

## 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.

25th June 2017

## Second Sunday After Trinity

### Hymns:

565, 29, 381, 60, 8, 137

## TODAY

### THANK YOU, AND FAREWELL

I can't believe that has been almost exactly three years since you welcomed Graham, Chris and I to St. Mary's so warmly and generously. You nursed me (quite literally) through those first weeks, and then encouraged and affirmed me as I've walked with you as a community, growing liturgically and in my wider ministry. I am particularly delighted that you were willing to get 'Messy' with me - I pray that element of your mission grows and thrives in the years to come.

It perhaps shouldn't surprise any of us, that my next step is a slightly unusual temporary deployment! We will miss St. Mary's, Old Basing and Lychpit hugely, and the friends we've made among you, and will let you know when God reveals what more permanent use of my ministry he wishes to make. Go well, and God bless. *Rachel, Graham and Chris*

**Thank you** to Gill and Rosey for co-ordinating today's Farewell Lunch and to all for their kind contributions.

**Holy Baptism** At 2pm Lilly May Savings is to be baptised. All welcome.

**Retiring collection for June:** Basingstoke Town Centre Chaplaincy.

**Church Tour** - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 3-5pm An opportunity to learn more about the history of St Mary's - all welcome. There will be further tours on 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> July, 3-5pm.

## THIS WEEK

**Rev Sarah** and PAT dog Dougan will be on Easter/Summer holiday until 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Memory Café** Tomorrow, 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15 pm in the Parish Room.

**Men's Breakfast** This Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**St Mary's Summer Fair July 8<sup>th</sup>** "Taste and See" is this year's theme and will be a multi-sensory experience of international food and entertainment. During the day there will be opportunities to sample culinary delights, play games, and try out dances from other countries. If you would like to cook, face-paint, host games, busk or offer other suggestions please talk to Gill. (07969 158488). **Hymns & Pimms 7<sup>th</sup> July:** To get our festival off to a great start please pick up form from church and put in your request for your favourite hymn, then return form to the blue box. Many thanks. *Penny*

The culmination of the Summer Festival will be a "**Taste & See Celebration Eucharist**" on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 am.. All ages are welcome and all ages will stay in for the service. There will be a family-appropriate, child-friendly sermon, etc. with lots of fun for everyone! As usual there will be refreshments afterwards!

## BITS AND PIECES



St Mary's is participating with churches across north Hampshire to ask people in our local community a simple question:

**"What hurts you the most?"** or **"What is the one thing in life you find hardest to handle?"** The mission is in two phases -- the Listening phase runs until the end of August, and the Responding phase is from September to November and beyond. Please chat to Steve if you can help in any way with this initiative of listening and caring in our community.

**Pimms with Friends** including live music & afternoon tea, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2.30 pm in the beautiful garden at Kingfishers, 71 The Street. Tickets £15 (£12 for members) available from Chris Beadle, 358533 or Joan Cole, 324749. (Please bring own folding chairs/picnic rug).

**Thank you** so much for all your kind cards and gifts to Sebs Projects etc, and for celebrating my 50th with me in worship, communion and refreshment. It's lovely to be with you all here as I age! *Rev Sarah.*

**Parish visit to Katakala, Uganda:** A first parish trip (all ages) to enable people from across our community to connect with friends, school and church in Katakala, is

being planned for Feb half-term 2018 (c.8th-17th). If you are interested in potentially joining this trip, or simply interested in finding out more, please come to an information meeting with Rev Sarah and Rosey Stevens in St Mary's parish room on Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July 7pm. We expect to need to book flights in August. We'll be fundraising together to help people with costs so that this is a wonderful opportunity open to all.

**St Mary's Charities of the Month:** Please see poster in lobby for totals raised for our charities so far this year. St Francis Hospital in Katete will be our charity of the month in July. For the months after that, please write your charity suggestions on the list in church lobby.

## From Rev'd Rachel

Our Gospel is both an explanation and an example of 'tough love'. After the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is taking time to teach his disciples about the expectations that will be made of them as they do God's work with him, and then have to take it forward in a different way as his relationship with them changes after his death and resurrection. If our lives are going to reflect his, then the cost of that mission will be tough at times, require changes to our relationships, and involve sacrifice to bring about something new in God's mission on earth.

### Please pray for

- People whose lives are shattered by the Grenfell tower block fire, and concerned about their own living conditions.
- Victims of terrorism around the world, their friends and families.
- The people of East Africa, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is famine, violence, or suffering.
- Renewed hope and courage for all who are struggling at this time with depression, grief, illness, broken relationships, chaotic lives.
- Our partnership friends in Katakala: praying for those hungry at school; for orphans in St Apolo's church family
- Lily May Savings being baptised today;
- 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, Brenda Pollard, and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: 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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