

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.

30th October 2016 All Saints Day

Hymns:
177, 314, 746, 384, 204, 54

THIS WEEK

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.

The Pilgrim Course is running again on a Friday evening at 7pm. and is open to all. Please speak to Fr Alecre. this week's venue.

Men's Breakfast This Saturday 5th November at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

LOOKING FORWARD

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.

AN EVENING WITH ICONS We are delighted to say we have the great privilege of a second illustrated talk on Icons from Dom Anselm Shobbrook OSB, Iconographer at Alton Abbey, on **THURSDAY DECEMBER 1st** at 7.30 pm in the Bolton Chapel. Those who came to Dom Anselm's talk last year found it most interesting and enjoyable. Please come to this follow - up talk, with better

projected images! Put the date in your diaries now, please, this will be a great way to start Advent.



Crib 2016 Things are taking shape and registration forms are coming in. Please find yours on the table today, along with handouts from the workshop! Also, there will be an **"Advent Shed"** as part of the run up to the Festival where the doors will open at scheduled times to reveal installations on Advent themes. Please chat to Gill (811956) if you fancy exploring this idea - we need 3 - 4 sessions.

BITS AND PIECES

Rev'd Rachel is now on a two month placement across the North Hampshire Downs Benefice. 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 Fr Alec

One of the great evils of our time is loneliness. As our lives become more frenetic and isolated, we lose contact with one another. The feast of All Saints reminds us of the importance of the communion we share with one another in Jesus Christ. It is in one another that we meet and serve Jesus.

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; 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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