

## 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.

18<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

### Hymns for Today

281, 716, 752, 204, 3, 188

## TODAY

**Thank You** to Rev'd Michael Kenning for joining us today and playing the organ.

**Bishop of Winchester Appeal – Retiring Collection** We have received a letter from Bishops Tim, David & Jonathan calling on us to help the people of Syria & Myanmar (one of our Anglican Link Partners who have been affected by devastating floods & landslides). The Diocese is partnering with two charities (Refugee Action & The Anglican Relief & Development Fund), with a retiring collection taking place today. Donations can be made online via the Winchester Diocese website. A copy of the Bishops' letter is in the lobby.

**Christmas cards** in aid of The Children's Society will be on sale in The Parish Room after the 9.30 service today. *Rosemary Kershaw*

**Holy Baptisms** At 2pm Alfred Kane & Alice Smith are to be baptised. All welcome.

## THIS WEEK

**HOME GROUPS** It is not too late to join either of the two home groups that have been set up to provide places of fellowship to explore more about our faith. Penny Potter is hosting a group on Thursday evenings, starting at 7.30 pm, with Gill & Steve Sakakini hosting a group on Sunday evenings, starting at 5.30 pm (this group will next meet on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October).

Both groups will start with refreshments and will be studying The Beatitudes in this first period, using materials from the Pilgrim Course. Please let these generous hosts know if you would like to join them, or talk to the clergy for more information.

**Could you host a homegroup?** No previous experience required! All the material is shared by the group. Only a friendly welcome, a willingness to take part and a front room is necessary. Please speak to Fr Alec if you are interested.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**All Hallows Eve Activities** return this October 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Children are invited to come along in costume and join in with a night-time procession, pumpkin-carving competition, and crafts. All accompanied by burgers and Hot Dogs.

**All Souls' Commemoration of the Faithful Departed** There will be a Eucharist for the Faithful Departed on Monday 2nd November at 7.30 pm at which those who have died will be prayed for by name. A list for you to write those names of people for whom you wish prayer to be the votive candle stand (please put the name in capital letters). The service will be preceded by refreshments in the North Aisle from 7pm.

**Remembrance Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 am** Parish Service of Remembrance followed by Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial. Holy Communion follows immediately afterwards in the church. There will be no Family Service that day.

**AN EVENING WITH ICONS** We are delighted to say we have the great privilege of an illustrated talk on Icons from Dom Anselm Shobrook OSB, Iconographer at Alton Abbey, on THURSDAY DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Bolton Chapel. Please put this in your diaries now! More details will follow later.

**Christmas Crib Festival 2015** As St Mary's Church prepares for our celebration events on December 11-13 there are many ways to get involved! Today at coffee time there will be a chance to see some crib making ideas and an opportunity to talk about possibilities. We would love to have your own Nativity scene exhibited during the festival in order to have a wide variety on show. If crafts are your thing please run a stall or invite others to do so - forms for both are on the table today. If you would like to suggest an item for the Poetry, Prose & Music evening on Friday 11th contact Gill or Rowena for this and all other questions. Watch for lists for cakes, sweets and other donations in the coming weeks.

## BITS AND PIECES

**Farewell Service for the Venerable Michael Harley, Archdeacon of Winchester** As you may know, Archdeacon

Michael will be retiring on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. after 40 years of ministry. A Farewell Service will be held for Michael on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November in Winchester Cathedral during Evensong at 3.30 pm to which all are welcome. A collection is being made for a farewell gift from all Michael's friends in the Diocese and if you would like to contribute please send a cheque made payable to "Winchester Bishopric Official Expenses" to Miss Joyce Cockell, Wolvesey, Winchester, SO23 9ND by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**The Friends of St Mary's** invite you to an evening of **murder, mystery & fine dining** on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30 pm at Old Basing Village Hall. Tickets are available from Joan Cole (tel. 324749) or Chris Beadle (tel. 358533) at a cost of £25 per person (£23 for "Friends") to include a welcome drink, canapés & a two course meal. You are requested please to bring your own drinks & glasses and to dress smart or 1920's style!

## From Rev'd Rachel:

As we remember St. Luke the Evangelist who journeyed with St. Paul, we are challenged by Jesus' sending out of the seventy. They may not have felt safe or secure, but they went out in two's, a community sharing their 'sent-ness', their sense of inadequacy and their doubts, sure in the knowledge of nothing more than that they had a part in the beginning of God's new Kingdom, because they could share of his peace.

### Please pray for

- Thankful hearts and eyes that are open to God's endless acts of grace in our lives.
- The courage to journey out with Jesus to share with others in some way the peace and love of God.
- Refugees, and all those seeking asylum.
- Those living in suffering, particularly in Afghanistan, Syria, Libya and Iraq.
- The people of St Apollo's Church in Katakala.
- Our Bishops Tim, David and Jonathan.
- Alfred Kane & Alice Smith being baptised today;
- 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 Phillips, Emily Fisk; and all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Vivienne Upton; all 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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