

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.

17th September 2017
Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

Hymns:

580, 584, 35, 69, 361, 19

TODAY

Retiring collection for Treloar's - St Mary's charity for September. See noticeboard for details.

THIS WEEK

Ploughmen's Lunches This Thursday 21st September at 12.30 pm.



MESSY HARVEST:

Saturday 23rd September from 3.45 - 6pm. Come and join us in a creative

celebration of Harvest. We will be exploring the power of the tiny mustard seed through craft and worship, ending with a Messy tea in the Parish Room. Whatever your age you are more than welcome to come and take part.

LOOKING FORWARD

St Mary's Harvest Festival Sunday 8th October **10am** with uniformed organisations of the parish. This year we are once again inviting donations to the Basingstoke Foodbank as well as monetary donations to Katakala.

BITS AND PIECES

Join to sing with friends at

Basingfield Court: Please come and join our monthly St Mary's/Basingfield Ct *Songs & Praise* in the lounge at Basingfield Ct care home. It's a wonderful chance to simply sing a few hymns and chat together with residents. See poster in porch. All welcome to the next date - Wednesday 20th Sept 11am. *Rev Sarah*

St Mary's "Imaging the Story

Exhibition". Come and see works of art produced as a result of the course. The exhibition takes place at the United

Reformed Church in London Street, Basingstoke. Exhibition open to visit between now and 28th September. For times please see the poster in the lobby or contact Gill.

St Mary's Church Reading Group

Join St. Mary's book group 5pm on Sunday 8th October to discuss Wendell Berry's book entitled *Remembering*, a novel about an American, Andy Catlett, coming to terms with changes in his life. We meet at 51 Ampport Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0FR, the Taylor's farm development off the A33. Please give Kim Austin a call on [07762 957516](tel:07762957516) if you would like to know more, or just turn up on the day. *Steve Sakakini*

St Mary's CE Junior School Open Afternoon for Prospective Year 3 Parents

If you have a child who has just started in Year 2, we would like to invite you to our Open Afternoon for Year 2 parents on Tues 3rd Oct. at 2pm. A chance for you to see the school in action and hear from members of the school community prior to making your application for a Year 3 place.

PIOCC (Churchyard Conservation Group) will be holding its New Season 'Kick Off' meeting on **Monday 2nd October at 8pm in the Parish Room.** This will be a treat for ornithologists as our talk will be "British Birding Highlights" by our old friend Graham Sharp. There will be light refreshments - so do come along. **ALL WELCOME.**

Junior Church Helpers We ideally need at least one more helper for Junior Church to join the rota on an occasional basis. Please speak to either Fr Alec, Sarah or Debbie if you'd be willing to help. All helpers are required to complete a DBS application.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: 68 The Street on Friday September 29th, 10.30am - 12.00noon. Raffle, books, bring and buy... do come and bring your friends. *Penny Potter*

For information: Funerals in church:
Thurs 21st Sept, 11 am
Fri 22nd Sept, 1.30 pm (Wally Brazier).

From Fr Alec

When we explain forgiveness to children, we often explain it as 'saying sorry.' However, in reality it is a much more costly labour than that, and requires a real and deep act of understanding and communication. We cannot truly hate those whom we understand. Forgiveness is the glue that hold relationships and communities together, and the body of the church is built upon the forgiveness we have already received from God, and are called to share with each other.

Please pray for

- Our own church, its life and mission.
- Grace to understand one another and our community.
- All struggling with depression, grief, illness, isolation, relationship breakdowns, addiction
- Victims of floods in South Asia and Hurricanes Harvey & Irma;
- All regions where there is famine, conflict, abuse, suffering: Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Congo, Yemen
- Our global partnership friends in Katakala.
- The staff, students and parents of Treloar's school and college, Alton
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Dudley Clark, Brenda Pollard, Sarah Jones; and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: Alison Battey; baby Elih; Walter Brazier; and those 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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