

## 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.

**6th November 2016**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

### Hymns:

409, 69, 299, 457, 68, 642

## TODAY

**The Traidcraft Stall** is available in the Parish Room immediately after today's 9.30 am service.

**Holy Baptisms** At 2pm Tobias Ames-Waller and Eleanor Hillier are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

## THIS WEEK

**Prayers & Bears** This Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm.

**The Pilgrim Course** is running again on a Friday evening at 7pm. and is open to all. Please speak to Fr Alecre. this week's venue.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Parish Service of Remembrance Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10 am** followed by Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial. Holy Communion follows immediately afterwards in the Bolton chapel at 11.15am. No Family Service that day.

**AN EVENING WITH ICONS** We are delighted to say we have the great privilege of a second illustrated talk on Icons from Dom Anselm Shobrook OSB, Iconographer at Alton Abbey, on THURSDAY DECEMBER 1st at 7.30 pm in the Bolton Chapel. Those who came to Dom Anselm's talk last year found it most interesting and enjoyable. Please come to this follow - up talk, with better projected images! Put the date in your diaries now, please, this will be a great way to start Advent.



**Crib 2016** Things are taking shape and registration forms are coming in. Please find

yours on the table today, along with handouts from the workshop! Also, there will be an **"Advent Shed"** as part of the run up to the Festival where the doors will open at scheduled times to reveal installations on Advent themes. Please chat to Gill (811956) if you fancy exploring this idea - we need 3 - 4 sessions.

## BITS AND PIECES

**Monday Discussion Group:** Our next meeting is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 1.45 pm in the Parish Room. We will continue to study the letter of James, Chapter 4 v.13 to Chapter 5 v. 11. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

**Basingstoke Churches Winter Night Shelter:** From 1st Dec - 28th Feb town centre churches will share hosting Basingstoke's Winter Night Shelter for up to 15 rough sleepers per night. All Saints on Sunday nights is particularly looking for volunteers; if you'd like to join others from St Mary's as volunteer Cook, early Evening Helper, Overnighter or Breakfast helper please chat to Sarah. All volunteers must attend short training session on 11th or 12th Nov at Sarum Hill. See poster for info.

**Katakala and Uganda - Global Partnership talk:** 7.30pm, Tues 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please all come along to see and hear the latest from Katakala, Uganda from the Revd Dodie Marsden who is out there now. A chance to hear and discuss more regarding our developing parish and school partnership and potential visit to Katakala. Chat to Rosey or Sarah for info or with ideas.

**Dates for diaries: Contemplative Advent** reflective services through Advent with music, poetry, image, prayer, Bolton chapel 8pm Mondays 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, 5, 12, 19 Dec. **Blue Christmas** Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 6pm (tea 5pm). **Big Turkey Community**

**Christmas lunch** Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Dec (offers to help, wonderful!).

## From Fr Alec

When Jesus takes issue with the sadducees for their naïve understanding of Physical resurrection, he open up for us a question: What do we look for? What do we expect from the eternal life Christ offers us? Do we expect it, and if so, how does that expectation shape us here and now?

### Please pray for

- The people of Haiti, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and all regions where there is violence, fear, or suffering.
- People seeking sanctuary and home, and all affected by war, disaster illness or abuse.
- The successful development of new Winter Night Shelter provision in Basingstoke's town centre churches.
- Our brothers and sisters in St Apolo's Katakala.
- Kevin Burchett & Lesley De Trafford preparing for their marriage on Saturday;
- Tobias Ames-Waller and Eleanor Hillier being baptised today;
- 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; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Steve North; Dudley Clark; Del Davis; and all in sorrow or pain;
- All those who have died recently: John Follett; 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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