

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.

15th April 2018
Third Sunday of Easter

Hymns
305, 433, 667, 105, 680, 485

TODAY

Holy Baptisms At 2pm Annabella Dovey & Charlotte O'Grady are to be baptised. All welcome.

Retiring collection for our April charity: This month we are collecting for **Pancreatic Cancer UK**. Gift Aid forms are available on the table in the North Aisle.

THIS WEEK

Ploughmen's Lunches This Thursday 19th April at 12.30 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

Uganda Day this week! Join us on Thursday 19th April 9am or 2.30pm at Old Basing Infant school, or in the evening at 7.30pm in St Mary's parish room. All welcome. Come along to hear more about our global partnership with Katakala and the recent visit - see videos & photos as well as children's artwork; drums and other instruments brought back from Uganda; and hear how your donations will be spent. There will also be a taste of Uganda served with the presentation in the evening. Just turn up or contact Rosey, tel. 320386, roseymarshr2@gmail.com for more info.

BITS & PIECES

Message from Rev Sarah: Thank you so much for all your kind comments and prayers as I prepare to move on to serve in new communities. Having been signed off curacy now by Bishop Tim, it feels the right time for me to leave so that you can truly have a clergy vacancy soon and grow and flourish afresh in the space and opportunities that brings. It has been such a joy and huge privilege to be alongside, with you all, here in the parish of Old Basing and St Mary's church. I am so sad to be leaving you wonderful people, soon. My final services in St

Mary's will be Sunday 13th and Wed 16th May. Before then, I hope you will join in prayer as we give thanks for the past, find joy in the present, and look with hope to the future....

Thy Kingdom Come 24hrs of Prayer 9am Thurs 10th - 9am Fri 11th May:

The Bolton chapel will again be open for continuous silent prayer through the day and night as we join in the global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, praying 'come Holy Spirit' and 'Thy Kingdom Come'. If you can definitely be present at a certain hour, please sign up on noticeboard if there's a gap so that we can be sure at least one person is present in the Bolton chapel through every hour (of course do just turn up at any hour for prayer, alongside others).

Farewell to Rev Sarah: All Age Service 10am Sunday 13th May: all welcome to this final service with Rev Sarah and others, and please stay for refreshments afterwards. If you'd like to donate to a leaving gift for Sarah please place this in an envelope in the wall safe clearly marked "Sarah's Gift".

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) This will be held on Sunday April 22nd at 11.15 am and will be followed by a **Parish Lunch** (*please sign up on the list in the foyer if you are able to stay for the lunch*). **The APCM agenda together with the Annual Report and Financial Statements** have now been issued to all on the Electoral Roll - please contact Debbie Filer if you haven't received your copy.

The New General Data Protection Regulation which comes into force on 25th May 2018 means that we need to have your consent to retain your personal contact data and to get in touch with you with regard to events and services etc. at St Mary's. It would be appreciated if you could complete a **Consent Form** (*copies available on the table by the North Aisle*) and hand it in to a churchwarden or pop in the blue box. After 25th May we shall NOT be able to

contact you if a consent form has not been received.

St. Mary's Regular Giving Envelopes: If you usually have Weekly Giving Envelopes, please pick up your new box which is now available on the table as you come into church

Christian Aid Week: 13-19th May. If you would be willing to be a CA collector for a particular street this year, please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

Dudley Clark RIP Dudley's funeral takes place this Friday 20th April at 12.30 pm at St Mary's. All are welcome to refreshments and a buffet lunch following the service.

The Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC) will be holding its AGM on **Monday 23 April at 8pm** in the Parish Room, when we will give a brief update on the work carried out during the past year. Margaret & Tim Carr will then give a talk on their visit to Newfoundland entitled '**A Newfoundland Summer - Orchids, Whales & Icebergs**'. All welcome.

From Fr Alec

Today the risen Christ visits his disciples reminding them and us that Jesus risen is also Jesus crucified. The hope of heaven is not that our flaws will be blotted out, but that they will be transfigured by the life and love of Christ into the marks of hope.

Please pray for

- ◆ Hope and healing for those struggling with illness
- ◆ Resurrection hope for all people experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering.
- ◆ A blessing on all those who receive those who receive New Life by the grace of baptism.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields,
- ◆ Regions of conflict and disaster: Afghanistan, Myanmar, South Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Congo, Yemen
- ◆ Annabella Dovey & Charlotte O'Grady being baptised today;
- ◆ Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Lindsay; and all in sorrow or pain.
- ◆ All those who have died recently: Dudley Clark; Cyril Mullett; 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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