

## 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.

## 27th August 2017 Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

**Hymns:**  
394, 411, 686, 88, 146, 409

## TODAY

**Retiring collection is for St Mary's charity of the month for August: SANDS, the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity** (see noticeboard)

**Sponsored Walk** This weekend I am entering the South Coast Challenge to walk 100km from Eastbourne to Arundel. I am doing this to raise money for SANDS. If you would like to help, you can make a donation via website [justgiving.com/MikeLeaming](http://justgiving.com/MikeLeaming) or a pledge on the sheet in the lobby. Thank you.  
Mike

## THIS WEEK

**Men's Breakfast** this Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

## LOOKING FORWARD



**MESSY HARVEST:**  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 3.45 - 6pm. Come and find out how God

provides all we need.

**Harvest Festival.** This will be celebrated on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10am when we shall be joined by the uniformed organisations of the parish.

## BITS AND PIECES

**Angels appear when you are least expecting them.** Our pilgrimage walk on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Aug was an interesting, at times challenging and ultimately humbling experience. Led by Penny, Jo and I set off from the Hatch following a circular walk incorporating Mapledurwell and Up Natley. Prayers were said at the two small, beautifully cared for churches before we set off on the last part of our

walk, past some cottages and across open fields back to the Hatch. As the rain lashed down, the thunder roared and the wind gusted to gale force we were soaked in minutes, despite our waterproofs. It was here that the angel appeared in the shape of a lady waving frantically at the kitchen window of one of the cottages, calling at us to come in and shelter. How could we refuse? We were made so welcome, clutching mugs of tea chatting to her and her father. She too was a church-goer and supporter of her local community so we had much in common. We will always be so grateful for such hospitality and kindness to 3 wet and weary pilgrims. I for one, can't wait for the next pilgrimage walk. *Celia*

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Will be held at 68 The Street on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 am - 12.00 noon Raffle, books, bring and buy... do come and bring your friends. *Penny Potter*

### Ride and Stride, 9th September:

Would you like to see picturesque Hampshire countryside and visit historic churches? Then why not take part in this year's ride & stride along a route of your choice raising money for St. Mary's and the Historic Churches Trust. Please speak to Paul Skinner or see poster; also if you are able to greet visitors to St Mary's on this day ..

**New Rotas** I shall soon be starting to compile the rotas for October, November & December so would appreciate it please if you could let me know your availability. Thank you. (*There will be a separate rota for Christmas services and I shall be asking Christmas availability nearer the time*). *Debbie Filer.*

**Winchester Cathedral Passes:** please ask Penny Potter if you would like to borrow a parish pass for the cathedral.

**Basingstoke FOOD BANK:** please see list in lobby of most needed goods, and prayer requests and latest news.

## From Fr Alec

'Who do you say that I am?' asks Jesus of Simon Peter. Equally, we can ask ourselves 'Who do I say that Jesus is?' What does it mean to us that he is the Messiah? The son of the living God? Answering this question is at the heart of the witness that we bear to Jesus in our lives, because who Jesus is is intimately connected with what he does – not simply teaching us spiritual truths, but connecting us intimately with the eternal God, and making us his children.

### Please pray for

- Courage to follow and serve Christ in faith
- Thanks for those who walk alongside us in our family, church and community
- Hope & courage for all struggling with depression, grief, illness, relationships, addiction
- Rest and refreshment for all away on holiday, and those remaining at home.
- Peace in our world: the Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is famine, conflict, abuse, suffering.
- Our partnership friends in Katakala. The work of SANDS our charity of the month
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Dudley Clark, Brenda Pollard, Sarah Jones; and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently; and those 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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