

## 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 August 2016**  
**11th Sunday after Trinity**

### Hymns:

58, 655, 374, 619, 302, 689

## TODAY

**Rev'd Rachel** is today presiding in both Eversley & Herriard. She will be away on holiday from this Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> August. Sarah will be away on holiday 5<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**Holy Baptisms** At 2pm Albert Richardson is to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**LIVING PILGRIM:** Please join a happy band of walkers on Friday 26th August. Map of planned route is now on the church noticeboard with sign-up sheet if you are interested. Join at any of the churches/pubs along the 3hr morning route from Tichborne to Winchester. We will end with a short, informal Eucharist together at 1pm (ish) in St Lawrence's church (by Winchester Cathedral) followed by picnic. Please join us for part or all. Further information from Sarah or anybody regular at *Living Word* on Monday evenings.



### MESSY HARVEST:

Our second adventure with Messy Church will be Saturday 17th September. Gathering from 3.45pm in the Parish Room for a 4pm start, we will discover more about God's love for his wonderful creation and us, through all sorts of worship and activities, music and a family meal. Please come and join the messy fun. **MESSY HARVEST**

**PROPS:** Do you drink fruit juice that comes in cartons? Do you have any old, colourful, (clean) socks? If the answer is yes to these questions, please can you save them and leave them under the table near the church door for the Messy

Church team to collect. Curiosity is encouraged, and help on the day much needed, so please talk to Rev'd Rachel about Messy Church.

## BITS AND PIECES

**Harvest Festival.** This will be celebrated on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, **BUT** there are some events beforehand to note on the calendar! On the Sunday before (the **25<sup>th</sup> September**), there will be a **Nature Trail** around the Village to collect leaves, berries, grasses, & feathers to make some large collages to display. On **Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> October** there is a **Barn Dance** in Old Basing Village Hall. All ages are welcome. Posters with more details are around the Village. Tickets available from the beginning of September. We hope you will join these events to celebrate Harvest Festival!

**Winchester Cathedral - Bible Marathon (7-10 Sept)** As part of the Cathedral's fund-raising appeal, the Cathedral is holding a non-stop, cover-to-cover, reading marathon. There's no age limit - only qualification is the ability to read aloud. Participants are asked to gain sponsorship or donate. Is there an individual or small group from St. Mary's who would like to take part, and whom we could get behind and sponsor? If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet in church or speak to one of the clergy.

**Afternoon Tea, Cake and Sherry.** I am holding a fundraising event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, in memory of my Gran who passed away in March as a result of MND. There will be homemade cake and refreshments – including sherry, her favourite drink – as well as a bring-and-buy sale and book stall (donations welcome), a raffle and live music. I hope to see as many people in the Parish Room from 2pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. Entrance fee is £1 and will include a raffle ticket. *Stephanie Bale*

**Basingstoke Foodbank** An updated list of current needs is now in the foyer.

Why not take part in this year's **Ride and Stride on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept?** This is a chance to ride (bicycle or horse) or walk (with or without a dog) along a short or long route to your choice of churches and raise sponsorship, which is split between St. Mary's and the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust. Please speak to **Paul Skinner** if you are interested or see: [www.hihct.org.uk/ridestride.php](http://www.hihct.org.uk/ridestride.php). If anyone is able to greet visitors to St Mary's on this day this would also be appreciated - a friendly chat and a flapjack is always welcome to keep up spirits!

### From Rev'd Sarah

As we progress in this way of life and in faith, we shall run on the path of God's commandments, our hearts overflowing with the inexpressible delight of love (St Benedict). In faith we can glimpse, beyond our narrow vision, the inexpressible delight of God's love - our hearts overflowing into the poor, fearful, lost corners of our lives and our world.

#### Please pray for

- The people of Syria, Turkey, France, Iraq and all regions where there is violence, fear, and suffering.
- The poor and oppressed at home and across the world, that their voices are heard and lives lifted.
- St Joseph's RC Church following their fire
- Our brothers and sisters in St Apolo's Katakala.
- Refugees, prisoners, victims and all affected by war, disaster or abuse.
- Albert Richardson being baptised today;
- Augustine Quashigah, who celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 1<sup>st</sup> August;
- The residents of Basingfield Court;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Richard Rylance, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Emily Fisk; Betty Thorn, Esther Wong, Alan and Pauline Chamberlain, and all in sorrow or pain;
- All those who have died recently: David Barrs; and all 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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