

## 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.

**30th December 2018**  
**The First Sunday of Christmas**

## Hymns

49, 17, 291, 589, 755, 700

## TODAY

**Welcome** to Revd. James Anderson who is leading us in worship today.

**Retiring Collection for our December charity:** This month we are collecting for The Children's Society.

## THIS WEEK

**Men's Breakfast** This Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Epiphany Service** We look forward to celebrating Epiphany next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> January. This service commemorates three events—the **Magi**, or Three Wise Men, arriving in Bethlehem to see the baby **Jesus**; St. John baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River; and Jesus performing his first miracle, changing water into wine at the marriage feast at Cana. The service will be taken by Revd. Canon Michael Kenning.

## BITS & PIECES

**Vicar Announcement** The following announcement was made at St Mary's recently:

Thank you to everyone who prayed for and contributed to the recent interviews for a new Vicar. We are pleased to be able to tell you that Revd Heather Leppard, currently Assistant Curate in the Parish of Harnham in the Salisbury Diocese, has been offered and has accepted the post of Vicar in this parish. This appointment is subject to statutory checks and clearances before it can be made formal, but we can now look forward to a licensing service, hopefully in the summer

## The Churchwardens and

**Administrator** thank everyone for all their help throughout the year and wish you all the best for 2019.

**Christmas Tree Festival:** We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped or contributed to the recent Tree Festival. It was very successful with many visitors enjoying the wonderful trees and voting Rosey and David Stevens 'Our Global Family – Flotsam & Jetsam' Tree as their favourite. The latest total raised stands at £1,759.61 **Jeanette, Ian, Anne, Penny, Katharine & Sue**

## LOOKING FORWARD

In the coming weeks we look forward to welcoming the following ministers to our services

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January (8am & 9.30 am)  
Service of Epiphany  
Revd. Canon Michael Kenning

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January (8am & 9.30 am)  
Revd. Canon Ken Batt

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January (8am & 9.30 am)  
Revd. Canon Ken Batt

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January (8am & 9.30 am)  
Revd. Canon Ken Batt

**Thank You** to all those who have made our Christmas Services run so smoothly as we have shared the love and light of the infant Christ this Christmas in our beautiful church.

**THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** The recent service was a great success and was arranged and led by Andree McLean and our Junior Church team without clergy assistance. Great thought had been given to the presentation of the idea of Christingle and this was appreciated by the large number of families who attended.

Our grateful thanks to Andree and her team for all their hard work. Without them we would have been unable to hold this service this year. *The Churchwardens*

## Congratulations to Helen Holley

who has been awarded a place on the Bishop's Permission to Preach Programme. This is a pilot programme and as such there were only 12 places available.

**New Rotas** for the period Jan-March have now been circulated. Please do get in touch with Debbie Filer if you haven't received your copy.

**Cathedral Passes** A reminder that the Parish has 6 free passes to Winchester Cathedral. Please ask Penny Potter if you wish to borrow one for a visit.

## Please pray for....

- Christ's light and love to fill our lives as we start a fresh new year;
- Thankfulness for times of sharing with family or friends
- People experiencing poverty, hunger, longlines and homelessness, particularly in this festive season;
- Those using and volunteering at the Basingstoke Winter Night Shelter;
- The work of The Children's Society;
- 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: 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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