

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.

14th August 2016
12th Sunday after Trinity

Hymns:

541, 492, 204, 202, 60, 372

TODAY

Holy Baptisms At 2pm Henry Sharp & Jaxon Crisp are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

THIS WEEK

Rev'd Rachel is away on holiday until 30th August. Sarah will be away on holiday 5th - 17th September.

LOOKING FORWARD

LIVING PILGRIM: Please join us for all or part of the walk on Fri 26th August. Map of planned route on church noticeboard with sign-up sheet. Join at any of the churches/pubs along the route Tichborne to Winchester. Ending with an informal Eucharist together at 1pm (ish) in St Lawrence's, Winchester, followed by picnic. More info from Sarah or anybody at *Living Word* on Monday evenings.



MESSY HARVEST:

Our second adventure with Messy Church will be Saturday 17th September, from 3.45pm. **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.

Our Patronal Festival

On 18th September we shall be celebrating the **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a very special day for our church, as it provides time for

congregational members and the wider community to celebrate both our church family, and our Patron, the Virgin Mary. As part of the celebration, we are arranging a parish lunch on the day to which everyone is invited – further details to follow soon.

BITS AND PIECES

Harvest Festival. This will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd October, **BUT** there are some events beforehand to note on the calendar! On Sunday 25th 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. 1st 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. Participants are asked to gain sponsorship or donate. Is there a 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 the lobby or speak to one of the clergy - we need to let the Cathedral know how many people will be taking part by **this Friday 19th August**.

Afternoon Tea, Cake and Sherry. I am holding a fundraising event on the 3rd 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 3rd of September.

Entrance fee is £1 and will include a raffle ticket. *Stephanie Bale*

Flower Festival Photographs:

Photographs of the Flower Festival are on display with sign-up sheet, until 5th Sept, if you would like copies.

Charity Skydive I will be completing a 15,000 feet tandem skydive with the Red Devils over Salisbury Plain on 23rd August for Cats Protection. To sponsor on line, and for more details go to www.justgiving.com/LittleDevilAnne, or see me if you wish to sponsor on a form. Thank you, *Anne Taylor*

OB&L Good Neighbours: this new neighbourly help initiative to enable local people to help and connect with local people, is launching on 31st August with a tea 1.30pm at the Ivy Club, RBL. Cllr Still and others attending. Please drop in, and spread the word that OBLGN is up and running for people from 1st Sept.

From Fr Alec

Truth makes a claim on us. To commit ourselves to Christ in faith is to embrace a truth which sometimes separates us from others. Discipleship comes at a cost

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.
- Henry Sharp & Jaxon Crisp being baptised today;
- 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; 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. DeoGratias. Registered Charity No. 1136606

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