

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.

16th April 2017 Easter Day

Hymns:

348, 433, 475, 9, 637, 672

TODAY

Easter Cross This morning we shall be decorating the Easter Cross with flowers, symbolising the new life of the Resurrection.

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

THIS WEEK

Fr Alec is on holiday this week, returning next Sunday, 23rd April.

LOOKING FORWARD

Thy Kingdom Come 9 Days of Prayer 25th May – 3rd 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 26th 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.

Thank You to everyone involved in the preparation for the Holy Week and Easter services and for their work throughout the year. Your hard work is most appreciated.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday April 30th at 11.15 am.

St Mary's Church Electoral Roll – closing date for joining the Roll is today! Please see the separate notice in the lobby giving details of who is eligible to join the roll and what this entails.

Sidespersons for 2017/18 If you would like to join our Sidespersons' team please add your name to the list in the lobby. **Annual Report & Financial Statements** together with the agenda for the APCM have been issued via email or have been hand-delivered to those on the Electoral Roll. If you have yet to receive your copy please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

Parish Lunch After the APCM on Sunday April 30th there will be a Parish Lunch to which everyone is invited. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

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.

Social activities The PCC would like to plan activities and events throughout the year for all ages. Do you have any ideas? We could repeat what we have done before, such as the nature walks with craft activities. We could plan some evening events. If you would like to share your idea (and perhaps be involved with the planning), please talk to **Janet Jackson or any member of the PCC or clergy**. (tel. 468351, janjack@49@btinternet.com)

Church Tours A few years ago, a team of volunteers took part in open days at St Mary's where we showed visitors around the Church giving its history and information about the architecture and evidence of the Church's use during the Civil War. If you would like to form a team who would take turns on a rota on planned afternoons during the year please speak to **Janet Jackson**. You will be given information and training.

Dates for your Diary: Friends of St. Mary's AGM Parish Room Tues 9th 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).

Knitters wanted for St Mary's School's "Ewe Matters" Project. A call is going out to all knitters in the parish to make a sheep (full notice in the lobby). The arrival of sheep at St Mary's Junior School is part of a diocesan project for church schools. The sheep will accompany Year 6 to their Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral, before taking up permanent residence at school. Once you have made a knitted sheep, we would like you to (if possible) take a photo of it in an interesting place and print this off to bring into school with the sheep. Completed sheep can be passed to Andree at church for delivery once the Easter holidays are over (please could all completed sheep be handed into school by 2nd May). Andree has copies of the pattern if you would like one.

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 Fr Alec:

Christ is Risen! We are risen! Jesus rises from the dead, and we can rise like plants from the seed into the bright day of a new life, like fresh baked loaves, changed but the same, like soldiers of Christ, freshly promoted to a new dignity as children of God. Christ is Risen, and with him come light and courage and hope and joy! Alleuia!

Please pray for

- Those suffering the grief of loss, that they may find hope and joy once more.
- Those trapped by poverty, prejudice or addiction, that they may discover new freedom.
- Those scarred by broken relationships, that they can find new love and trust.
- Our brothers and sisters in Katakala.
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- The people of East Africa, Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is famine, violence, or suffering.
- 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, Bryan Snook and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: among them Ian Riley; and those who's 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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