

## 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.

14th April 2019  
Palm Sunday

## Hymns

509, 439, 79, 84, 90, 511

## TODAY

**Welcome** to Revd. Canon Ken Batt who is leading us in worship today.

Retiring Collection **The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance** is our chosen charity for March and April. Gift aid envelopes are available.

## DRAMATIC GOSPEL

As part of the reading of the Dramatic Gospel the Congregation are asked to join in at the trial with the following:

Narrator: Then they all shouted together,

Readers: Away with this fellow!

**CONGREGATION: Away with this fellow!**

Readers: Release Barrabbas for us!

**CONGREGATION: Release Barrabbas!**

Narrator: ...but they kept shouting,  
Readers: Crucify!

**CONGREGATION: Crucify, crucify him!**

## THIS WEEK

**Monday (15<sup>th</sup>) 7.30 pm** meet in the church to walk the Way of The Cross with images and readings. All welcome.

**Maundy Thursday, 7.30 pm**  
Eucharist of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altars & Watch of the Passion.

**Good Friday, noon to 3pm. Noon to 2pm:** A time of reflections and silent meditation followed by the service at 2pm.

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 7pm**

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Easter Day** Please note that the services will be at the usual times of 8am & 9.30 am. **All are invited to bring flowers to either service to Flower The Cross on the way into church.**

**Easter Flowers** A box is now placed on the offertory table to receive donations towards the Easter Flowers in church. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one

## THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

takes place on SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL. Everyone in the Parish may attend the first part of the meeting to vote in two Churchwardens. All on the old and new Electoral Rolls may attend the second meeting but only those on the new roll may vote for four new PCC members and sidespeople. Our financial position is explained and our Stewardship Officer will address us. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO JOIN THE ROLL BEFORE THE APCM.** If you would like to join please speak to Hilary May Miller or one of the churchwardens.

## Parish lunch following the APCM on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm

All welcome, even if you cannot attend the meeting. Chicken & sausage casserole or vegetarian chilli, bread and salads followed by assorted cold deserts. Sign-up sheet in the porch. Contact Rosey Stevens for further information or offers to help with food: 320386 / [roseymarshr2@gmail.com](mailto:roseymarshr2@gmail.com)

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**The Basingstoke Foodbank** is now once again able to accept donations. Of particular need currently are UHT/Longlife milk and fruit juice and tinned rice pudding. Thank you. The Foodbank is looking for **additional volunteers** to help with monthly collections from **Tesco's Chineham**. If you think you could assist, please contact Gary Taylor at 01256 322391 or the Foodbank directly - [admin@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:admin@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk).

**GOOD NEIGHBOURS Old Basing & Lychpit** are looking urgently for more drivers. If you feel able to help in this way please contact 03330 440116. Thank you.

**THE VILLAGE CAFÉ** volunteers would like to thank everyone for their continuing support. We look forward to seeing you again on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2-4.30 pm in the Parish Room.

## Please pray for....

- The Church throughout the world, especially where Christians are persecuted for their faith; keep us faithful to Christ's teaching.
- Those suffering the effects of war, terrorist attacks and those experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression and pain.
- The people of this nation, that they may set aside differences of opinion and work together for the common good.
- Members of our parliament, praying for a spirit of tolerance and co-operation;
- The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service;
- Our global partners in Katakala;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Our families and friends in this community, especially those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jenny Surrridge; Jean Schluter; Bea Preston; Madame Augustine Quashigah; and all in sorrow & pain.
- All those who have died recently, those whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them;

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**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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