

## 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.

**22nd October 2017**  
**Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity**

### Hymns:

580, 541, 686, 38, 658, 104

## TODAY

**Retiring collection for USPG** - St Mary's charity for October. Please see noticeboard for details.

**Holy Baptisms** At 2pm Christopher Lawman & Daisy Redmond are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service

## THIS WEEK

**Fr Alec** is on leave this week, returning to the Parish next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

**Pastoral Visitors Group Meeting:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 7.30pm in the parish room. All welcome who are interested in care in our community.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**All Souls' Service Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** at this Eucharist service at 7pm (preceded by refreshments at 6pm), those who have died will be prayed for by name. A list for you to write those names of people for whom you wish prayer to be offered is now available in the prayer corner.

**Spread some Joy with a Tree at the Christmas Tree Festival 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Now that preparations are underway for the Christmas Tree Festival we are appealing for tree decorators. This is such a lovely festival so tell your friends, family, fellow members of organisations, neighbours, strangers in the street, to book a space. Anyone can sponsor a tree. Forms are available in Church or by email [jedwards38@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jedwards38@hotmail.co.uk). We will be having a Christmas Fair on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you can help with running a stall please contact Tricia Renwick on 326155. We will soon be asking for

volunteers to help during the weekend so save the date and make this a festival to remember. *Team Joy to the World*

## BITS AND PIECES

**Who Cares?:** We at St Mary's are moving into the **Responding Phase** of the **Who Cares? Hampshire** initiative. We are forming 3 small working groups to review the details of the responses in our parish and to generate ideas about how we at St Mary's are meeting or might meet these needs. The groups will meet soon. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please speak to Steve Sakakini 07812 145 987 [steve\\_sakakini@yahoo.com](mailto:steve_sakakini@yahoo.com)

**Introducing St Mark** The second in our series of 3 evenings of discussion about St Mark's Gospel (our Gospel for the new church season starting in Advent) takes place on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, with the final session being on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. Parish Room, 7-8pm.

**Thank you very much** to everyone who supported and gave so generously to **The Children's Society coffee morning** last week. An amazing total of £846.86 was raised which we will add to the sale of Christmas cards. These will be on sale with Advent Calendars, candles and wrapping paper in the Parish Room after the 9.30 service. Orders can be taken. There is one unclaimed raffle prize for someone who attended the morning. The ticket is Pink 228. I still have all the tickets and if this remains unclaimed by October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will draw again.  
*Rosemary Kershaw*

**Do-nutting!** St Mary's Pilots & acolytes are going do-nutting at Aldershot Ski Slope on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4.30 pm. Places are not restricted to pilots & acolytes so if your child would be interested in joining in the fun please speak to either Caroline Bale, Paul Skinner or Debbie Filer.

**Basingstoke Foodbank** would like to thank all who donated so generously at the Harvest Festival. The total weight of

the collection came to over 114 kg! Thanks too to David and Jane Whiter for kindly transporting all our donations to the Foodbank again this year.

**St. Mary's Book Group** is next reading 'Cold Comfort Farm' in which Stella Gibbons takes a humorous look at non-conformity amongst other things... Join us at 5pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November and discuss. We meet at 51 Amport Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0FR, the Taylor's Farm development off the A33. Please give me a call on 07762 957516 if you would like to know more, or just turn up on the day. *Kim Austin*.

## From Steve Sakakini

### Give God What is God's

The places we visit and the people we meet become part of who we are. We can be changed when we allow these to speak to us and to inform about ourselves and about who we are in God. The Pharisees' encounter with Jesus is one of these moments. How are they impacted by Jesus' reply to their tricky question? How can we, too, be transformed by giving God what is rightfully his?

### Please pray for

- Those experiencing poverty, hunger and homelessness.
- All struggling with depression, grief, illness, isolation, relationship breakdowns, addiction
- All regions where there is famine, conflict, abuse, suffering: Myanmar, East Africa, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Congo, Yemen
- Our global partnership friends in Katakala & the work of USPG worldwide
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- Christopher Lawman & Daisy Redmond being baptised today;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Dudley Clark, Brenda Pollard, and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: Duncan King; and 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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