

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.

21st August 2016
13th Sunday after Trinity

Hymns:

642, 671, 150, 625, 484, 570

THIS WEEK

Rev'd Rachel is away on holiday until 30th August. Sarah will be away on holiday 5th - 17th September.

The Memory Café takes place in the Parish Room tomorrow from 2.15 - 3.45 pm. 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. For further details please speak to Rev'd Sarah.

LIVING PILGRIM: Please join us for all or part of the walk on Fri 26th August. Map of planned route on church noticeboard with sign-up sheet. Join at any of the churches/pubs along the route Tichborne to Winchester. Ending with an informal Eucharist together at 1pm (ish) in St Lawrence's, Winchester, followed by picnic. More info from Sarah.

LOOKING FORWARD



MESSY HARVEST:

Our second adventure with Messy Church will be Saturday 17th September. Gathering from 3.45pm in the Parish Room for a 4pm start, we will discover more about God's love for his wonderful creation and us, through all sorts of worship and activities, music and a family meal. Please come and join the messy fun. **MESSY HARVEST PROPS:** Do you drink fruit juice that comes in cartons? Do you have any old, colourful, (clean) socks? If the answer is yes to these questions, please can you save them and leave them under the table near the church door for the Messy Church team to collect. Curiosity is encouraged, and help on the day much

needed, so please talk to Rev'd Rachel about Messy Church.

Our Patronal Festival

On 18th September 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. As part of the celebration, we are arranging a parish lunch on the day to which everyone is invited – further details to follow soon

The Pilgrim Course will run again this autumn and is open to all. Please check posters for details.

BITS AND PIECES

Harvest Festival. This will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd October, **BUT** there are some events beforehand to note on the calendar! On Sunday 25th September there will be a **Nature Trail** around the Village to collect leaves, berries, grasses, & feathers to make some large collages to display. On **Sat. 1st October** there is a **Barn Dance** in Old Basing Village Hall. All ages are welcome. Posters with more details are around the Village. Tickets available from the beginning of September. We hope you will join these events to celebrate Harvest Festival!

Winchester Cathedral - Bible Marathon - Sponsorship Request Please do consider sponsoring Fr Alec, Jo Jarrett-Kerr & Chris Beadle who will be taking part in the non-stop, cover-to-cover reading marathon at the Cathedral as part of it's fund-raising appeal. A sponsorship sheet is now in the lobby.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year this will take place on **FRIDAY SEPT 16th**. 10.30 am - 12.00

All are very welcome. *Penny Potter*

Afternoon Tea, Cake and Sherry. I am holding a fundraising event on the 3rd of September in aid of the Motor Neurone

Disease Association, in memory of my Gran who passed away in March as a result of MND. I hope to see as many people in the Parish Room from 2pm on the 3rd of September. Entrance fee is £1 and will include a raffle ticket.

Stephanie Bale

Flower Festival Photographs:

Photographs of the Flower Festival are on display with sign-up sheet, until 5th Sept, if you would like copies.

Basingstoke Foodbank An updated list of current needs is now in the foyer.

OB&L Good Neighbours: this new neighbourly help initiative to enable local people to help and connect with local people, is launching on 31st August with a tea 1.30pm at the Ivy Club, RBL. Cllr Still and others attending. Please drop in, and spread the word that OBLGN is up and running for people from 1st Sept.

From Fr Alec

Today Jesus releases a sick woman from the bondage of her disease and receives only criticism for overstepping religious rules. Are there ways in which we, the Church, unwittingly bind others instead of setting them free in the name of Christ?

Please pray for

- The people of Syria, Turkey, France, Iraq, Yemen and all regions where there is violence, fear, and suffering.
- Those suffering chronic disease, and those who care for them.
- St Joseph's RC Church following their fire
- Our brothers and sisters in St Apolo's Katakala.
- Refugees, prisoners, victims and all affected by war, disaster or abuse.
- The residents of Basingfield Court;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Richard Rylance, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Emily Fisk; Betty Thorn, Esther Wong, Alan and Pauline Chamberlain, and all in sorrow or pain;
- All those who have died recently; Janet Williams; David Nicholls; 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. DeoGratias. Registered Charity No. 1136606

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