

## 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.

## 15th January 2017 Second Sunday of Epiphany

### Hymns:

120, 689, 332, 625, 99, 219

## TODAY

**Charity of the month, retiring collection:** today we begin St Mary's focus on a different charity each month, with this month's being the *Hardship Fund of First Point*, The You Trust, supporting families and individuals living in poverty or homeless in Basingstoke.

**The Traidcraft Stall** is available today in Parish Room after 9.30am service.

## THIS WEEK

**Ploughmen's Lunches** this Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30 pm in Parish Room.

**The Pilgrim Course** resumes this Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, with this series' theme being "The Eucharist". Please speak to Fr Alec.

**Crossing Barriers: Service of Christian Unity:** this **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Jan, 7pm** Bolton chapel, with refreshments before 6pm. Led by local OB Anglicans, Catholics and Methodists, please join in worshipping together at this special service for reconciliation across the world. Includes reflection by Maddy/Gill Sakakini from Dunkirk refugee camp.

**Brick appeal:** we will build a brick wall for the CU service above, and knock it down! if you have spare red bricks, please leave in church porch before next Saturday morning (& collect following week). thank you (Sarah)

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Homelessness Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** – special 9.30am Eucharist will include reflections by St Mary's volunteers on Basingstoke Night Shelter & welcome our guest Janet Cran speaking on *First Point* Basingstoke and homelessness support locally.

**Evening with CS Lewis** Join St. Mary's Church Book Club at 5pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to watch insightful film portrayal of CS Lewis in conversation about his books. 51 Ampert Rd, Sherfield-on-Loddon (see poster on board). *Kim Austin.*

## MESSY CHRISTINGLE 3.45pm Saturday 28th January



This year's Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society is MESSY Church. As well as finding new things to consider with oranges and candles and fruit, you'll be able to discover how we can use the foil in a Christingle to help us pray! Plus science experiment, lots of other fun. Do please encourage everyone to come and share fun & food. All collection to Children's Society. **We need Jam Jars Please** for craft activities. To help on the team speak to Rev'd Rachel or Andree Mclean.

**Friends of St Mary's: Call My Bluff Wine Quiz.** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7.30pm Parish Room. French bread & cheese between wines. Tickets £15 each (max 6 per team) or £75 table of 6. From Chris Beadle Tel: 358533 or Joan Cole Tel: 324749

**Creative Prayer Workshop:** 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, Winchester Cathedral learning centre. See poster and email Rev'd Sarah to book place asap. A great day on prayer, particularly for anybody interested in leading within our Pentecost *Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Novena.*

**Katakala Uganda Partnership – gifts to share:** I'll be leaving on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb to visit Katakala and bring back news of people and projects for all of us to have the opportunity to link to and build new relationships. Please see poster and box in porch if you would like to donate any gifts from St Mary's to people in Katakala.

**A Parish Quiet Day at Alton Abbey** ( an Anglican Benedictine Community) - Sat March 4<sup>th</sup> everyone

invited. Please see poster or speak to Penny Potter or Fr Alec.

## BITS AND PIECES

**Invitation to Licensing** Many will remember Rob & Jackie Young (nee Taplin) who worshipped at St Mary's for many years. Rob is to be licensed as Assistant Vicar at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30 pm. Rob has asked that an invitation be extended to St Mary's congregation. If you need a lift please speak to Fr Alec.

**News from Coffee Catch Up café:** Now open **1.30 - 3.30 pm** every Friday. It would be lovely to see you! All proceeds this month going to *First Point hardship fund* to help people struggling with homelessness and poverty in Basingstoke area. A total of £116 was raised for St Michael's Hospice around Christmas. thank you!

**Senior Citizens Carnival Party** - Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 12 noon OB Village Hall. Unfortunately this information missed Basinga so please do let friends and neighbours know.

**Confirmation** If you (young or old) would like to be confirmed, or just discuss the possibility, please speak to Fr Alec or Revd Sarah.

## From Fr Alec

'Behold the lamb of God' says the Baptist when he sees Jesus at the Jordan. In doing so he both draws attention to Jesus' perfect obedience to the will of the Father, and foreshadows the sacrifice of an innocent for the sins of all.

### Please pray for

- The people of Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is violence, fear, or suffering.
- Refugees, homeless, all struggling with poverty. All who suffer for their faith.
- 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; Del Davis; Inge Bowman; Thelma Gregson; and all in sorrow or pain
- All those who have died recently: Roy Purkis; Peter Schluter; Valerie Champion; 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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