

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.

5th May 2019

The Third Sunday of Easter

Hymns

305, 74, 34, 367, 676, 137

TODAY

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

Retiring Collection For the month of May we shall be supporting **Christian Aid**. Whilst it is not intended to carry out full **street collections** this year, we do have a plentiful supply of envelopes if you'd be willing to ask people to donate, perhaps in your own road or an area that you have previously collected from. Please speak to one of the churchwardens or get in touch with Debbie Filer.

LOOKING FORWARD

Pitch your Tent for Christian Aid - Family & Friends Camp Out & BBQ, Fri 17th-Sat 18th May. All are welcome to join our family camp for one night only in support of Christian Aid Week. Come and pitch up from 6pm on the 17th for an evening of singing & enjoying the great outdoors together, with the **Men's Breakfast Team hosting a BBQ**. If the outdoors is not for you, come along from **8am - 12 noon on Saturday 18th** to the Parish Room to enjoy refreshments including **pain au chocolat and home-made cakes**.

To book a pitch please get in touch with Debbie Filer 07541 698235.

(There is a limit of 20 pitches, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis, recommended donation of £10 per pitch).



Combating climate change is one of the Christian Aid core campaigns, so why not

later at **2 - 4 pm**, come and join the Messy Church team to discover how

to have fun while taking care of God's earthly kingdom.

Bakers needed! Would you be willing please to make a tray-bake for Messy Church on 18th May? If so please sign up on the list in the lobby or get in touch with Debbie Filer.

Ascension Day May 30th

Weather permitting we shall be holding our usual 8.00 am Holy Eucharist in the churchyard under the East window. Please come a bit early if you can to put out some chairs. The service will be followed by breakfast in the parish room. **Can you play the guitar or do you have a small portable organ?** We're looking please for someone to accompany a hymn at the service. If so please speak to one of the churchwardens.

Friends of St Mary's AGM

Thursday 16th May, 7pm
Parish Room

with a talk by Brian Spicer on the "Rise and Fall of Hackwood"
All welcome

Ascension to Pentecost novena - nine days of prayer, together with the whole Church of England under the banner Thy Kingdom Come. Please note this time in your diary ... booklets of Prayers for these 9 days will be given out on Sundays May 19 and 26th. Prayer stations to assist your prayers will be set up in the Bolton chapel so you can pop in any time.

Hymns and Pimms June 28th

Please pick up an invitation to submit your favourite hymn for inclusion in this celebration. If you play an instrument and are willing to contribute a short piece to this event please contact me as soon as you can. Thank you. Penny Potter

BITS & PIECES

The Basingstoke Foodbank is now once again able to accept donations. Of particular need currently are **UHT/Longlife milk and fruit juice, tinned meat, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, desserts (packets or microwaveable hot & cold) and toiletries**. Thank you.

PIOCC (Churchyard Group) will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 11th May from 10 am to 12 noon in the Parish Room. There will be cake (!), a plant stall and raffle, so please come along and support us. You will be most welcome!

Please pray for....

- The Church throughout the world, especially where Christians are persecuted for their faith;
- Resurrection hope for all people experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering;
- 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 work of Christian Aid;
- Charles Ashby & Victoria Freeman, preparing for their marriage on Saturday;
- 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; Jean Schluter; Bea Preston; Madame Augustine Quashigah; and all in sorrow & pain.
- All those who have died recently, Margaret Keep; Violet Phillips; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them;

For information: The funeral service for Margaret Keep will take place at St Mary's on Tuesday 7th May at 1.30 pm.

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

PARISH CONTACTS:

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