

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.

8th January 2017 The Baptism of Christ

Hymns:

527, 684, 117, 114, 302, 379

THIS WEEK

Monday Discussion Group: Our first meeting of the New Year will be this Monday 9th January at 1.45 pm in the Parish Room. Subject to be decided. Everyone welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Prayers & Bearstakes place this Thursday 12th January at 2pm.

The Coffee Catch Up café re-opens this Friday, 13th January.

LOOKING FORWARD

The Pilgrim Course will resume on Friday 20th Jan, with this series' theme being "The Eucharist". Please speak to Fr Alec.

Service of Christian Unity Saturday 21st January - 7pm at St Mary's - led by Anglican, Catholic and Methodist team. Refreshments together in parish room from 6pm

Homelessness Sunday 22nd January - 9.30am service will include guest speakers.

An Evening with CS Lewis Join St. Mary's Church Book Club at 5pm on Sunday 22nd January to watch this insightful film portrayal of CS Lewis in conversation about his books. Come to 51 Ampert Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0FR, the Taylor's Farmdevelopment off the A33. Please give me a call on 07762957516 if you would like to know more, or just turn up on the day. *Kim Austin.*

MESSY CHRISTINGLE 3.45pm
Saturday 28th January

This year's Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society is Messy Church. As well as finding new things to consider with oranges and candles and fruit, you'll be able to discover how we can use the foil in a Christingle to help us pray! There might also be a science experiment, and lots of other fun, so do please encourage everyone you know to come and share the fun and food. All the collection will go to help The Children's Society. **WE NEED JAM JARS PLEASE** to help with one of the craft activities, and if you want to help on the team (many hands make light work) then please speak to Rev'd Rachel or Andree Mclean.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CALL MY BLUFF WINE QUIZ

Friday 27 January 7.30 pm, Parish Room

French bread & cheese between wines but feel free to bring nibbles

*Tickets: £15 each (max of 6 per team)
or £75 for a table of 6*

*Available from Chris Beadle on tel. 358533
or Joan Cole tel. 324749*

Saturday March 4th. A quiet day at Alton Abbey (an Anglican Benedictine Community) has been arranged in which everyone is encouraged to join. The day will mostly be spent in quiet meditation, strolling in the gardens or sitting in the common room with a log fire. Fr Alec will give us a short talk to guide our reflections. Cooked lunch with the community is provided and we will have the use of the Gate house Chapel. Cost of £10 per head. Soon lists will be up for you to sign so lifts and times of arrival may be arranged. It is suggested that one group will go early so as to arrive in time for Conventual Mass at 9.00 and a second group later to arrive at 10.00. We would leave in the afternoon (3-4-ish). Dietary requirements should be advised in advance . Please speak to Penny Potter or Fr Alec if you wish to know more.

BITS AND PIECES

New Rotas for the period Jan-March have now been circulated. Please contact Debbie Filer if you haven't received yours

Invitation to Licensing Many will remember Rob & Jackie Young (nee Taplin) who worshipped at St Mary's for many years. Rob is to be licensed as Assistant Vicar at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester on Monday 6th Feb at 7.30 pm and Rob has asked that an invitation be extended to the congregation of St Mary's. If you would like to go but will need a lift please speak to Fr Alec.

Confirmation If you (young or old) would like to be confirmed, or just discuss the possibility, please speak to Fr Alec or Revd Sarah.

The Children's Society boxes: These are being collected in today and next Sunday by Jackie Fox and myself. Thank you for your support. *Rosemary Kershaw*

From Fr Alec

To be baptized is to be chosen. To be called. One could say that it was his baptism that made Jesus 'The Christ' the chosen one of God. It is also the means by which God chooses us, and anoints us as his children and heirs.

Please pray for

- The people of Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is violence, fear, or suffering.
- Refugees, homeless, all seeking shelter and safety, and struggling with poverty.
- Children and older people suffering abuse or lack of love; all responsible for care of the vulnerable.
- Residents of Basingfield Court and Oakfields;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Richard Rylance, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Steve North; Del Davis; Inge Bowman; and all in sorrow or pain
- All those who have died recently: Roy Purkis; Peter Schluter; and all whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them.



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. **DeoGratias.** Registered Charity No. 1136606

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