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25th September 2016
18th Sunday After Trinity

Hymns:

16, 137, 429, 584, 658, 104

TODAY

NATURE TRAIL, 2-4PM, meet in the Parish Room before going around the Village collecting items for collages for display at the Barn Dance & Harvest.

THIS WEEK

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

COFFEE CATCH UP CAFÉ re-opens again this week on **Friday afternoons** from 1-3pm in the Parish Room. Would you be willing to make an occasional **cake** please? If so contact Debbie Filer.

Men's Breakfast This Saturday 1st Oct at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

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

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

Crib Festival 2016 Save the date for

this year's Crib Festival! It will take place on the weekend of December 9 - 11. If you didn't create a nativity scene last year, and if you did, you are invited to come to a workshop to find out more. We will look at examples from around the world and talk about how to make your scene. It's an opportunity to roll your sleeves up and play that is not just for children and there are many ways to collaborate with others on crib ideas that are already underway. The workshop is about finding ideas and learning how to take them forward and it will be on Thursday 27 October (in half term) from 4 - 6 pm in the Parish Room. If you can't make it please get in touch with Gill for further information.

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. 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.

Dementia Friends Information Session: Sat 29th Oct 11am, parish room, Come along to this free Alzheimer's Society led 1 hour session to learn more about dementia and gain a better understanding of the small things we can all do to make a difference to the lives of people affected. See noticeboard for info and to sign-up.

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*

Administrator's Availability Please note that with effect from 26th Sept, Debbie will be available on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. You can of course leave messages and send emails on other days of the week.

Foodbank Quiz Night: Sat 22nd Oct, 7pm at Sarum Hill Centre, £10 per person to include supper. Please see poster in lobby for details. If you'd like to make up a team please speak to Fr Alec.

Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC) Meeting: PIOCC will be marking the start of the conservation season with the annual 'Kick Off' meeting on **Mon 3 October 8pm**, Parish Room. Margaret & Tim Carr will be giving a talk on 'New England in the Fall'.

From Rev'd Rachel

This week we consider how the priorities of Jesus and the teaching of the apostle Paul help us in the financial battles we all face at some point in our lives.

For information: Funeral in church, 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 and all in sorrow or pain;

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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- All those who have died recently: Hector Khan, Winston Vickers, Bob Hurt; George Spurr; and all whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them.

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