

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.

13th January 2019
The Baptism of Christ

Hymns

527, 12, 150, 656, 221, 419

TODAY

Welcome to Revd. Canon Ken Batt 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

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)*

Ploughmen's Lunches This Thursday 17th January at 12.30 pm. All welcome.

Beryl Streether We were sad to learn of the death this week of Beryl Streether, a faithful worshipper at St Mary's since she moved to the area in 1963. Beryl sang for many years in St Mary's Choir and was also a very active member of the Stitchcraft Group. A service of remembrance will take place at St Mary's on Thursday 31st January at 12.30 pm.

BITS & PIECES

News from Rev'd Sarah I just wanted to let you all know that I can finally mention publicly now that I've been appointed Vicar of Shalford and Peasmarsh, in the Diocese of Guildford. Parish communities not unlike Old Basing in fact! and I'm excited, delighted, and full of prayers that I'll be able to serve them well, and hope that you'll stop by for tea! Licensing and move date still being

finalised but probably March. Congratulations on St Mary's exciting news too, and continued love and prayers for you all from me. *Rev Sarah*

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.

INSTITUTION SERVICE

The Institution of
The Reverend Heather Leppard
as Vicar of St Mary's will take
place on
Wednesday 26th June
at 7.30 pm.

Good Neighbours Would you consider helping others in Lychpit & Old Basing by becoming an occasional or regular OBL Good Neighbour Volunteer? An extremely flexible style of volunteering for all ages, even for those with very little spare time. It would be wonderful if you could join the list of volunteers and help others locally - occasionally or frequently, as much or as little as you wish. For details please see the website <http://www.oblgoodneighbours.com/> or phone Sue Wilson on 01256 328196.

Can you help with school visits to church? Volunteers are sought to welcome children and staff to the church for their year-group Acts of Worship. Please do take a look at the list of dates in the lobby and sign up if you can help.

For information in church this week:
Funeral for Rosemary Jacob, Thurs 17th January, 11 am

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, loneliness and homelessness;
- 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 Surrridge; and all in sorrow and pain.
- All those who have died recently: Beryl Streether; Rosemary Jacob; William Bettridge; 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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