

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.

19th February 2017 Second Sunday Before Lent

Hymns:

392, 114, 590, 162, 483, 19

TODAY

Parish Lunch 12.15pm: Very special thanks to Rosey Stevens for organising today's St Mary's Old Basing–St Apollo's Katakala shared lunch. It is hoped that we'll be able to have a live link up with Sarah over in Katakala during the meal.

Retiring collection for our February charity: This month we are collecting for our friends in the school and the church in **Katakala, Uganda**, our Global Partnership,

Holy Baptisms At 2pm Ayla Elliott and Stanley Monk are to be baptised. All welcome.

THIS WEEK

Coffee Catch Up continues during the school half-term holidays this week, 1.30 - 3.30 pm. All money raised will be going to the Basingstoke & Alton Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre.

LOOKING FORWARD

Lent Course Our shared ecumenical Lent Course, *The Mystery of Everything*, based on the film, *The Theory of Everything* will begin at The Methodist Chapel at 7pm on Wed 8th March. There is a chance for all (whether coming to the Lent course or not) to see this popular film at 7.30pm on Mon 6th March in the Parish Room. Refreshments provided. Just note in your diary, and come along.

Parish Quiet Day, Saturday March 4th Please sign up on notice in the lobby if you wish to join the group to Alton

Abbey. The group leaving at 8.15 will attend the Conventual Mass and those leaving at 9.15 will be in time for coffee! Chat to Penny Potter for further information.

BITS AND PIECES.

Pilgrimage to the Anglican Shrine at Walsingham

April 25-27th. The list is now closing and I shall be booking the rooms this week. Assuming I am successful I will be asking each of those who have signed up for a non-returnable deposit, which at this relatively late stage is £30. The total cost for a 2 night stay of bed, breakfast and evening meal will be £110. **So today is your last chance to join this group! Please speak to me, Penny Potter, today if you wish to join and have not already indicated this.**

Women's World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday 3rd March at 10.30 am at St Mary's, with the focus on the Philippines. All welcome. Refreshments will follow.

Palm Crosses. Please return your last year's palm crosses to the basket in the church as they will be burned to provide ash for the Ash Wednesdays services. Thank you.

From Fr Alec

How often are you anxious? Anxiety and depression appear to be the besetting evils of our age. Something about contemporary life overwhelms us with too much to process and cope with. In our gospel today Jesus invites us to take on a new perspective, to experience life a day at a time and to live truly in the moment. This may be easier said than done, but it reminds us that happiness is found not just in future security but in wonder at the present.

For information: Funeral in church, Thursday 23rd February 2pm for Dorothy Silver, RIP

Please pray for

- Refreshment, flourishing, deepening in our faith..
- Christ to be known in word, deed, and abundant love.
- Our friends in Katakala: St Apollo's church, the school, and the village community..
- The new Dean of Winchester Cathedral, Catherine Ogle
- Those coping with the darkness of depression, grief, or loneliness;
- Ayla Elliott & Stanley Monk being baptised today;
- The people of Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is violence, fear, or suffering.
- Residents of Basingfield Court & 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; Inge Bowman; Thelma Gregson; Peter May-Miller; and all in sorrow or pain
- All those who have died recently: Louise Harris; Dorothy Silver; 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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