

## 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.

30<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Hymns for Today

629, 164, 420, 77, 262, 532

## TODAY

**Holy Baptisms** At 2.00 pm George Carey and William & Emily Powell are to be baptised. All are welcome.

## THIS WEEK

### OPEN MEETING WITH

**BISHOP TIM – WED 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Bishop Tim is reviewing his charge to the Diocese and starts his consultation with church members about their feelings as to the direction of travel in the Diocese in Basingstoke Deanery. He will be at **St. Peter's Church, Pinkerton Road, South Ham, Basingstoke, RG22 6QP on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. All members of St. Mary's Church are invited to attend**, to listen and to ask Bishop Tim questions about the ongoing mission and ministry of the Diocese. Please consider attending this important event, and let one of the clergy know if you are attending (for car sharing purposes).

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Our PATRONAL FESTIVAL** is on **13<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 am**. As we celebrate the **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary** we shall be joined by the Venerable Michael Harley, Archdeacon of Winchester, who is our preacher for this occasion. This special day for our church provides time for congregational members and the wider community to celebrate both our church family, and our Patron, the Virgin Mary.

In keeping with all birthdays, it also offers a wonderful opportunity to present a Gift or offering for the ongoing life, work and mission of our church here in Old Basing & Lychpit. Further details will be available next Sunday. As part of the celebration, we are arranging a light **Parish Lunch** on the day to which everyone is invited – **please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby**.

**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 - 11.30 am. **Cakes** If anyone is willing to make an occasional cake this would be most appreciated (please get in touch with Debbie Filer). We look forward to seeing you there! *Debbie, Rachel, Esther, Rowena, Penny & Team*

**Calling any "Sewing Bees"!** We're looking for some volunteers to help make up a small amount of bunting for Coffee Catch Up. If you're able to help please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

**Pilgrim Course** We shall be running a new Pilgrim Course "from scratch" starting on 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room. If you haven't already tried the Pilgrim Course we would love to welcome you. We will be thinking about how we pray The Lord's Prayer and what it teaches us. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby but if you would like to know more please speak to Rev'd Rachel.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL.** St Mary's will celebrate Harvest on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October when we shall be joined by the uniformed organisations of the parish. **Please note that this service has a later start time of 10.00 am.** During the service there will be a collection for the Basingstoke Foodbank which is in need of financial assistance as well as grocery gifts.

## BITS AND PIECES

**Royal British Legion Harvest Festival** Everyone is welcome to come along to a short service followed by supper on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September (7.15 pm for 7.30 pm) at the RBL Hall in Crown Lane. Please see the poster in the lobby for further details. The Legion would appreciate an approximate idea of numbers so if you are planning on going along please let Debbie Filer know.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
FRIDAY SEPT 11<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 - 12 noon at  
68 The Street - please note the early date.

**An Invitation from the Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC)** to join us for an open meeting on **Monday 28 September** at 8.00 pm in the Parish Room when our old friend Geoff Sharp will be giving a talk "Viva Espana". This will feature scenery,

birds, butterflies and flowers from recent trips to various parts of Spain. Do come along - light refreshments available!

**Ride & Stride** This year's Ride and Stride for historic churches takes place on 12<sup>th</sup> September. This is a chance to cycle, walk or ride to your choice of churches and raise sponsorship money for Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust and St. Mary's. Please speak to Paul Skinner if you are interested or see the website:

[www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride.php](http://www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride.php)

## From Rev'd Sarah

Letting the Word of God, Christ within us, continuously take over our inner hearts and lives is our starting point and enables us to be generous, open-hearted doers of the Word. As humans made in the image of God, Christ, the Word, is at our core. God's love is already implanted in everyone. Our task is simply to let that Word, let that light, be visible in us and to help kindle and make visible the light shining in others.

### Please pray for

- all those who lighten the lives of others, through care, compassion and being alongside.
- the church in the world, and making God's love visible
- Migrants and those seeking asylum.
- Those living in suffering, particularly in Afghanistan, Syria, Libya and Iraq
- The people of St Apollo's Church in Katakala;
- For all those returning to school and college this week
- Our Bishops Tim, David and Jonathan.
- George Carey and William & Emily Powell being baptised today;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Penelope Bickley ; Elan Bansal; David Sacree; Beryl Streether; Mvis Lloyd; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Clifford & Christopher Browne; Des Atkin; Violet Philips, Emily Fisk; and all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Iain Lamb; Margaret Lomax; and 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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