

## 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.

## 30th April 2017 Third Sunday of Easter

### Hymns:

433, 540, 67, 752, 58, 305

## TODAY

**APCM** The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place today at 11.15 am., to be followed by a Parish Lunch in the Parish Room. Thank you especially to Rosey and Gill and everyone involved in organising and contributing to today's meal.

**Winchester Cathedral Evensong:** Rev'd Rachel will be preaching at Evensong at Winchester Cathedral this evening at 3.30pm.

**Retiring collection for our April charity:** This month we are collecting for **Pancreatic Cancer UK**.

## THIS WEEK

**Men's Breakfast** This Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Thy Kingdom Come 9 Days of Prayer 25<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting all Christians, globally and ecumenically, to join in this great wave of prayer again between Ascension and Pentecost. We're encouraged to pray together for and with our communities and our neighbours near and far (including Katakala), for God's love to be known, for the coming of the Holy Spirit and our effective witness as Jesus' disciples. Across Basingstoke all denominations are joining together in our *Thy Kingdom Come Ecumenical Novena*. Prayer events at St Mary's will include TKC Prayer Stations around St Mary's; Prayer Cards to use at home/church/anywhere; Prayer Walk; Praying the Hours, and the chance to join in St Mary's 24hrs Continuous Prayer in the Bolton Chapel (sign-up sheet now on noticeboard). If you have ideas, or would like to develop a TKC prayer station, please chat to Rev Sarah or Gill. See noticeboard for evolving details & [www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk](http://www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk).

## Confirmation Service, 11<sup>th</sup> June 6.30 pm

Please make a note in your diaries of our Confirmation Service when we shall be joined in worship by Bishop David. *There will not be a 9.30 am service on this day as this will be the main service.*

## BITS AND PIECES.

**Christian Aid Week:** 14-20<sup>th</sup> May. If you would be willing to be a CA collector for a particular street this year, please sign-up in a gap on the noticeboard (and please tick your name if you can collect again this year). This year we have a special new fundraiser to which everybody's welcome: **Christian Aid Big Brekkie in the parish room Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am** (cooked up by our men's breakfast chefs). Please sign up on sheet in lobby to give our chefs an initial idea of numbers. Throughout CA week anybody is welcome to pitch a tent again and camp out in aid of Christian Aid outside the church.

**Stations of the Resurrection** These record 19 occasions in the gospels and Acts when Jesus appeared to his friends after being raised from the dead. They have all been created by members of our congregation who met in a creative group to discuss the Bible passages and share ideas. Well done everybody!

I Chris Young and Diana Werry Thomas  
II & III Claire Roberts  
IV & V Rev Sarah Lloyd  
VI Fr Alec Battey  
VII Chris Beadle  
VIII, XII, XIII Rebecca Aldridge  
XV Rebecca and Diana  
XI Tracey George-Jones  
IX Rosey Marsh  
X Richard Caemmerer (American artist)  
XIV, XVI, XVII Gill Sakakini  
XVIII Chris Young  
XIX Paul Skinner

Please pick up a guide from the table for reflection and prayer. Also, during the **Thy Kingdom Come Novena of Prayer** some of the stations will become interactive stimuli for prayer and there will be an opportunity to visit the stations as a group. On some Sundays during the 50 days of Easter several artists are sharing briefly about their inspiration and process. Please make time to look around!

**Family Service** Please note that the 11.15 Family Service resumes next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**Social activities** The PCC would like to plan activities and events throughout the year for all ages. Do you have any ideas? We could repeat what we have done before, such as the nature walks with craft activities. We could plan some evening events. If you would like to share your idea (and perhaps be involved with the planning), please talk to Janet Jackson or any member of the PCC. tel. 468351, [janjack49@btinternet.com](mailto:janjack49@btinternet.com).

## From Fr Alec:

When we encounter the Risen Christ, do we recognize him? Are we alert to those times in our life when our hearts burn within us as he speaks to us in Holy Scripture or through the lives and works of others? The Eucharist we share helps us by giving us a taste of the Kingdom yet to come, a sign of the healing sacrifice that is at the heart of God's love, and which is revealed to us in the breaking of the bread.

### Please pray for

- Those suffering the grief of loss, that they may find hope and joy once more.
- Those trapped by poverty, prejudice or addiction, that they may discover new freedom.
- Those scarred by broken relationships, that they can find new love and trust.
- Our brothers and sisters in Katakala.
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- Craig Bloom & Gabriella Beard preparing for their marriage on Saturday;
- The people of East Africa, Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is famine, violence, or suffering.
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Richard Rylance, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Peter May-Miller; Dudley Clark, Ruth Taylor, Bryan Snook and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently; and those who's 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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