

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 October 2019
Harvest Festival**

Hymns

719, 184, 332, 108, 887, 766

TODAY

We particularly welcome today the uniformed organisations of the Parish as we celebrate our Harvest Festival. Thank you to all who have so generously donated items for the Basingstoke Food Bank. During the service there will also be a monetary collection for the Foodbank. Thank you too to everyone who came along to the recent **Mini Messy Harvest** - we hope you enjoy the nature collages around the church.

Parish lunch following the Harvest Festival service at 12.00 noon Thank you to Rosey Stevens for organising today's lunch and to all those who have offered food and help.

Retiring Collection During October we shall be collecting for the local Foodbank.

THIS WEEK

School Act of Worship All welcome to join the Yr 4 children from St Mary's School, Thurs, 10th Oct. at 2.40 pm.

LOOKING FORWARD

St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival - 'A Christmas Carol' will be held on the 7th and 8th December.

If you would like to sponsor a tree please pick up a form as you leave today's service or contact Jeanette jedwards38@hotmail.co.uk. There will be a variety of stalls on the Saturday including raffle, tombola, cakes, sweets, preserves, gifts, Christmas decorations, books and puzzles for which we would be very grateful for donations please. If you can give some of your free time to volunteer over the weekend, please advise a member of the team or add your name to the sheet once it is placed on the board in the entrance. Thank you for helping to make this another successful and enjoyable event!

The Christmas Event Team - Jeanette, Ian, Anne, Katharine & Rebecca.

BITS & PIECES

Foundation Governor Vacancy at St Mary's CE Junior School Governors work alongside the Headteacher in setting aims and objectives for the school as well as monitoring and evaluating progress the school is making. If you'd be interested in learning more please speak to Revd. Heather.

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on 14th October at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. We will be using some question cards as a basis for discussion. Everyone welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

PIOCC (Churchyard Group) will be holding its kick-off meeting on Monday 7th October at 8pm in the Parish Room to start the 2019/20 conservation season. Margaret & Tim Carr will be entertaining us with a talk "New Zealand - Top to Toe". There will be refreshments so do come along. ALL WELCOME.

The Basingstoke Night Shelter will be operating again this winter from 1st Dec - 29th Feb. Training sessions for both returning and new volunteers takes place at The Sarum Hill Centre, RG21 8SR (returners - Tues 8th Oct, 7.30 pm, new volunteers -, Tues 15th Oct, 7.30 pm). Further information available from contact.nlws@gmail.com

St Mary's Junior School - Open Days for potential new parents on Weds 9th Oct. at 1.30 pm and Tuesday 19th Nov. at 9.15 am for admissions in September 2020.

Charities: Two For The Price of One! Mike & Julie Leaming are taking part in the Moonlight Walk on 12 Oct for St Michael's Hospice. We don't want to take away from the St Mary's charity for October. SO ... if you would like to sponsor us we pledge to donate the same amount to the Basingstoke Foodbank. Sponsorship form is in the foyer or go to www.justgiving.com, search for Michael Leaming and then Julie and Mike's page. Thank You!

One Church Basingstoke Come and gather to celebrate and pray for Christian ministries across the town on Sunday 13th Oct at 6.30 pm at Trinity Methodist Church. The speaker will be the Rt. Revd. David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke.

The Children's Society coffee morning and Christmas card sale

Sat 19th Oct from 10 am - 12 noon in the Parish Room when Christmas cards will be on sale. Other stalls will include a raffle, bric-a-brac and "Glitz bits and Bling" and any donations to these stalls will be most welcome! Please label them clearly and place them in the Choir vestry or give them to me. There will of course also be our delicious home-made cake stall! This is created by many of you who kindly bake to support this worthy cause so all contributions will be gratefully received.

Rosemary Kershaw

Vocations Morning Are you interested in finding out more about Ordination or Lay Ministries? The Diocese are holding a Vocations Morning on Sat 19th Oct 9.30 am - 12 pm at the Church of the Ascension in Southampton. For information email Lynda.mumford@winchester.anglican.org.

BREXIT PRAYER

*God of hope,
in these times of change and
uncertainty, bring together our
communities and guide our local leaders
with your wisdom.*

*Give us courage to overcome our fears,
to be patient and compassionate with
one another, and to seek a future in
which all may prosper and share;
through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Please pray for...

- Our own church, that it may be a place of generosity, sharing and welcome;
- A fair distribution of the Earth's resources;
- Those in our community experiencing poverty, hunger and need;
- Farmers everywhere, especially those facing a bad harvest;
- Members of our parliament, praying for a spirit of tolerance and co-operation;
- The work of the Basingstoke Foodbank and all who volunteer there;
- Our global partners in Katakala;
- Regions of conflict and disaster;
- 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; Rachel Parks; Irene Allaway; all in sorrow & 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. Thank you. Registered Charity No 1136606

PARISH CONTACTS:

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