

## 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.

9th April 2017  
Palm Sunday

### Hymns:

438, 463, 458, 663, 738, 448

## TODAY

**Retiring collection for our April charity:**  
This month we are collecting for **Pancreatic Cancer UK**.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Easter Day** Please note that the **Easter Day** services will be 8am as usual and then the later time of **10am**. All are invited to bring flowers to either service to *Flower The Cross* on the way into church.

**Thy Kingdom Come 9 Days of Prayer 25<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** we will be joining in this great ecumenical wave of prayer across the UK again this year between Ascension and Pentecost. Hopefully many people and groups across our community will be keen to join in prayer events together, and globally as we join with St Apolo's, Katakala. Our Novena will include: 'prayer stations' around the church (please let Rev Sarah know if you or your group is interested in creating a 'prayer station' ie a space for reflective prayer). On 26<sup>th</sup> May there will be 24hr prayer in the Bolton chapel. We'll also be joining the Basingstoke Ecumenical Novena with the chance to worship together to start and end the TKC Novena. More details to follow.

## BITS AND PIECES.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** This will be held on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11.15 am. Notices are in the foyer.  
**St Mary's Church Electoral Roll** – Please see the separate notice in the lobby which gives details of who is eligible to join the roll.  
**Sidespersons** for 2017/18 If you would like to join our team of Sidespersons please add your name to the list in the lobby.

**Easter Flowers** A box is now placed on the offertory table to receive donations towards the Easter Flowers in church. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one.

### PASSION READING

*Please join in the words marked in bold*

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, **(All) 'Barabbas.'**

Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said,

**(All) 'Let him be crucified!'**

Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, **(All) 'Let him be crucified!'**

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, **(All) 'His blood be on us and on our children!'**

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified

**Dates for your Diary:** Friends of St. Mary's AGM Parish Room Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm  
Speaker: Alan Turton. Pimms with Friends Kingfishers, The Street Sunday July 2 2.30 p.m.

**Mowing Rota** It's that time of year again to start mowing the churchyard! From April to October a group of volunteers works in teams of 2 and are allocated a 2-week slot to mow the front and back of the churchyard. Are you able to help out the existing mowing teams and provide 2-3 hours of effort about 3 to 4 times over the spring & summer months? If so, you'd be very welcome, all the equipment and petrol is provided. Please speak to Steve Sakakini (07812 145987)

**The Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC)** will be holding its AGM on Mon 24 April at 8pm in the Parish Room. Do come along and find out what we have been doing in the past year and then, once business is concluded, enjoy an illustrated talk by Margaret & Tim Carr & refreshments. Their talk is 'Corsica - The Scented Isle'. All welcome

### From Steve Sakakini:

(Preaching at our 8am service today)

People flocked to see Jesus make his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and some put palm branches and cloaks on the ground before him as he rode humbly on a donkey. Many were heralding Jesus' arrival as the long-awaited messiah. Where are you in the crowd?

#### **Please pray for**

- Courage this Holy Week to walk the way of the cross with Christ
- Loving hearts to be alongside the most vulnerable and marginalised.
- Our brothers and sisters in Katakala: giving thanks for Panelope and her family.
- The people of East Africa, Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is famine, violence, 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; Inge Bowman; Peter May-Miller; Dudley Clark, Ruth Taylor; all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: Ian Riley; those who's anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER

#### Days of Holy Week:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30 pm

*Stations of the Cross*

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30 pm

*Reflective Service in the Bolton Chapel using music & image*

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30 pm

*A service of healing*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY: 13<sup>th</sup> April,**

7.30 pm *Eucharist of the Last Supper.*

*Stripping of the Altars & Watch of the Passion*

**GOOD FRIDAY: 14<sup>th</sup> April**

*The 3 Hours:*

12.00 noon Silent prayer

1.00 pm Meditations on the Cross (through art), with hymns and anthems

2.00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy

**HOLY SATURDAY: 15<sup>th</sup> April**

8.00 pm Easter Vigil, the first Eucharist of Easter.

**EASTER DAY: 16<sup>th</sup> April**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Sung Eucharist of the

Resurrection for All Ages

**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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