

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.

3rd November 2019
All Saints' Day

Hymns

177, 314, 340, 746, 77, 54

TODAY

During our 9.30 am service Revd Heather will bless some new chairs from the Bolton Chapel which have been given in memory of Peter May-Miller.

Retiring Collection During November we are collecting for the Basingstoke Night Shelter.

THIS WEEK

Morning prayer is said in the Bolton Chapel on Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30 am.

The Living Word group meets on Monday at 7pm in the Bolton Chapel, for about 45 minutes, to meditate on the coming Sunday's readings. All welcome.

There is a service of **Holy Communion** at 10am on Wednesday in the Bolton Chapel.

NEXT WEEK

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.

LOOKING FORWARD

St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival - 'A Christmas Carol'
7th and 8th December.

PICK UP A POSTER! Please take a poster, on the table by the door, and display wherever you can. If you don't have a suitable site please ask a friendly neighbour or find a handy telegraph pole. (Remember to take them down again)

TREES: There is still time to enter a tree. Forms on the table or by email to idedwards38@hotmail.co.uk

RAFFLE/TOMBOLA & GIFTS

STALLS: Do you have any unwanted gifts or can you donate a raffle or tombola

prize. Please place items, clearly marked, in the Choir Vestry;

CAKES, SWEETS & PRESERVES: Can you channel your inner Mary Berry and get baking? We need cakes, sweets & preserves for the Christmas stall and cake and mince pies for the Refreshments please.

STEWARDEDING: Can you spare an hour or two please? Sign-up sheets are on the board in the lobby.

Thank you very much:
Team - A Christmas Carol

BITS & PIECES

Bishop's Commission for Mission
Winchester Diocese is currently investing in the equipping of lay people to share in the ministry of the church through short courses. In the Spring they will be offering four 10 week courses entitled: Evangelism; Children, Families and Youth; Pastoral; and Prayer Champions. If you currently serve in one of these areas in the church, or would be interested in getting involved in one of these areas, then one of these courses may be for you! There are leaflets available in church with more information, and if you are interested in attending a course, please speak to Revd Heather.

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on 11th November at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. Further question cards as a basis for discussion. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Friday 22nd November at 8pm in the Parish Room

The Friends of the Church have arranged a fascinating talk about William Paulet of Basing House by the very knowledgeable Alan Turton on 22nd November.

Please come along to support the Friends and Alan.

Wine, tea, coffee, biscuits and nibbles will be available.

Admission is free but donations to the funds of the Friends will be invited.

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/>

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 Night Shelter 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; all in sorrow & pain
- All those who have died recently: Sylvia Bezant; 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:

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

Churchwardens - Mrs Tricia Renwick 326155, trisha.renwick@gmail.com; Mr Ian Kershaw 355500, igfkershaw@btinternet.com

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