

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.

17th April 2016
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Hymns

379, 573, 654, 434, 310, 10

TODAY

APCM The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place today at 11.15 am., to be followed by a Parish Lunch in the Parish Room. Thank you especially to Gill and Rosey and everyone involved in organising and contributing to today's meal.

THIS WEEK

Ploughmen's Lunches This Thursday 21st April at 12.30 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

LOOKING FORWARD

Ascension Day Service There will be a Eucharist at 8.00 am on Ascension Day, Thurs. 5th May, to be followed by breakfast.

Confirmation Service with Bishop David, on Pentecost Eve Saturday 14th May at 6pm. Bishop David will preside and preach. This will be a wonderful celebration service of Confirmation and first Holy Communion for James, Fiona and Zenden. Please come and support as they take the next step on their Christian journey. Refreshments afterwards

Christian Aid Week 15-21st May: If you would be willing to collect envelopes on a local street this year during Christian Aid week, please tick your name or fill in a gap on the list on the noticeboard in church. New collectors hugely welcomed! See noticeboard if you'd like to join in the week camping out by the church for Christian Aid too. Pentecost Sunday 15th May will also focus on Christian Aid.

Opportunity to join in Prayer: 24hrs of Prayer: Please visit the Bolton chapel

at any time of day or night between **5pm Tues 10th - 5pm Wed 11th May** to simply sit in peace for a few moments and join our 24hrs of continuous prayer in the parish of Old Basing & Lychpit. Different creative prayer areas and resources will be available in the Bolton chapel for you to use if you wish (if you'd like to help create any please chat to Sarah/Rachel). If you can fill a particular hour to ensure we have at least 1 person in the Bolton chapel throughout, please sign up on the notice board. This is part of the Archbishops' call for a wave of prayer across the country from Ascension to Pentecost (www.thykingdom.co.uk), and the Basingstoke Ecumenical 9-days of Prayer. Our Methodist friends and other groups across the parish are also joining in prayer with us in other locations.

BITS AND PIECES

Family Service Please note that the Family Service resumes next Sunday 24th April.

Memory Café An opportunity for anyone with memory loss or dementia, their carers, family and friends to come together to reminisce, share experiences or just get out of the house. Set up by Home Instead, the informal sessions include activities, free refreshment and access to information. There is no need to book or stay for the whole session. The Memory Café launches on Monday **25th April** and will take place on the **fourth Monday** of the month in the Parish Room from **2.15pm – 3.45 pm**. For further information please speak to Rev'd Sarah or call Sally Regan at Home Instead on Bas. 840660.

Good Neighbours' Meeting All are invited to drop in to a public meeting planned for Saturday 21st May, 11 am – 1 pm in the Parish Room to learn more about the Old Basing & Lychpit Good Neighbour's Group being set up between St Mary's and Old Basing Parish Council.

The Basingstoke Foodbank is particularly short of the following items currently: long-life milk (not skimmed); dried milk powder, coffee, fruit juice (long-life 1L), peanut butter/marmite, dry crackers/crispbreads, jars of cooking sauces, desserts (long-life, cold or microwavable), instant potato mash, tinned spaghetti /ravioli.

From Revd Sarah

As we give life to others in humility and generosity, so we are given life – by others, and in our following, believing, and belonging in Christ our Good Shepherd. *The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life* (Rev 8:17)

Please pray for

- Give thanks for the gifts, vocations, and flourishing of others.
- Confidence in our discipleship as followers of Christ our Good Shepherd.
- A new beginning for those fleeing violence and persecution.
- The people of Myanmar suffering after the earthquake
- Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and all places of conflict.
- James, Fiona, Zenden, and all preparing for Baptism or Confirmation.
- The residents of Basingfield Court;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Emily Fisk; Betty Thorn, all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Alva Wright; Maureen Gobener; Joan Milne; 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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