

## 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.

**22nd July 2018**  
**Mary Magdalene**

### Hymns

409, 540, 44, 705, 374, 334, 177

## TODAY

**Welcome** to everyone today as we bid Farewell to Fr Alec, Kath, Nell and Felix.

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

## THIS WEEK

**Morning Prayer - Change of Time**  
Please note that from tomorrow Morning Prayer will be at 8am. Evening Prayer will remain at 6.30 pm. (*Morning & Evening Prayer will not be said publicly on Saturdays*).

**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

Thank you to everybody who supported this year's summer festival.

Despite competing with the World Cup and an event at the Village Hall we will have raised about £5,000 before expenses and I hope that after expenses the festival will have contributed about £4,000 to church funds. The final accounts will be published as soon as all the figures are in.

The festival has achieved its aim in raising funds and publicising the church as a

centre of community life in Old Basing & Lychpit. A further report will follow but my personal thanks to the small and dedicated team of helpers without whose help the festival would have failed.  
*Ian Kershaw*

**Thanks go to Cantemus** for a lovely concert as part of the Flower Festival. They were well supported by Paul Wright and a splendid saxophone quartet. I enjoyed the Handel, the excellent togetherness and spritely rhythms of the Quartet and hearing music which I usually sing. If you were not able to come, you missed a treat. *Jo*

**FOOD BANK** ...is short of donations during this holiday season. The Food Bank is particularly short of squash, UHT fruit juice, savoury spreads, tinned fruit and toiletries. Please see if you can help. Please keep all visitors to the Food bank in your prayers.

**Junior Church** Please note that Junior Church will be taking a break over the summer and will resume on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Volunteers are still sought to help going forward into the autumn - please get in touch with either Andree McLean or Debbie Filer if you're able to help, even if only occasionally.

**THANK YOU!** We are settling into the Vicarage at St Mary's in Tadley though many boxes remain unpacked still! I am getting used to walking around in clergy wear, mostly lost, so I am having good conversations with people in the neighbourhood! It was very moving to see so many of you at my ordination and I'm sure you'll agree, it was quite spectacular, colourful, and very special. Steve and I would like to say thank you for the beautiful home communion set you so generously gave us on our last Sunday, we will be using it before long and will always remember you, your friendship and love as we do. Please do stop by at the Vicarage any time you are in Tadley as we would be so pleased to see you. With love, Gill and Steve

**VSO Fundraising** I am fundraising for VSO before I go as a volunteer to Malawi in October. I am available to do odd jobs and babysit to raise money. More information can be found on my Justgiving page:

([www.justgiving.com/rachaelkitstevens](http://www.justgiving.com/rachaelkitstevens)) and I can be contacted on 07766684902. Thank you. *Rachael Stevens*

**Trout Lunch** All are welcome to John & Diana Thomas' home for a Trout Lunch in aid of St Francis' Hospital on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Please tel. Diana (353969) for more details.

## From Fr Alec

Farewell, and thank you to everyone. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served you as vicar. We must all follow where Jesus calls. Like Mary Magdalene, we are sent to bear the good news of salvation for all. Let's do that with courage and joy.

### Please pray for....

- Courage to live lives of integrity and faith.
- Hope for all experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering;
- Regions of conflict and disaster: Syria; Afghanistan; Myanmar; South Sudan; Iraq; Congo; Yemen;
- Our friends at St Apollo's and Katakala Primary School in Uganda and the joy of our growing friendships;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Matthew Haystaff, Jonathan Battey, Lisa Allen; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Peter Thorn; Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; and all in sorrow and pain.
- All those who have died recently; Audrey Brett; 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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