

## 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.

**8th December 2019**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

## Hymns

406, 527, 263, 135, 949, 282

## TODAY

**Retiring Collection** The Children's Society is St Mary's chosen charity for December.

**Thank you** to all who worked so creatively and joyfully to make this year's Christmas tree festival such a successful and beautiful one.

Thanks to all the tree creators, stall holders, refreshment teams, stewards, and special thanks to Jeanette, Anne, Ian, Katharine and Rebecca who've put in so much work organising the event.

The Festival weekend will conclude with the **Christingle Service** at 4pm today.

## THIS WEEK

**Morning prayer** Due to the current building work Morning Prayer is currently being said in the **Parish Room** on Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30 am.

### Old Basing Nursery School

**Visit** We look forward to welcoming the children and staff from the Nursery School to the church on Monday morning.

**Monday Discussion Group:** Our next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. Further question cards as a basis for discussion focusing on the New Year. All are welcome. *Ann Price* (320388)

### Advent Meditation and

**Compline** Reflective services pondering some of the Old Testament prophecies relating to Jesus' birth. Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 7.30 pm in the Bolton Chapel.

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

## NEXT WEEK

**St Mary's Carol Service** takes place next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4 pm.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**St Mary's Junior School Carol Service** All welcome to join with the children and staff of St Mary's Junior School for their Carol Service on Weds 18<sup>th</sup> December. At 5.30 pm there will be a lantern procession from the Junior School car park, arriving at the church for the service at 6pm. All welcome to stay afterwards for refreshments.

**Christmas Drinks at The Vicarage** Revd Heather and Dominic invite you to drop into the Vicarage for mulled wine and mince pies on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, between 2pm to 4pm.

**SAVE THE DATE - Parish Vision Day** All are invited and encouraged to join a planned Parish Vision Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February (10 am - 3 pm). The event will take place at St John's Church in Hartley Wintney (transport can be arranged if necessary). Further details to follow.

## BITS & PIECES.

**Tesco Toy Appeal** St Mary's, in partnership with The Village Café, are once again supporting this year's Tesco Toy Appeal by acting as a collecting point for new toys to be distributed via social services to local families in need. A box is now in the North Aisle. Toys should be unwrapped please. Thank you for your generosity.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4pm

### CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4 pm

### ST MARY'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

#### CAROL SERVICE

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6 pm

### BLUE CHRISTMAS

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6pm  
(refreshments from 5.15 pm)

### CRIB SERVICES

2.30 pm & 4 pm on Christmas Eve

### MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST

11.30 pm Christmas Eve

### CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Holy Communion;  
9.30 am All Age Eucharist

### Please pray for....

- Peace in our hearts and stillness in our lives as we prepare to welcome Christ this Christmas;
- Those in our community experiencing poverty, hunger and need; the work of the Basingstoke Night Shelter;
- Those standing for election this week, and the formation of the new government;
- The work of The Children's Society;
- 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; David Taylor; all in sorrow & pain
- All those who have died recently; particularly Del Davis (Caroline's mum from the parish of St Peter's Henleaze); Brenda Hall; Eileen Dugate; Kenneth Bezzant; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: particularly Violet Geary; Arthur Moore; 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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