

## 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.

**23rd February 2020**  
**Sunday Next Before Lent**

## Hymns

551, 12, 105, 691, 167, 474

## TODAY

**Retiring Collection** Our chosen charity for February is Toilet Twinning, part of Tearfund. It is hoped to collect sufficient funds to twin both St Mary's toilets but please do consider twinning your own toilet. Please do pick up a leaflet for more information.

## THIS WEEK

**Morning prayer** will be said in the Bolton Chapel on Monday, Thursday and Friday at 9.15 am.

**A Memorial Service for Peter Dark** will take place at St Mary's on Monday at 12.30 pm.

**Ash Wednesday Services**, 10 am at St Mary's CE Junior School and 7.30 pm at St Mary's. Both services will include the imposition of ash.

**The Village Café** re-opens this week 2pm - 4.30 pm in the Parish Room with all profits going towards an Automated External Defibrillator to be sited at St Mary's.

**Church Clean-Up!** With the building work now almost complete, the church is in need of a good clean! The plan is to set aside some mornings in the coming weeks to work on specific areas, the first session being on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 - 11.30 am**. Revd Heather and the Churchwardens would be grateful for any time you can spare, with all materials provided. There will be a job for any age so please do come along if you can!



**Messy Church** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 3.45 pm. with the theme Working Together & Global Friends.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Monday Discussion Group:** During Lent we will meet on five consecutive Mondays – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 1.45pm. On 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March we will meet in the Parish Room but on the other dates we will meet in the Bolton Chapel. We will be studying the USPG Lent course 'Living with a world of difference'. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

**Ecumenical Lent Course 2020 All Welcome!** To be held in the Old Basing Methodist Chapel on the following dates: **Wednesday** March 4<sup>th</sup>, then all **Tuesdays** March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. 7.00 pm for refreshments before a 7.30 start We will be using the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland 2020 course entitled "Setting our Hearts on Fire"

**The World Day of Prayer Service** (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) takes place this year on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30 pm at Old Basing Methodist Church. This is in interdenominational service open to all. This year's country focus is Zimbabwe, with the title being 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk' taken from John 5 verses 2-3, 5-9a.

## BITS & PIECES.

### Receiving communion

In light of Coronavirus, the Church of England, is reminding us that if we are concerned about sharing germs we should receive communion in one kind only - consecrated bread. The practice of intinction, when consecrated bread is dipped into the wine, should be avoided as it can be an infection transmission route.

**Lent book** This year the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book is 'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio. It explores the Days of Creation in relation to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern today. It is available online from the publishers, SPCK, for £7.99. There will be opportunities to meet with others to

discuss the book at The Crown, 7:30pm, on Thurs. 12th March & Thurs. 2nd April.

**Parish Vision Day - Thank you** to all who attended the recent Vision Day. A display outlining areas discussed is now up in the lobby and feedback from the day will be shared with the whole church community over the coming months.

**Would you like to join the Reader and/or Offertory Rota?** I shall shortly be compiling the rota for April, May and June. If you would like to join the rota please get in touch with your availability.

**Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) Taster Evening - 17<sup>th</sup> March at Christ Church, Chineham.** BCM is a lay training programme equipping and enabling people to develop their ministry in their local context. On successful completion of the programme you will be commissioned by the Bishop of Winchester for your BCM role.

### For information:

*The funeral service for Jim Lickley will take place at St Mary's on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon.*

### Please pray for....

- That our lives may be filled with God's love and hope;
- Those in our community experiencing poverty, hunger and need; the work of the Basingstoke Night Shelter;
- That we may be good stewards of God's creation;
- The work of Toilet Twinning;
- Two new Church Wardens to serve this community from April 2020 to April 2021;
- Our global partners in Katakala;
- Regions of conflict and disaster; particularly Syria, Yemen & Afghanistan;
- 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 & Ruth Taylor; Margaret Bodkin; all in sorrow & pain
- All those who have died recently; particularly Peter Dark; Jim Lickley; David Rice; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

**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

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