

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. 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 a children's corner in Church for supervised pre-school children.

12th July 2015

**Sixth Sunday after Trinity –
First Eucharist of
The Rev'd Rachel Hartland**

Hymns for Today

19, 32, 204, 347, 636, 252

TODAY

Welcome This morning at 10 am we welcome the Very Rev'd Andrew Johnson, Prior of Alton Abbey as we celebrate Rev'd Rachel's First Eucharist.

THIS WEEK

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting will be on 13th July at 1.45 pm in the Parish Room. We will continue the study guide by Embrace, Study 3 is called 'Land, sea and plants.' Everyone welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Ploughmen's Lunches This Thursday 16th July at 12.30 pm. All welcome.

LOOKING FORWARD

OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL

On September 13th we shall be celebrating the **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a very special day for our church, as it provides time for congregational members and the wider community to celebrate both our church family, and our Patron, the Virgin Mary.

BITS AND PIECES

Volunteers Board

Please take note that we have a new section of the noticeboard dedicated to advertising 'vacancies' for volunteers in the life of St Mary's. Have a look yourself, and see if you are inspired.

School sponsorship

You will remember the visit of Irene – the headteacher of our linked school in Uganda. St Mary's Junior school is seeking those who might sponsor a child from

the Mityana region through school. See the noticeboard for more details.

Family Service Dates Please note that the last Family Service before the summer holidays will be on Sunday 19th July. The service will resume on Sunday 6th September at 11.15 am.

Peter Durrans RIP We were saddened to learn of the death this week of Peter Durrans. Peter lived in Old Basing for many years with his wife Elizabeth and contributed greatly to the life of St Mary's. He sang in St Mary's choir and also served on the PCC. Peter's funeral will take place at St Mary's on Weds 22nd July at 2pm.

Designer Fundraising Sale – Natty & Knotty – Final Results On behalf of the team – Mae Keary, Rosemary Kershaw and Nicky Parker, can I say a big thank you to all of you who contributed clothing, assisted on the day, or bought clothing to help the cause. It was extremely successful and we made a total of **£474**, which will go towards the refurbishment of the Children's area in the North Aisle. It will make it more welcoming as well as quieter during services. *Mae Keary*

The Children's Society are organising an exclusive charity trek to the Great Wall of China in April 2016. To make a lasting difference to the lives of disadvantaged children in this country, sign up before August 23rd 2015 for a place on this enchanting trek. Leaflets and posters with more information are available in the foyer. *Rosemary Kershaw*

Ride & Stride This year's Ride and Stride for historic churches takes place on 12th September. This is a chance to cycle, walk or ride to your choice of churches and raise sponsorship money for Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust and St. Mary's. Please speak to Paul Skinner if you are interested or see the website www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride.php

It would also be good to have people to greet any participants who come to St. Mary's on the day as a friendly face is always welcome.

Basingstoke Food Bank Request:

The Food Bank is particularly short currently of tinned tomatoes/meats, peanut butter & savoury spreads. Thank you.

From Fr Alec

Today, as Rachel celebrates the Eucharist for the first time amongst us, we give thanks with her for her vocation as priest.

Our gospel reading reminds us how faithful simplicity and obedience strikes terror into the heart of tyrants. John's beheading, so seemingly futile and unnecessary, contrasts the integrity of God's servant with the sordid decadence of Herod's court.

In our witness to Christ, let us pray for the same integrity and commitment to the truth.

Please pray for:

- Bishops Timothy, David and Jonathan.
- Rachel as she begins her ministry as priest, and. Sarah Lloyd as she takes up her ministry as deacon.
- God's blessing on all ordained this Petertide.
- The people of St Apollo's Church in Katakala.
- All who are called to follow in the steps of the apostles.
- Places where the gospel is unheeded, rejected or misunderstood.
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Penelope Bickley; Elan Bansal; David Sacree; Beryl Streether; Mavis Lloyd; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Clifford & Christopher Browne; Des Atkin; Violet Philips, Cassie Towhigg; Margaret Lomax; Emily Fisk; and all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Joan Taylor; Peter Durrans; George McGeachie; all 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. Deo Gratias Registered Charity No. 1136606

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