

## 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.

29th January 2017  
Candlemas

### Hymns:

54, 259, 686, 105, 382

## TODAY

**Retiring collection for our January charity of the month: *Hardship Fund of First Point, The You Trust*:**

supporting families and individuals living in poverty or homeless in Basingstoke.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Creative Prayer Workshop:** 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, Winchester WLC. Preparing for *Thy Kingdom Come* novena 2017. See poster.

### Shared Parish Lunch with Katakala: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**12.15:** Join with all our friends in Katakala for a simultaneous joint parish lunch after our 11.15 service. All welcome, bring friends and family, for this special Katakala-Old Basing lunch in Parish Room from 12.15pm - a hot meal of chicken casserole (or veggie alternative) and fruit crumble. Please let Rosey Stevens know if you'd like to come by signing up on the sheet in the foyer asap. Thank you. Meanwhile... over in Katakala, St Apollos church will host a big St Mary's Old Basing & Lychpit lunch for Katakala village after their church service, thanks to £100 given as a gift for lunch from St Mary's (via our charity of the month Katakala donations in Feb). Hopefully we'll have a live link up via Sarah on the day.

### Parish Quiet Day, Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>

There is now a notice in the lobby where you can sign up if you wish to join the group going to Alton Abbey. The group leaving at 8.15 will attend the Conventual Mass and those leaving at 9.15 will be in time for coffee! Please speak to Penny Potter for further

information or if you are coming and have special dietary lunch requirements.

## BITS AND PIECES.

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham** Fr Alec will lead a group to Walsingham **April 25-27<sup>th</sup> 2017**. It is important that we collect numbers asap. The cost will be £108.10 per head for 2 nights half board. Those who have been before will know what a special experience it is to visit this holy place and join in the healing, the communions and the benediction services there. Please ask Fr Alec or Penny Potter if you wish to know more. We do encourage those who have been before to return this year and hope some of you will make a first visit. Names of those wishing to join to Penny Potter 01256 333249 asap please.

### Your Greetings to Katakala:

Sarah will be leaving 16<sup>th</sup> Feb for Katakala to bring back news of people and projects for all of us to have the opportunity to link to and build new relationships. If you are part of a church or village group, or as an individual, could you email/give Sarah a photo and letter/message/token of friendship from your group to people in Katakala? Very many thanks.

**A weekly Steady & Strong Exercise Class** begins this Weds, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 11.30 am - 12.15 pm in the Parish Room. Please see poster in the lobby. If you are interested please call the instructor, Caroline on 07845 217901.

**Foundation Governor Vacancy** A volunteer is sought to join St Mary's Junior School as a Foundation Governor. Please do consider if you could join a team of Governors who support a very valuable village asset (ie. a well respected and sought after junior school). Requirements are enthusiasm, commitment and a willingness to learn. Please chat to Fr Alec or Phil Jubin if you would like to find out more.

### Flower Arrangers Coffee Morning:

St Mary's Flower Arrangers will be holding their annual Coffee Morning on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February** in the Parish Room from 10.00 to 12 noon to which all are invited. There will be a Bring and Buy stall, a Raffle and the 2017/8 rotas will be available. ALL WELCOME.

**All welcome** on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at St. Andrew's Methodist Church RG22 6ER, Circuit Service for the Service of Admission of Denise Baugh as a Local Preacher. Denise, who spends much of her time here with us in Old Basing, would appreciate your prayers.

### From Fr Alec

At Christmas-time we heard how 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.' Today, Simeon hails the coming of this light. A light that signals Liberation and peace to all peoples. A light which is the glory of God made visible in Jesus Christ.

### Please pray for

- Prisoners, victims of human trafficking, those enslaved by addiction, debt, depression or grief.
- People struggling with poverty or homelessness in and around Basingstoke and across the UK.
- People and organisations offering support to vulnerable people, particularly First Point Basingstoke and Night Light Winter Shelters.
- The people of Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is violence, fear, or suffering.
- Residents of Basingfield Ct & 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; Del Davis; Inge Bowman; Thelma Gregson; Pat Sacree; and all in sorrow or pain
- All those who have died recently: Mavis Sykes; Meloney Atkins; 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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