

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.

3rd March 2019
Sunday Next Before Lent

Hymns

105, 419, 314, 379, 636, 252

TODAY

Welcome to Revd. Malcolm Surman who is leading us in worship today.

Retiring Collection This month and continuing into April we shall be supporting the work of the **Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance**. Next Sunday we look forward to welcoming Ryland Lee, a regular volunteer for the service, who will be telling us more about the work of the organisation. Gift aid envelopes are available today.

Holy Baptism At 2.30 pm today Arthur Wheatland is to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

THIS WEEK

School Act of Worship, Tuesday 5th March at 2.30 pm. **All are welcome** to come along to all School Acts of Worship in the church. It is most rewarding to see the way the children are expressing their Christian faith and understanding of Christian Values.

Ash Wednesday There will be two services on Ash Wednesday (6th March), 10 am and 7.30 pm. Both services will include the imposition of ash. **Palm Crosses**. Please return your last year's palm crosses to the basket in the church by this Monday 4th March at the latest.

LOOKING FORWARD

The Ecumenical Lent Course (The Mystery of God) begins on Tuesday 12th March at the Methodist Chapel starting at 7.30 pm. (refreshments from 7pm). A leaflet giving further details is available on the table by the North Door.

Christian Aid 2019 It is not envisaged to undertake street collections this year, however plans are underway for a **Christian Aid Gift Day** on Saturday 18th May to be preceded the evening before by a camp-out in the churchyard with the Men's Breakfast Team kindly offering to host a BBQ. Further details to follow.

BITS & PIECES

News sheet from Revd. Heather Leppard As you know Revd. Heather is to be instituted as Vicar of St Mary's on Weds. 26th June at 7.30 pm. On the noticeboard in the lobby is a news sheet that Heather has produced following her appointment.

FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Saturday 23rd March from 9am This is the occasion when we spruce up the church for Easter by cleaning all the high sills and everywhere else normally out of reach. Please come along and join in with what is usually a very jolly but productive time. You don't have to be tall, there are lower level tasks as well. Materials provided. *The Churchwardens*

Adult Servers needed Please do give some consideration as to whether you would like to take on the role of server. If you are interested or would like to know more please speak to one of the churchwardens.

St Mary's Village Fete

Saturday 29th June 2019
to be preceded on
Friday 28th June at 7.30 pm
by **Hymns & Pimms**
Further details to follow

Monday Discussion Group: As is our usual custom we will be meeting on five consecutive Mondays during Lent. The first session will be on 11th March in the Parish Room at 1.45pm. This year we will be studying the USPG Lent Course 'The prophetic voice of the church'. Sessions two, three and four will be at the same time but held in the Bolton Chapel and the last meeting (8th April) will be in the Parish Room. Everyone welcome.
Ann Price (320388)

Thank you to all who came along and supported last weekend's **Flower Arrangers Coffee Morning**. A

tremendous total of £253.40 was raised.

Renewal of Electoral Roll This year the Church Electoral Roll has to be renewed (not revised, as it is most years) which means that WE ALL have to complete a new Electoral Roll Application Form. [You are able to join the Electoral Roll if you are Baptised, over 18 and live in Old Basing and Lychpit Parish, OR if you live outside the Parish but attend services at St. Mary's regularly.]

If you are able and would like to take an active part in the life of St. Mary's, such as joining the PCC or volunteering as a sidesperson, you must be on the Electoral Roll, but joining the Roll does not commit you to anything and your information is protected under the Data Protection Act. Most of you will have already filled in a Consent Form regarding the holding and processing of your personal data by the PCC of Old Basing & Lychpit, and this will continue to be valid. If you have not completed a Consent Form, please collect one when you pick up your Electoral Roll Application form and hand them in together. If you have any questions, please speak to me, or one of the churchwardens.
Hilary May Miller

For information: A service of thanksgiving for the life of Nicky Parker takes place this Tuesday, 5th March at 12.30 pm.

Please pray for....

- Christ to set us aflame with love and inspire us in sacrificial service;
- Generosity & compassion to flow out from our church as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus;
- People experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering;
- All those in parliament, praying for a spirit of tolerance and co-operation;
- The work of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service;
- Regions of conflict and disaster;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Arthur Wheatland, being baptised today;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jenny Surridge; Jean Schluter; all in sorrow & pain.
- All those who have died recently: Nicky Parker; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them;

Please note that this news sheet, as well as archived editions, is available on St Mary's website: www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

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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