

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.

23rd October 2016
Twenty Second Sunday After
Trinity

Hymns:
114, 686, 381, 374, 483, 565

THIS WEEK

The Memory Café takes place this Monday 24th October, from 2.15 - 3.45 pm in the Parish Room. An opportunity for anyone with memory loss or dementia, their carers, family and friends to come together to reminisce, share experiences or just get out of the house. For further details please speak to Rev'd Sarah.

Dementia Friends talk: this Sat 29th Oct 11am, parish room. All welcome to this free Alzheimer's Society led 1hr session to gain a better understanding of the small things that can make a difference to the lives of people affected by dementia. Just turn-up, all welcome.

LOOKING FORWARD

The Pilgrim Course will run again this autumn and is open to all. Please talk to Fr Alec.

All Hallows Eve Activities return this **October 31st at 5.30 pm**. Children are invited to come along in costume and join in with a night-time procession, pumpkin-carving competition, and crafts. All accompanied by burgers and Hot Dogs.

All Souls' Commemoration Service Wednesday 2nd November: there will be a Eucharist service at 7pm (preceded by refreshments at 6pm) at which those who have died will be prayed for by name. Please add names of people for whom you wish prayer to be offered, to the list by votive candle stand.

Parish Service of Remembrance Sunday, 13th Nov, 10 am followed by Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial. Holy

Communion follows immediately afterwards in the Bolton chapel at 11.15am. No Family Service that day.

Crib Festival THIS WEEK! The workshop for exploring ideas about making nativity scenes is this Thursday from 4-6 pm. Please see Gill for further information or just turn up on the 27th! The festival is December 10 - 11 and it's not too early to think of how you might help: making cakes, serving refreshments, stewarding, and of course, making a crib scene!

BITS AND PIECES

Rev'd Rachel is with us today for the last time this year before starting a two month placement across the North Hampshire Downs Benefice on October 31st. She will still be contactable by phone and email during November and December for planning purposes, and expects to return to St. Mary's early in the New Year of 2017.

Basingstoke Churches Winter Night Shelter: From 1st Dec - 28th Feb town centre churches will share hosting Basingstoke's Winter Night Shelter for up to 15 rough sleepers per night. All Saints on Sunday nights is particularly looking for volunteers; if you'd like to join others from St Mary's as volunteer Cook, early Evening Helper, Overnighter or Breakfast helper please chat to Sarah. All volunteers must attend short training session on 11th or 12th Nov at Sarum Hill. See poster for info.

Katakala and Uganda - Global Partnership talk: 7.30pm, Tues 29th November. Please all come along to see and hear the latest from Katakala, Uganda from the Revd Dodie Marsden who is out there now. A chance to hear and discuss more regarding our developing parish and school partnership and potential visit to Katakala. Chat to Rosey or Sarah for info or with ideas.

Dates for diaries: Contemplative Advent reflective services through Advent with music, poetry, image, prayer,

Bolton chapel 8pm Mondays 28th Nov, 5, 12, 19 Dec. **Blue Christmas** Fri 23rd Dec 6pm (tea 5pm). **Big Turkey Community Christmas lunch** Wed 28th Dec (offers to help, wonderful!).

Brass Cleaning: If you can help please speak to one of the Churchwardens. Thank you.

From Gill

Jesus unrolls the scroll to read the scriptures, and in so doing, shows himself to be their fulfilment. How do we inhabit God's word and play our part in rolling out the good news of the Kingdom of God? St Luke, whose feast day was celebrated this week, invites us to see Jesus the Word in his "orderly account".

Please pray for

- The people of Haiti, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and all regions where there is violence, fear, or suffering.
- People seeking sanctuary and home, and all affected by war, disaster illness or abuse.
- The successful development of new Winter Night Shelter provision in Basingstoke's town centre churches.
- Our brothers and sisters in St Apolo's Katakala.
- 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 & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Steve North; Dudley Clark; Del Davis; and all in sorrow or pain;
- All those who have died recently: Henry Williams; Hazel Munro; 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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