

## 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. **Gluten free Communion Wafers** are available on request in advance. 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.

**18th November 2018**  
**Second Sunday Before Advent**

## Hymns

580, 487, 123, 746, 381, 19

## TODAY

**Welcome** to Revd. Canon Michael Kenning who is leading both of our services today.

**Retiring Collection for our November charity:** This month we are collecting for Veterans Aid.

## THIS WEEK

**Looking at Luke** in preparation for Advent when we will be using the Gospel of Luke in our services the Living Word Group is holding open evenings in the Bolton Chapel at 7.30 – 8.30 pm as follows:

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> A meditation on St John The Baptist, the Forerunner.

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> St Luke in Art.

All are welcome, please come along!

## LOOKING FORWARD

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**  
**8– 9TH DECEMBER**  
**A FAMILY CHRISTMAS**

**PICK UP A POSTER!** Please take a poster, on the table by the door, and display wherever you can. If you don't have a suitable site please ask a friendly neighbour or find a handy telegraph pole. (Remember to take them down again)

**TREES:** There is still time to enter a tree. Forms on the table or by email to [jdwards38@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jdwards38@hotmail.co.uk)

## RAFFLE & CHRISTMAS GIFTS

### STALLS:

Do you have any unwanted gifts or can you donate a raffle prize. Please place items, clearly marked, in the Choir Vestry;

## CAKES, SWEETS &

**PRESERVES:** Can you channel your inner Mary Berry and get baking? We need cakes, sweets & preserves for the Christmas stall and cake and mince pies for the Refreshments please;

**STEWARDING:** Can you spare an hour or two please? Sign-up sheets are on the board in the lobby.

**Thank you very much:**  
**Team - A Family Christmas**

## CINDERELLA AND THE MERRY MEN

The Friends of St Mary's Pantomime will take place in the Village Hall on:

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2.30 pm & 7.30 pm**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm**

Tickets are available from Julia and Ian.

They cost £15 for adults and  
£8 for children under 12

## BITS & PIECES

**Bishop's Programme to Preach** The Diocese are running a pilot programme starting in January 2019 offering an opportunity for lay people to develop their preaching skills As this is a pilot programme there will be only 12 places available. Further details are posted in the lobby. If you are interested in this please speak to a churchwarden. (NB: There is a deadline for applications of 10<sup>th</sup> Dec).

**St Mary's Christmas Cards** are now available at a price of **4 for £1**. Please leave the money in the wall safe.

**Church Flowers** Do you like to see flowers in church? We are in urgent need of more volunteers to help with the arrangements. It's enthusiasm rather than ability that's needed – help from more experienced arrangers is always available. If you are interested in helping please ring Bridget, one of the Volunteers on 01256 465636 for a chat.

**New Rotas** It would be appreciated if you could let me know your availability for January, February and March. Thank you. *Debbie Filer*

## 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 minds to receive your wishes for us here in Old Basing and Lychpit.  
In Jesus' name AMEN

*For information:*

*A service of thanksgiving for Christine Young takes place this Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. at 2pm. The funeral for Alan Turvey is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 1pm*

**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;
- The work of Veterans Aid;
- The victims and all those affected by the Californian wildfires;
- Regions of conflict and disaster: Syria; Afghanistan; Myanmar; South Sudan; Iraq; Congo; Yemen; Indonesia;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jenny Surridge; and all in sorrow and pain.
- All those who have died recently; Christine Young; Alan Turvey; Christopher Abbott; 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

## PARISH CONTACTS:

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**Home Communion Enquiries** – please contact the Parish Administrator

**Parish Administrator & Parish Room Bookings** - Mrs Debbie Filer 07541 698235 [admin@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk)

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