

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.

27th October 2019
Bible Sunday

Hymns

97, 60, 211, 84, 622, 172

TODAY

Retiring Collection During October we are collecting for the local Foodbank. During November we shall be collecting for the Basingstoke Night Shelter.

THIS WEEK

Tea & Talk Café - CANCELLED

Sadly, due to staff illness, tomorrow's café has been cancelled. The next café will be on Monday 25th November.

Happy Halloween An opportunity for children to discover the meaning of Halloween. Thurs 31st Oct 5.30 - 7 pm in the Parish Room. Bring a carved pumpkin and feel free to dress up. Snacks and drinks will be on offer.

Men's Breakfast this Saturday 2nd November at 8.45 am - all welcome.

All Souls Service: Saturday Nov 2nd, 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](#))

LOOKING FORWARD

There are some new chairs in the Bolton Chapel which have been given in memory of Peter May-Miller. These will be blessed during the 9.30 am service next Sunday.

Parish Service of Remembrance Sunday, 10th Nov, 10 am followed by Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial. Holy Communion follows immediately afterwards in the Bolton chapel at 11.15am.

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

The Village Café will be closed this Friday 1st Nov, reopening again on Friday 8th November. The team would like to thank everyone for their continuing support and look forward to seeing you soon.

Night Light Winter Shelter Training Session - an additional session has been arranged for next Saturday, 2nd Nov, 9.30 am - 11.15 am at Hope Community Church, The Sarum Hill Centre, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke. There is no need to register, just turn up on the day.

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

Save The Date - Mini Friends in High Places Saturday 23rd 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*

Big Turkey Community Lunch - Sunday 29th December Come and celebrate together at Old Basing Village Hall with our complimentary Big Turkey Community feast. Drinks will be served from 12 noon with lunch starting at 1 pm - transport provided if needed. **The sign-up sheet is now in the church foyer**, or email bigturkeylunch@outlook.com for more information. We are also grateful for any volunteers and particularly cooks - if you can spare some time on the day or before, then please let us know.

Home Insurance - Ecclesiastical are currently donating £130 to churches when anyone associated with that particular church takes out a new home insurance policy. Further details are available in the link below or speak to a churchwarden: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/individuals/home-insurance/>

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.

Please pray for...

- Our own church, that it may be a place of generosity, sharing and welcome;
- The work of the Bible Society;
- The Bible Study groups which meet in this parish;
- Those in our community experiencing poverty, hunger and need;
- 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;
- Victims of human trafficking;
- 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; Sylvia Bezant; all in sorrow & pain
- All those who have died recently: and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: particularly Hyacinth Furtado; 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:

Vicar - Revd. Heather Leppard 363612 or 07745 731729, vicar@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk (day off Tuesday)

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Home Communion Enquiries - please contact the Vicar

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