

## 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.

27<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Easter Day

### Hymns

348, 680, 475, 9, 305, 672

## TODAY

**Holy Baptism** At 2pm Jacob Tillin is to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

**Easter Cross** This morning we shall be decorating the Easter Cross with flowers, symbolising the new life of the Resurrection.

**Veterans' Aid – Retiring Collection** Thank you to all who have generously donated to our Lent Charity. There is still an opportunity to donate today if you haven't already done so.

## THIS WEEK

**Clergy Availability** Fr Alec and Rev'd Sarah are on leave this week, both returning to the Parish on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**Men's Breakfast** This Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

## BITS AND PIECES

**Thank You** to everyone involved in the preparation for the Holy Week and Easter services and for their work throughout the year. Your hard work is most appreciated.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** This will be held on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11.15 am. Notices are now up in the foyer calling for nominations for new members of the PCC to serve for 3 years and for Churchwardens, who are elected annually. Please read the information on these notices and consider standing for a role and/or encourage those you know to do so. This is a great opportunity to help our church do God's work. Copies of the

## Annual Report & Financial

**Statements** together with the agenda for the APCM have been issued via email or are currently being hand-delivered to those on the Electoral Roll. If you have yet to receive your copy please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

**Parish Lunch** After the APCM on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a Parish Lunch to which everyone is invited. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer to indicate your participation. Also, on a **separate sheet** you may wish to sign up to contribute to the meal but please know that this is not a condition and all are welcome. A hot meal of Shepherd's Pie and Fruit Crumble will be served. If you would like to help in any way on the day please let Rosey and Gill know. Thank you!

**Rotas** for both the 8am and 9.30 am services have now been issued – please do get in touch with Debbie Filer if you haven't received your copy. **Readers at St Mary's** If you would like to join the Readers' rota going forward please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

**St Mary's Church Electoral Roll** Are you on the Electoral Roll? During the next few weeks, leading up to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April, the Electoral Roll will be advised. Please see the separate notice in the lobby which gives details of who is eligible to join the roll and what this entails.

**Easter Flowers** A box is now placed on the offertory table to receive donations towards the Easter Flowers in church. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one.

**The Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC)** will be holding its AGM on **Monday 4 April at 8pm in the Parish Room**. Do come along and find out what's been happening in the Conservation Area. After the business is concluded, to put us all in a sunny mood, Margaret & Tim Carr will be giving a talk on "Spring in Crete & Lesvos". Light refreshments available all welcome.

**Coffee Catch Up – Thank You!** A big thank you to everyone who supported our

recent coffee morning, which raised a tremendous £211 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Please note that Coffee Catch Up will not be open tomorrow but we look forward to seeing you again on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**The Basingstoke Foodbank** is opening a pop-up charity shop from 29<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> May at 20 London Street, Whitchurch. Donations of new (or nearly new) saleable items will be gratefully accepted (no electrical items please). For larger items a collection may be arranged. To donate or volunteer in the shop please contact Pat on 07785 312486 ([pfm1906@aol.com](mailto:pfm1906@aol.com)).

*For information: Funeral Service in church this week: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1pm, service for Yvonne Black RIP*

## From Fr Alec

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! With Jesus' resurrection from the dead there is a new creation. The opportunity to start again from the beginning, finding amid the wreckage of the past, the green shoots of New Life.

### Please pray for

- Faith, hope and love as we respond to others and to our calling in Christ.
- Families experiencing the pain of breakdown, illness or bereavement.
- Peace and an end to suffering for people of Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Holy Land, and other places of conflict
- James, Fiona, Zenden, and all preparing for Baptism or Confirmation.
- Jacob Tillin being baptised today;
- The residents of Basingfield Court;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Clifford & Christopher Browne; Emily Fisk; Marg; David Buckland; Betty Thorn, Maureen Gobener; all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Yvonne Black; Monica Dann; and 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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