini*

## From Fr Alec

'How can Jesus have come down from heaven?' ask he crowd. 'This is a man whom we know.'  
How well do we think we know Jesus? Does our familiarity blind us to his continual ability to surprise us by bringing us up short by testing our settled assumptions?

## Please pray for

- Bishops Timothy, David and Jonathan.
- Eyes to see and understand Christ and his purposes for us.
- Grace to live the generosity and sacrifice of the Eucharist.
- Courage and insight to serve the needs of others.
- Those living under the threat of violence in Syria and Iraq
- Migrants and those seeking asylum.
- The people of St Apollo's Church in Katakala.
- 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, Cassie Towhigg; Margaret Lomax; Emily Fisk; and all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Sandra Martin; 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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