

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.

24th June 2018

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Hymns

684, 379, 68, 144, 303, 503

TODAY

Today at 9.30 am we say farewell to Gill and Steve Sakakini, as they head off to serve in Tadley as Curate and LLM (Lay Reader). Please stay to wish them well over cake after the service.

Retiring collection for our June charity: This month we are collecting for **Combat Stress**. Gift Aid envelopes are available on the table by the bowl.

THIS WEEK

The Tea & Talk Café takes place tomorrow at 2pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

Basingfield Court Songs of Praise Please feel welcome to join the residents in song this week on Weds. at 2.30 pm.

BITS & PIECES

MUSIC IN BLOOM, 7TH & 8TH JULY

The Summer Festival starts with a preview of the Art Exhibition between 7.30 pm & 9 pm. (You can choose to submit an exhibit up to Weds 4th July - forms are available on the table by the door). Everyone is welcome to attend and a drink and some nibbles will be available.

Throughout the weekend you can see the flower displays, art exhibition, visit gardens and enjoy the refreshments available throughout the weekend. You can buy burgers or hot dogs on Saturday lunchtime and cream teas on both afternoons.

You will have the chance to buy books, plants, cards, glass from the Glass Maidens and, of course, cakes.

At 7.30 pm on the Saturday there is a concert by the Cantemus Choir. Please do come along. You can buy tickets at the door or I can provide them. The cost is £10 per ticket but for that you will

hear something very special and get a drink to celebrate.

We do need your help in the last weeks. Please sign up on the sheets in the lobby if you can provide a cake or help with stewarding or with refreshments.

Finally, if you have sponsored a flower display and have not paid please do so now. You can give me the money or put it in the blue box. It would also help if you could mark the sheet in the lobby when you have paid. *Ian Kershaw*

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY From Rosemary Kershaw, our Parish Representative:

It was Volunteer's Week recently and the Chairman, Matthew Reed, has written saying thank you to everyone who supports The Children's Society with collection boxes, purchase of Christmas Cards and for our October coffee morning. He writes "without the generosity of time, skills, energy and spirit of our amazing volunteers we could not have achieved all that we did for young people. We work together to transform their lives." **Thank you all.**

HELP WANTED. Following on from last week's Stewardship Sunday, we are looking for volunteers to help with Messy Church and also with Junior Church. There are a number of roles available, so if you enjoy working with children, like organising, or arranging, or just want to help out, please see the notice board in the Parish Room where there is more detail and the chance to sign up. For more information please speak to Andree McLean (Messay Church) or Paul Skinner (Junior Church).

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.

For information this week: Thurs 28th June, 1pm Funeral for Mary Ann Brooks RIP

From Fr Alec

When Jesus stills the storm it is a sign of the reassurance he gives to all his disciples of a peaceful haven beyond the trials and tempests of life.

In doing this he echoes the word spoken by God at the beginning of creation, bringing order out of primordial chaos. He is the anchor for our lives because he is one with the author of all creation, conquering death and disorder and bringing life and peace.

Please pray for....

- All those feeling overwhelmed by the chaotic troubles of life.
- Gill and Steve as they prepare to embark on a new ministry in Tadley.
- Hope for all 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 friendships;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Carl Graham & Katie Whitburn preparing for their marriage on Saturday;
- Regions of conflict and disaster: Syria; Afghanistan; Myanmar; South Sudan; Iraq; Congo; Yemen;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Matthew Haystaff, Jonathan Battey, Lisa Allen; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn; Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; and all in sorrow and pain.
- All those who have died recently; Alan Gibberd, Gordon Stevens, Mary Ann Brooks, Colin Pratt 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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