

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.

16th October 2016

Twenty First Sunday After Trinity

Hymns:

TODAY

Holy Baptisms At 2pm Lillie-Rae & Kyle Merritt and Holly Whiteman are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

THIS WEEK

Coffee Catch-up Cafe - Friday afternoons 1-3pm in the Parish Room. Please come along and bring friends. Would you be willing to make an occasional **cake**? If so contact Debbie Filer.

Monday Discussion Group: Monday 10th October at 1.45 pm, Parish Room. We will continue to study the letter of James (3:13-4:12). All welcome. *Ann Price* (320388)

Ploughmen's Lunches: This Thursday, 20th October at 12.30 pm.

LOOKING FORWARD

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

Crib Festival 10 - 11 December: and don't forget the all-age workshop on **27 October at 4 pm** if you're interested in finding out how to make a nativity scene. Also, if anyone could help source a shed for use outside please contact Gill (811956).

BITS AND PIECES

Dementia Friends Information Session: Sat 29th Oct 11am, parish room, Come along to this free Alzheimer's Society led 1 hour session to gain a better understanding of the small things we can all do to make a difference to the lives of people affected by

dementia. See noticeboard for info and sign-up.

Thank you to Janet Jackson and her willing team of helpers who made our Harvest Barn Dance (and Nature Trail) such a wonderful event. 'Saxon Drain' were excellent, and £248 (net) was raised on top of everyone having a really good time.

Thank You! from Basingstoke Foodbank to all who gave so generously at the recent Harvest Service.

All Hallows Eve Activities return this **October 31st at 5.30 pm**. 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 Service Wednesday 2nd November: there will be a Eucharist service at 7pm (preceded by refreshments at 6pm) 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 offered will be available from next Sunday.

Mityana/Katakala Global Partnership talk: 7.30pm, Tues 29th November. Revd Dodie Marsden will come to talk about our developing parish partnership, and potential trip to Katakala, Uganda. Further details to follow and from Rosey or Sarah.

Brass Cleaning We have a gap in our monthly rota for July as one of our volunteers has moved away from the area. Are you able to spare a little time to brighten up the brass? It is not arduous, does not take long and it is immensely satisfying to know that you make a contribution to the appearance of St.Mary's. If you can help please speak to one of the Churchwardens. Thank you. *The Churchwardens*

Lost Property: There are various items to be collected following recent church events. These are now in the church lobby. It would be appreciated if you could claim items as soon as possible. Anything not collected within the next week will be discarded or found new homes.

Foodbank Quiz Night: Sat 22nd Oct, 7pm at Sarum Hill Centre, £10 per person to include supper. Please see poster in lobby for details. If you'd like to make up a team please speak to Fr Alec.

From Rev'd Sarah

As our stories interweave with others', we open ourselves to new possibilities in transforming relationship. As our lives are re-orientated by the gospel, Jesus transforms the story and in the simplicity of faith we can open our eyes to see and live in a changed story.

Please pray for

- The people of Syria, Iraq, Yemen and all regions where there is violence, fear, or suffering.
- All those affected by Hurricane Matthew;
- Homelessness relief in Basingstoke: May Place, Camrose Centre, Winter Nightshelters, the Dwelling Place,
- Our brothers and sisters in St Apolo's Katakala.
- People seeking sanctuary and home, and all affected by war, disaster illness or abuse.
- The residents of Basingfield Court and Oakfields;
- Lillie-Rae & Kyle Merritt & Holly Whiteman, being baptised today;
- Johnny Lamb & Nichola Molloy preparing for their marriage on Saturday;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Richard Rylance, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Steve North; Dudley Clark; and all in sorrow or pain;
- All those who have died recently: Henry Williams; Hazel Munro; 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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