

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.

13th November 2016 Remembrance Sunday

TODAY

The Family Service will not take place today, however a service of Holy Communion will take place in the Bolton Chapel following today's Parish Service of Remembrance

THIS WEEK

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on Monday 14th November at 1.45 pm in the Parish Room. We will continue to study the letter of James, Chapter 4 v.13 to Chapter 5 v. 11. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*.

The Wednesday 10 am Eucharist will this week take place at St Mary's Junior School. All are welcome.

Ploughmen's Lunches This Thursday 17th November at 12.30 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

Coffee Catch Up - Children in Need Appeal All proceeds from this Friday's café will go to Children In Need.

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.

LOOKING FORWARD

An Evening with Icons: We have the great privilege of a second illustrated talk on Icons from Dom Anselm Shobrook OSB, Iconographer at Alton Abbey, 1st December 7.30 pm Bolton Chapel. Those who came to Dom Anselm's talk last year found it most interesting - please come to this follow-up talk. See poster for details.



Crib 2016 Thank you to all who have decided to tackle **crib making** this week! For others, don't forget to pick up your form from the table today. There are also

sign-up sheets for a variety of ways to get involved too, such as baking cakes and welcoming our guests. At 2pm on Saturday 10th St Mary's Junior School will perform Christmas songs and it would be good to offer some light **music or poetry** to punters at 2pm on Sunday 11th as well. Please see Gill if you have something in mind to offer or if you would like to meet with a team to explore ideas about the **Advent Shed**.

BITS AND PIECES

Basing Singers will be joined by the **St Mary's Junior School Choir** to bring you an evening of music from around the world on Saturday 26 November. Starting at 7pm in the church, the concert, entitled "Around The World in 80 Minutes", will include a wide variety of songs and also organ music played by Paul Wright. Tickets £6 adults, £1 children, are available on the door. Proceeds to St Mary's church.

Katakala, Uganda - Global Partnership talk: 7.30pm, Tues 29th November. Please come, and invite others in Basing & Lychoit, to see and hear the latest from Katakala, Uganda from Revd Dodie Marsden, who has just returned. A chance to discover more regarding our developing parish-school partnership and potential visit to Katakala. Chat to Rosey or Sarah for info.

The Children's Society A very big thank you to everyone who supported our recent coffee morning giving so generously of their time, talent and money to the charity. The event, with the sale of Christmas (and with its cheerful chat and happy atmosphere) raised £1,502.82. Any cards ordered are now available for collection from me. *Rosemary Kershaw*

Tools for Transformation - Thurs 17th Nov, (7.30 - 9.30 pm, doors open 7pm) Christ Church, Chineham. In thanksgiving for the gift of God's creation and with a concern for the health and stewardship of the world, this evening will help

us consider our stewardship of the environment as Christians and as Churches, and discover more about the national initiative called Eco-Church and hear the inspiring Dr Ruth Valerio.

Contemplative Advent: Reflective services of music, poetry, image and prayer through Advent, led by those attending *Living Word*. Bolton chapel 8pm Mondays 28th Nov, 5, 12, 19 Dec.

Dates for diaries: **Blue Christmas** Fri 23rd Dec 6pm (tea 5pm). **Big Turkey Community Christmas lunch** Wed 28th Dec (offers to help, wonderful!).

From Fr Alec

This Remembrance Sunday, as we hold before God those who made sacrifices on our behalf, we should keep in mind, both God's justice and His mercy. The justice that protects the weak and defends the innocent, and the mercy that looks towards a world when violence and bloodshed will be no more.

Please pray for

- The people of Haiti, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and all regions where there is violence, fear, or suffering.
- Those suffering as a result of armed conflict.
- Veterans, refugees and all those bearing the scars of war.
- 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; Barrie Phillips; and all in sorrow or pain
- All those who have died recently: John Follett; Carol Phillips; 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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