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3rd June 2018
First Sunday after Trinity

Hymns

720, 58, 610, 622, 1, 662

TODAY

Retiring collection for our June charity: This month we are collecting for **Combat Stress**. Gift Aid forms are available on the table near the door.

Holy Baptisms At 2pm Phoenix Phelps & James Wallis are to be baptised. All welcome at this service.

LOOKING AHEAD



Fruits of the Spirit
Messy Church.
Sat. 23rd June,
3.45pm - 6.00pm

Come and join in creative ways to explore The Fruits of the Spirit together. Lots of crafts, arts and games, as part of our worship together and then the great Messy Church tea together in the Parish Room. Whatever your age, please feel welcome to come and take part.

BITS & PIECES

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on 11th June at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. We will continue to read and study the Acts of the Apostles, this session Chapters 6 and 7. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Christian Aid The total amount raised for Christian Aid this year now stands at £4,192.45! Thank you to all collectors and to those who gave so generously.

MUSIC IN BLOOM, 7TH & 8TH JULY Remember to keep this weekend free for our Summer Festival with Flowers, Music, Art and Open Gardens.

We kick off on the evening of Friday 6th July with a preview of the Art Exhibition at 7.30pm to 9pm. Throughout the weekend you can see the flower displays and the art exhibition, visit gardens or enjoy the refreshments

available. On Saturday evening at 7.30 there is a concert in church by Cantemus. If you haven't heard this group before you have missed something very special. Finally, there will be a Festal Evensong on Sunday at 6pm to round things off in style. *Ian Kershaw*

ART EXHIBITION - If you would like to exhibit a picture for the exhibition forms are now available in the North Aisle.

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

Stewarding: Can you spare 1 or 2 hrs to steward please or to help with **Refreshments?** Sign-up sheets in lobby.

CAKES etc! No St Mary's Flower Festival is complete without the famous home-made cakes for sale. If you are able to provide cakes or other goodies, there is a list on the lobby notice board (for an idea of numbers). Any questions? Please have a word with Fay Farrant in church or phone 476863. Many thanks in anticipation.

The Basingstoke Foodbank is currently running low on the following: long life/dried milk & long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, long life desserts or packet desserts, small jars of coffee, tinned rice pudding, savoury spreads: marmite & peanut butter. Thank you to all who give so generously.

Sponsored Walk in aid of Naomi House Mike Leaming is today undertaking the Clarendon Walk and is seeking sponsorship in aid of Naomi House. This is a 26 mile walk from Winchester Cathedral to Salisbury Cathedral. If you'd like to sponsor Mike a form is now up in the lobby. Thank you.

Basingfield Court are holding an **Alzheimer's Society Cupcake Day** on Thursday 14th June from 2-4pm. All welcome with all proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Society.

FAREWELL COLLECTIONS

If you'd like to donate to a leaving gift for Fr Alec please pop your donation in an envelope in the wall safe marked "Fr Alec's leaving gift". **Fr Alec's Final Service** at St Mary's prior to his return

to serve as an army chaplain will be on **Sunday 22nd July at 10 am**. It is hoped that as many people as possible will stay on for lunch after the service - further details to follow.

Gill Sakakini's Ordination Service - 1st July 10 am at Winchester Cathedral. All are welcome to Gill's ordination service (tickets not required). If you'd like a lift down to Winchester or indeed are able to offer a lift, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. (If you would like to contribute to Gill & Steve's joint gift from St Mary's when they leave on Sunday 24th June, please pop your donation in an envelope in the wall safe clearly marked "Gill & Steve's Gift").

From Fr Alec

The Sabbath rest, which Jesus is criticized for breaking in our gospel today, is a critical human necessity commanded by God. What Jesus demonstrates is not that the Sabbath has no place, but that it has a *purpose*. It is a time of healing set apart for human flourishing and renewal. In a world in which the demented imperative always to be available for work seems to predominate, we would do well to remember that God commands us to rest, and that we honour God by doing so.

Please pray

- For the discipline to rest.
- For those whose work is drudgery, unsafe or insecure.
- For a deeper care for God's creation.
- Hope for all experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering;
- A blessing on all 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 friendships;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Phoenix Phelps & James Wallis being baptised today;
- Regions of conflict and disaster: Syria; Afghanistan; Myanmar; South Sudan; Iraq; Congo; Yemen;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Alan Gibberd, Lisa Allen; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn; Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; and all in sorrow and pain.

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