

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.

23rd September 2018
Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

Hymns

314, 541, 655, 88, 83, 19

TODAY

Welcome to Revd. Christopher Butler who is leading our 8am service today and to Revd. Malcolm Surman who is leading us in worship at 9.30 am. We look forward to welcoming Malcolm back to St Mary's next Sunday for both of our services and to our Harvest Service on 7th October.

Holy Baptisms At 11.30 am today Ollie Edney and Thomas Grant are to be baptised. All welcome.

New Vicar Characteristics Today is the last chance to let the PCC know what you consider to be the two most important characteristics you are looking for in your new Vicar. The responses received so far are pinned up in the lobby.

Retiring collection for our September charity: This month we are collecting for **Naomi House & Jack's Place**. Gift Aid forms are available on the table by the bowl.

THIS WEEK

The Tea & Talk Café takes place this Monday 24th Sept from 2.15 - 3.45 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome

Mid-Week Holy Communion will be taken this week by the Revd. Malcolm Surman. All are very welcome to this short service which is followed by coffee, tea and biscuits.

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

LOOKING FORWARD

Harvest Festival Our Harvest Service this year will be on Sunday 7th October at 10 am when we shall be joined by the uniformed organisations of the parish.

Donations will be invited to the Basingstoke Foodbank.

BITS & PIECES

The Children's Society and Coffee Morning - "No child should feel alone." The Children's Society works to support children across the country who are homeless, runaways or refugees, children who are victims of abuse, neglect or debt, children who feel scared, unloved and unable to cope.

A Christmas card sale and coffee morning in aid of The Children's Society will be held from 10 – 12 am on Saturday 13th October in The Parish Room. This is an opportunity for you to buy your Christmas cards in good time!

There will be a variety of stalls including a raffle, cakes, bric-a-brac and a new stall called "Glitz Bits and Bubbles" where you will find beads and bangles, scarves and bubble bath/shower gel/soaps – all the things that you have been given but never used. Please give generously -who knows – it may be someone else's favourite! Similarly, our cake stall is made famous by your generous baking skills Please do come and support this worthy charity and we look forward to seeing you there.
Rosemary Kershaw

A PRAYER DURING THE VACANCY

Heavenly Father,
As we seek to discern the qualities we hope to find in our new Vicar, we pray that you will direct us with your Wisdom. Give us grace to listen to your Holy Word and open our hearts and mind to receive your wishes for us here in Old Basing and Lychpit.
In Jesus' name AMEN

Altar Servers Sought Would you be willing to assist occasionally at services? If you would like to know more as to what is involved please speak to a churchwarden or alternatively get in touch with Debbie Filer.

The Basing Singers will be joining with other choirs for the **Basingstoke Festival of Choirs Concert** in the

Anvil at 7pm on Sunday 30 September. As well as the massed choirs the concert, entitled "Voices Together," features the Heritage Light Orchestra and St Mary's CE Junior School Choir, displaying the very best of Basingstoke's young talent. The programme will include the music of Carl Orff, Karl Jenkins, Gilbert and Sullivan, Verdi and more, all guaranteed to lift the spirits and ensure a joyous evening of music making. Tickets are available on line or from the Anvil box office.

The Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC) is holding an open meeting on **Monday 1 Oct at 8pm** in the Parish Room to start the 2018/19 conservation season. There will be an illustrated talk on **'Spring in Switzerland'** followed by refreshments. Do join us - ALL WELCOME!

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday Sept 28th 10.30 – 12.00 At 68 The Street – All Welcome Penny P

For information this week:

St Mary's School Act of Worship Tuesday 25th September, 2.30 pm

Memorial service: Wednesday 26th Sept, 3.30 pm for Edward (John) Ward RIP

Binfields School Harvest Service, Friday 28th Sept, 9.45 - 11.30 am

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;
- The work of the Friends of Naomi House & Jack's Place;
- Alex Thomson & Letty Davey preparing for their marriage on Saturday;
- Ollie Edney & Thomas Grant, being baptised today;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Matthew Haystaff, Lisa Allen; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Peter Thorn; Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Jenny Surridge; Hyacinth Furtado; and all in sorrow and pain.
- All those who have died recently; Edward (John) Ward; Jean Robbins; 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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