

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.

4th September 2016
15th Sunday after Trinity

Hymns:
541, 626, 625, 310, 752, 551

THIS WEEK

Rev'd Sarah will be on holiday 5th-17th Sept.

Prayers & Bears: This Thursday 8th September at 2pm in the Parish Room.

Ride and Stride, this Saturday 10th Sept. Please see poster/speak to Paul Skinner.

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.

All-age Patronal Lunch on Sunday 18th September at 12:15. We warmly welcome everyone to this gathering over a meal after our Patronal celebration service. All the food will be provided so please let Gill Sakakini know if you'd like to come by signing up on the sheet in the foyer. Thank you!

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

Harvest Festival This will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd Oct, 10 am.

The Family Service re-starts next Sunday 11th September at 11.15 am.

SOCIAL EVENTS COMING SOON!

BARN DANCE: 1ST OCT, Old Basing Village Hall -Tickets are now on sale for friends and family from Janet Jackson, Glayshers butchers and others - please see posters.

NATURE TRAIL, SUN. 25TH SEPT, 2-4PM, meet in the Parish Room before going around the Village to collect various items for collages for display at both Barn Dance & Harvest.

BITS AND PIECES

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on Monday 12th September at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. We will continue to study the letter of James, Chapter 3 v. 1-12. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Winchester Cathedral - Bible Marathon - Sponsorship Request Please do consider sponsoring Fr Alec, Jo Jarrett-Kerr & Chris Beadle. Please place monies in an envelope in the wall safe marked "Bible Marathon Sponsorship".

Macmillan Coffee Morning This year this will take place on FRIDAY SEPT 16th. 10.30am - 12 All are very welcome. *Penny Potter*

Flower Festival Photographs: are on display with sign-up sheet, **until tomorrow,** if you would like copies.

St Mary's Church Reading Group I am hoping to set up a monthly Sunday afternoon reading group at my home 51 Amport Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0FR, (Taylor's Farm development off the A33) which will explore Christian themes in fiction books. At the first meeting we will be discussing 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' by CS Lewis. Refreshments provided. You are welcome to come to a single session or to all dates if you wish. I will be in the Parish Room after the 9.30 am

service if you have any questions. The first three dates are: Sundays 25th Sept 5-7pm; 30th Oct 5-7pm; 27th Nov 5-7pm. There's an opportunity to go to a CS Lewis talk on 29th Sept at 7.45pm at Sarum Hill. *Kim Austin*

Basingstoke Foodbank - List in the foyer of items that are urgently needed.

From Fr Alec

What is the cross to you? A badge? A symbol? Today's gospel is a reminder that discipleship, following Jesus, is inherently costly. The cross we must carry is a scandal, a stumbling block, which would deter us were it not for the fact that it is also the sign of God's bottomless love for us all.

Please pray for

- The people of Syria, Turkey,, Iraq, Yemen, Italy and all regions where there is violence, fear, and suffering.
- Those suffering disease and illness, and those who care for them.
- Our brothers and sisters in St Apolo'sKatakala.
- Refugees, prisoners, victims and all affected by war, disaster or abuse.
- The residents of Basingfield Court and Oakfields
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, 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; Shirley Ball; George Hurt; John Hiscox; 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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