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18th September 2016

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patron

Hymns:

759, 182, sheet, sheet, 701, 605

TODAY

All-age Patronal Lunch Today we celebrate the Festival of our Patron Saint, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you to all involved in arranging today's Parish Lunch (to be served in the Parish Room at 12.15 pm).

Holy Baptisms At 2pm Amelia-Dee & Felicity Henderson and Charlie Wright are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

LOOKING FORWARD

The Pilgrim Course will run again this autumn and is open to all. Please check posters for details.

Harvest Festival This will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd Oct, at **10 am** when we shall be joined by the uniformed organisations of the parish. This year we are once again inviting donations to the Basingstoke **Foodbank** (please see Harvest "shopping lists" now available on the table in the North Aisle as well as monetary donations to **The Mityana Charity** – an organisation supporting schools in Uganda, including Katakala, linked with St Mary's.

SOCIAL EVENTS COMING SOON!

BARN DANCE: 1ST OCT, Old Basing Village Hall - Tickets are now on sale for friends and family from Janet Jackson, Glayshers butchers and others - please see posters.

NATURE TRAIL, SUN. 25TH SEPT, 2-4PM, meet in the Parish Room before going around the Village to collect various items for collages for display at both Barn Dance & Harvest.

BITS AND PIECES

St Mary's CE Junior School Open Afternoon for Prospective Year 3 Parents If you have a child who has just started in Year 2, we would like to invite you to our Open Afternoon for Year 2 parents on Thurs 6th Oct. at 1.30 pm. A chance for you to see the school in action and hear from members of the school community prior to making your application for a Year 3 place.

The Children's Society Coffee Morning A Christmas card sale and coffee morning in aid of The Children's Society will be held from 10 – 12 am on Saturday 15th October in The Parish Room. There will be a variety of stalls including a raffle, cake stall, local crafts, bric-a-brac with games and a lucky dip for the children. This is an opportunity for you to buy your Christmas cards in good time! Please do come and support this worthy charity and we look forward to seeing you there. *Rosemary Kershaw*

The Memory Café this month takes place on Monday 26th Sept, from 2.15 - 3.45 pm in the Parish Room, where we shall be fund-raising for Macmillan.

Thank You to everyone who came along or gave a donation to the recent fund-raising event for MIND. We raised over £600. *Steph Bale*

St Mary's Church Reading Group I am hoping to set up a monthly Sunday afternoon reading group at my home 51 Amport Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0FR, which will explore Christian themes in fiction books. At the first meeting we will be discussing 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' by CS Lewis. Refreshments provided. You are welcome to come to a single session or to all dates. I will be in the Parish Room after the 9.30 am service if you have any questions. The first three dates are: Sundays 25th Sept 5-7pm; 30th Oct 5-7pm; 27th Nov 5-7pm. There's an opportunity to go to a CS Lewis talk on 29th Sept at

7.45pm at Sarum Hill. *Kim Austin*

Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC) Open Meeting: With the onset of autumn, PIOCC will be marking the start of the conservation season with our annual 'Kick Off' meeting on **Mon 3 October at 8pm** in the Parish Room. Margaret & Tim Carr will be giving an appropriately-named talk 'New England in the Fall'. Light refreshments available - ALL WELCOME!

Old Basing Methodist Church is holding a **Craft afternoon** on Tues 20th Sept, 2-4pm.

From Fr Alec

As we celebrate Mary this week, let's keep in mind the miracle of a girl invited to carry within her the incarnate God, and wonder at God's invitation to us to do likewise.

For information: Funerals in church, Thurs 22nd Sept, 11 am Winston Vickers RIP, Weds 28th Sept, 12.30 pm George Spurr RIP

Please pray for

- The people of Syria, Turkey, Iraq, Yemen, Italy and all regions where there is violence, fear, and suffering.
- Those suffering disease and illness, and those who care for them.
- The work of Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy
- Our brothers and sisters in St Apolo's Katakala.
- Refugees, prisoners, victims and all affected by war, disaster or abuse.
- The 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 Thorn, Esther Wong, Alan and Pauline Chamberlain, and all in sorrow or pain;
- All those who have died recently: Hector Khan, Winston Vickers, Bob Hurt; George Spurr; and all whose

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