

## 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.

6<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Hymns for Today

684, 144, 310, 506, 202, 485

## TODAY

**Holy Baptisms** At 2.00 pm Mason Woods is to be baptised. All are welcome.

## THIS WEEK

**Prayers & Bears** Rev'd Rachel looks forward to welcoming pre-school children, their bears and carers to Prayers and Bears on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. There will be a story, an activity, bubbles to pray, and refreshments for all.

**Ride & Stride, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept** Sarah and Duggan the dog will be striding 12 miles to 6 churches in c.4 hours (plus lunch/pub/church stops), leaving St Mary's Old Basing at 10.30 am Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. Please meet at St Mary's to leave at 10.30 am if you would like to come along for part/all of the route (a map is up in the lobby). If you would like to donate in aid of St Mary's Old Basing & Lychpit and Hampshire Historic Churches Trust, please put donation in gift aid envelope marked Ride & Stride and post in blue posting box on church table. Many thanks.

## 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** with Michael Harley, Archdeacon of Winchester preaching. 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*

**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 the clergy.

**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 and will be followed by a "bring and share" lunch.** 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

**Avrille Gibberd** We were sad to learn this week of the death of Avrille Gibberd. There will be a service of thanksgiving for Avrille's life on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 pm at St Mary's to which all are welcome.

**Monday Discussion Group:** We will resume our monthly meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> September at 1.45 pm in the Parish Room. We will continue the study guide by Embrace, Study 4 is called 'Sun, moon and stars'. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

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

**St Mary's Junior School - Open Afternoon for Prospective Year 3 Parents** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, at 1:30pm If you require any further information please call the school office on 01256 465092. We look forward to welcoming you.

**An Invitation from the Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC)** to join us for an open meeting on **Mon 28 Sept** at 8pm 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. Light refreshments available!

**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.

**New Rotas** I shall shortly be compiling the new rotas for October, November and December and would appreciate it if you could let me know your availability please. (There will be a separate rota for Christmas services to be issued nearer the time).

## From Rev'd Rachel

In today's Gospel Jesus is a stranger in another land. He is treated with curiosity but also with respect. People weren't bothered about approaching this infamous traveller to offer hospitality and sought his help with their needs. We are challenged in today's readings not to dishonour the poor, and to offer in practical ways the healing love of Christ to those who reach out to us. "Faith by itself, without works, is dead."

### Please pray for

- all those who lighten the lives of others, through care, compassion and being alongside those in desperate need.
- The church in the world, making God's love visible;
- Refugees, and all 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, both teachers and students.
- Our Bishops Tim, David and Jonathan.
- Mason Woods 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, Emily Fisk; and all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Iain Lamb; Margaret Lomax; Avrille Gibberd; 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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