

## 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 also a children's corner in Church for supervised pre-school children.

### 11th March 2018 Mothering Sunday

#### Hymns

631, 413, 437, 182, 350, 202

#### TODAY

**Welcome** We particularly welcome the uniformed organisations of the parish as we celebrate Mothering Sunday. **Thank You** to the Men's Breakfast Group for preparing today's flower posies and also to those who have made cakes as part of today's refreshments after the service.

**Retiring collection for March:** This month we are collecting for **St Michael's Hospice**.

#### THIS WEEK

**Monday Discussion Group:** The last of our weekly meetings in Lent takes place this Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1.45 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

**Lent Course** Our shared ecumenical Lent Course, continues at The Methodist Chapel at 7pm this Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**Living Soup Mondays:** Continue every Monday evening through Lent. Come to join in sharing soup, bread and cheese for supper between 7-8pm in the parish room.

**Ploughmen's Lunches** All welcome, this Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30 pm, Parish Room.

**FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES** This Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10am - 12 noon This is the occasion when we spruce up the church for Easter by cleaning all the high sills and everywhere else normally out of reach. Please come along and join in with what is usually a very jolly but productive time. You don't have to be tall, there are lower level tasks as well. Materials provided. *The Churchwardens*

#### LOOKING FORWARD

**Palm Sunday** The Blessing of Palms and the Procession will start at **9.20 am** from The Jubilee Cross, opposite The Bolton Arms, with the service in church starting at the usual time of 9.30 am. **Bring a branch to wave!** If you would like to be involved in the reading of the Passion please speak to Fr Alec.

**Easter Services** Please do pick up a leaflet from the table by the North Door giving details of Easter services.

#### BITS & PIECES

**Rev'd Rachel Hartland** Rachel's formal licensing takes place at St Mary's Eversley on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers planning on coming to the service - **a sign up list is now up in the lobby** (car shares can be arranged)

**Messiah in St Mary's** Basing Singers and Ooh Mama will be performing the Messiah in St Mary's on Palm Sunday, 25 March. The concert starts at 7pm and tickets are £7 for adults, under 16 free - available on the door or from Mike on 01256 471493.

**Des Atkin's** funeral service will take place at St Mary's on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 12.30 pm.

Join us on **Sunday 18th March** for a special **Junior Church celebrating our Katakala Partnership** starting at 9.30 in the Parish Room. We will be sharing stories, photos and videos, as well as artwork and musical instruments from the recent trip to Uganda. **All children and young people welcome!** Other Katakala events planned for next month, details to follow. *Rosey Stevens*

**Well done to all those who helped during the winter months at the Night Light Winter Shelter.** Volunteers at church venues in central Basingstoke provided shelter for up to 15 rough sleepers per night, offering food, warmth, someone to talk to and a safe place to sleep. It opened, 7 days a week, from December until the end of February and also remained open during the recent snowy weather. (For more info on homeless issues in Basingstoke see <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/real-change>)

**Churchyard Mowing** 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 provide 2 to 3 hours of effort about 3 to 4 times over the spring & summer months? If so, you'd be very welcome, and all the equipment and petrol is provided. Please speak to or contact Steve Sakakini (07812 145 987)

**Drama Tots** Calling all super Mummies. Drama Tots classes use puppets, props and music to take you on different adventures each week, this term our adventures have included trips to the jungle, on board a pirate ship as well as seasonal specials like Chinese New Year. Our programme can help build confidence, language skills and co-ordination.

There are still some spaces available so please see our website [www.dramatots.co.uk](http://www.dramatots.co.uk) for information on times and prices, a three session trial package is available. I hope to see you soon, *Kate*

**Church Electoral Roll** Are you on St. Mary's Electoral Roll? You are entitled to join the Electoral Roll if you are baptised and aged 16 or over and live in the parish of Old Basing and Lychpit, or if you live outside the parish but have attended services regularly for at least 6 months. Although you can join the Roll at any time during the year, people are encouraged to join now so that they can take an active part in the life of St. Mary's and the APCM on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. If you would like to serve on the Parochial Church Council, join the sidesperson's rota, or take some other active part in the running of the church, - or even if you would just like to vote for those who do these things - please make sure that you are on the Electoral Roll. Application forms are available in church, or from the Electoral Roll Officer, Hilary May-Miller. She, or one of the churchwardens can give you more information. **NB:** The last date for applications to join before this APCM is **Saturday 7th April.**

#### From Fr Alec

Today we celebrate the loving sacrifices of mothers, so often the ones from whom we learn selfless care and devotion. We remember the maternal care of God, our creator and sustainer.

#### Please pray for

- ◆ Mothers in the daily trials of life.
- ◆ Those who want a family, but face difficulty.
- ◆ Those who grieve still for parents they have lost.
- ◆ People experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering.
- ◆ Our friends at St Apollo's and Katakala Primary School in Uganda, and the joy of our growing relationships in Christ through our visits and prayers
- ◆ Safety and hope for those sleeping rough in the streets across Britain, and for restored lives long-term through Basingstoke Winter Night Shelter support.
- ◆ Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields,
- ◆ Regions of conflict and disaster: Afghanistan, Myanmar, South Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Congo, Yemen
- ◆ Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Dudley Clark; Lindsay; and all in sorrow or pain.
- ◆ All those who have died recently: Des Atkin; Phyllis Sprake; 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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