

## 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.

### 7th May 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Hymns:

397, 299, 156, - , 434, 249

## TODAY

**Retiring collection for St Mary's charity of the month, May:** Christian Aid.

**Holy Baptisms** At 2pm Grace Davies & Elijah Roberts are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

## THIS WEEK

**Friends of St Mary's AGM** All are welcome to attend the Friends AGM this Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room, with guest speaker, Alan Turton, former Curator at Basing House, who will be giving a talk on "Stories carved in stone".

**Prayers & Bears** This Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm, we will be focusing on The Lord's Prayer and preparing our TKC Prayer Station for the children's corner during the TKC novena.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Thy Kingdom Come 9 Days of Prayer 25<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** The Archbishops are inviting all Christians globally to join in this great wave of prayer again between Ascension and Pentecost. We're encouraged to pray together for and with our communities, our neighbours near and far (our parish global partnership friends in Katakala are joining us), for God's love to be known, for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and our effective witness as Jesus' disciples. Across Basingstoke all denominations are joining in this *Thy Kingdom Come Ecumenical Novena*; at St Mary's there will be a variety of ways we can engage in prayer together through the 9 days, at home, in church or elsewhere, whether 5 or 105. Please see noticeboard for details, and put anything that grabs you into your diary! Do sign-up if you'd like to 'man' an hour or more within St Mary's 24hrs Continuous Prayer in the Bolton Chapel too. Any ideas/thoughts to Rev Sarah or Gill.

[www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk](http://www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk)

**Confirmation Service, 11<sup>th</sup> June 6.30 pm**  
Please make a note in your diaries of our

Confirmation Service when we shall be joined in worship by Bishop David. *There will not be a 9.30 am service on this day as this will be the main service.*

## BITS AND PIECES.

**New Pilgrim Course** - For those enquiring into the faith or looking to take the next step. After the success of our last course, we are looking to begin again from the beginning. If you would like to take part please speak to Fr Alec.

**Christian Aid Week:** 14-20<sup>th</sup> May. If you have kindly agreed to collect door-to-door this year, please collect your bag from back of church today. If you are willing to be a new collector, please sign-up in a gap on the noticeboard and take spare bag and envelopes from behind the labelled bag or contact Debbie. Special new CA event this year to which everybody's welcome: **Christian Aid Big Brekkie in the parish room Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am** (cooked up by our men's breakfast chefs led by Chris Beadle). To give initial idea of numbers for sausage ordering, please sign up on noticeboard if you know you are coming, but all welcome whether sign up or not. **Pitch your Tent for CA:** Throughout CA week anybody is welcome to pitch a tent again and camp out in aid of Christian Aid outside the church.

### COFFEE CATCH UP CAFÉ NEW OPENING TIMES: 2-4PM EVERY FRIDAY

All proceeds to Mindful Music, a local group who support those affected by Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia (previously "Singing for the Brain")

**Stations of the Resurrection** Recording 19 occasions in the gospels and Acts when Jesus appeared to his friends after being raised from the dead, the stations around the church have all been created by members of our congregation. Please pick up a special new guide from the table for reflection and prayer as you journey round. During the *Thy Kingdom Come Novena of Prayer* some of the stations will become interactive stimuli for prayer, and on some Sundays during the 50 days of Easter several artists will be part of a sermon series.

**Imaging the Story** This course is now well underway on Thursdays with about 25 participants. If anyone would be willing to

prepare and serve refreshments (7:10 - 7:45) on the following dates, please see Gill as this would be most helpful - 11, 18 May, 8, 15 June.

**St Mary's Summer Fair and evening concert - Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> "Taste and See"** is this year's theme and will be a multi-sensory experience of international food and entertainment. During the day there will be opportunities to sample culinary delights, play games, and try out dances from other countries. In the evening the theme continues with a concert. If you would like to cook, face-paint, host games, busk or offer other suggestions please talk to Gill. (07969 158488). To launch the festival....

**7<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm - Hymns & Pimms is back!** Look out for a form on which to suggest a hymn! Coming later in May.

## From Fr Alec:

Jesus words regarding shepherds and their sheep are all about recognition. Just as last week, we remembered that the disciples' hearts burned within them as they heard the words of the risen Christ, and they recognized him in the breaking of bread, so we are invited into the same intimacy, to recognize that abundance of life is only to be found when we come to know and trust the voice of Jesus.

### Please pray for

- Those suffering the grief of loss, that they may find hope and joy once more.
- Those trapped by poverty, prejudice or addiction, that they may discover new freedom.
- Those scarred by broken relationships, that they can find new love and trust.
- Our friends in Katakala; giving thanks for little boy Emanuel's recovery from Malaria.
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- Grace Davies & Elijah Roberts being baptised today;
- Kris Holmes & Lydia Brayford preparing for their marriage on Saturday;
- The people of East Africa, Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is famine, violence, or suffering.
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Richard Rylance, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Peter May-Miller; Dudley Clark, Ruth Taylor, Bryan Snook and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: and those who's 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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