

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.

1st March 2020
Sunday Next Before Lent

Hymns

114, 190, 379, 299, 489, 503

TODAY

Retiring Collection This month we are supporting our global partners in Katakala. Rosey Stevens will give an update at both services next Sunday.

Holy Baptism At 11.30 am today Frederick Fox is to be baptised. All welcome.

THIS WEEK

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

Holy Communion Wednesday at 10 am in the Bolton Chapel

The Funeral Service for Jim

Lickley will take place at St Mary's on Thursday at 12 noon.

The World Day of Prayer Service

(formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) takes place this Friday 6th March, 1.30 pm at Old Basing Methodist Church. This is an 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.

LOOKING FORWARD

Mothering Sunday Service

We look forward to welcoming the uniformed organisations of the Parish on 22nd March. The service will be at the usual time of 9.30 am.

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.

Thank you to the members of St Mary's PCC Buildings Group (Mike Jackson, Robert Jackson, Ian Kershaw, Trish Renwick, David Stevens & Gary Taylor) for all their efforts in ensuring that the recent buildings work went so smoothly.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 26th April, 11.15 am
to be followed by a shared lunch.

At this meeting two new Church Wardens are to be elected as well as new PCC members and Deanery Synod Reps.

Please do give consideration to taking on these roles.

Thank you to all who came along and supported last weekend's **Flower Arrangers Coffee Morning**. A tremendous total of £210.60 was raised.

Parish Giving Scheme - Change of Address & Contact Details The Parish Giving Scheme is now operating from a new location: 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester, GL1 3BD, tel. 0333 002 1260, info@parishgiving.org.uk. If you give via the Scheme it won't affect your payments.

Rule of Life Workshops The Diocese are organising a series of quiet workshops (2nd, 17th & 19th March) at Wolvesey, central Winchester. For further details please see the flyer in the lobby

Called by Name - A day for women of all ages to explore God's call to ministry in the company of Bishop Debbie Sellin, Revd Heather and others at St John's, Hartley Wintney, 9.30 - 3.30 (lunch provided). Please book in advance at: winchestervocations.eventbrite.co.uk.

Would you like to join the Reader and/or Offertory Rota? I am now 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 - 17th 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. **The Bishop's Permission to Preach** Programme will be running again. There will be an Open Evening on 22nd April, 7pm to 8.30pm at Wolvesey. If you are interested in taking part, please speak with Revd Heather.

Charity Concert in aid of The Friends of St Mary's & Combat Stress. A capella group, Dox Lucis, will be performing a concert at St Mary's on Saturday 4th April at 7pm, Tickets £12 (£8 for under 16's) available from Ian Kershaw, tel. 355500.

For information:

The funeral service for David Rice will take place at St Mary's on Tues 10 March at 2pm

The funeral service for Pru Ellwood will take place at St Mary's on Thurs 19 March at 2pm.

Please pray for....

- Christ to set us aflame with love and inspire us in sacrificial service;
- Those experiencing poverty, hunger and need; and the work of the Fairtrade movement;
- That we may be good stewards of God's creation;
- Two new Church Wardens to serve this community from April 2020 to April 2021;
- Our global partners in Katakala;
- Frederick Fox, being baptised today;
- 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 Jim Lickley; David Rice; Pru Ellwood; Winifred Steele; 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

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

Home Communion Enquiries - please contact the Vicar

Parish Administrator & Parish Room Bookings - Mrs Debbie Filer 07541 698235 admin@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

Safeguarding Officer - Mrs Jeanette Edwards 07783 091275 safeguarding@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

Friends of St Mary's (Enquiries to 355500) **St Mary's Church Website Address:** www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk