

## 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.

20th October 2019  
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

## Hymns

114, 374, 674, 23, 489, 409

## TODAY

**Welcome** A warm welcome particularly today to the family and friends of Grace Leppard and to The Rt. Revd. David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke. Grace will be baptised during today's 9.30 am service. There will be drinks and cake in the Parish Room afterwards to which all are invited

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

## THIS WEEK

**St Mary's Junior School** Revd. Heather will be leading a whole school Act of Worship at the school on Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Old Basing Beavers** will be visiting the church on Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> October to learn more about faith and the significance of Remembrance Sunday.

**School Visit** The Year 2 children from Old Basing Infants School are visiting the church on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> as part of their learning about special places.

**Funeral of David Sylvester** on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm at St Mary's.

**The Village Café** celebrates it's first birthday this week. Please do come along and join in the celebrations this Friday, 2-4.30 pm in the Parish Room. All profits from this Friday only will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

**'Baptism party'** at the Vicarage on Saturday at 2:30pm, for all children baptised in the last couple of years and their families

## NEXT WEEK

**Clock Change** A reminder that the clocks go back by 1 hour next Sunday.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Happy Halloween** An opportunity for children to discover the meaning of Halloween. Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 5.30 - 7.30 pm in the Parish Room. Bring a carved pumpkin and feel free to dress up. Snacks and drinks will be on offer.

**All Souls Service:** Saturday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Room; The list for you to write the names of those you wish to be remembered by name at this service is now in the prayer corner at the foot of the Bolton Chapel ([print names please](#))

**St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival - 'A Christmas Carol'** will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

**Charity Walk.** We completed the Moonlight Walk in 3 hours last Saturday night, finishing in Festival Place at 1am, moon-less, damp but happy! Thank you so much for your generous donations which have raised an amazing £450 for St Michael's Hospice (with a further £50 to come from family and friends). This is a fantastic response and we are so grateful for your support. As promised, we will donate the same amount to the Basingstoke Foodbank, which is the nominated charity for October. Thank you to all who have given of what they have to those in greater need. God Bless You,  
*Mike & Julie.*

**Cooking Apple Request** The Ploughmen's Team are running low on cooking apples - if you have an abundant crop this year and would be willing to donate them please get in touch with Janet Jackson, tel. 468351.

**St Mary's Junior School - Open Day for potential new parents** on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15 am for admissions in Sept 2020

**Save The Date - Mini Friends in High Places Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 9am**

The occasion when we spruce up the church for Advent 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*

## 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;
- Grace Leppard, being baptised today;
- 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: Harry Augustus Cohen Wulff; David Sylvester; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Christine Young; Cyril Knight; 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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