

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.

6th January 2019
Epiphany

Hymns

85, 49, 326, 729, 656, 724

TODAY

Welcome to Revd. Canon Michael Kenning who is leading us in worship today as we celebrate Epiphany.

This month we shall be supporting the *First Point* Hardship Fund, run by *The You Trust* in Basingstoke, who offer support to people who are homeless or struggling with poverty.

THIS WEEK

The Village Café re-opens this Friday, 11th January, 2-4.30 pm in the Parish Room. From now until Easter all proceeds will go to The Pink Place, a local charity supporting those affected by cancer.

BITS & PIECES

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.

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on 14th January at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. Continuing with our study of the Acts of the Apostles this month Chapter 21 v 17 to Chapter 24. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Me on the PCC?. There are openings for election to the PCC at the APCM on 28th April. It is

important for a healthy parish to have fresh and vigorous discussion around the decisions we take, and anyone with a little time to offer is encouraged to consider putting themselves forward for nomination at what is a very exciting time with the arrival of a new Vicar in the summer. Nomination forms will be available nearer the time (*you will need a Proposer and a Secunder*). All new PCC members are subject to a DBS check. Please do take a look at the booklet pinned up in the lobby or if you would like a copy to read at your leisure please get in touch with Debbie Filer. If you'd like further information before putting yourself forward please do chat to the churchwardens or any current PCC members.

LOOKING FORWARD

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

Sunday 13th January (8am & 9.30 am)
Revd. Canon Ken Batt

Sunday 20th January (8am & 9.30 am)
Revd. Malcolm Surman

Sunday 27th January (8am & 9.30 am)
Revd. Canon Ken Batt

Lifts to Church Do you have room in your car to bring other members of the congregation to and from church? This wouldn't necessarily have to be a weekly commitment and we would match up lifts in terms of locality so that people wouldn't have to drive out of their way. If you think you can help please speak to one of the churchwardens or get in touch with Debbie Filer.

New Rotas for the period Jan-March have now been circulated. Please let Debbie Filer know 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;
- First Point and the You Trust, the homelessness emergency fund we support in January;
- 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

PARISH CONTACTS:

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Home Communion Enquiries – please contact the Parish Administrator

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