

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.

1st October 2017
Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

Hymns:

32, 448, 343, 66, 77, 572

TODAY

Retiring collection for USPG - St Mary's charity for October. Please see noticeboard for details.

Church Tours take place this afternoon (2-5pm) in conjunction with the Basing House Tudor & Civil War Living History Weekend

THIS WEEK

Harvest at Basingfield Court All are welcome to join the residents of Basingfield Court to celebrate Harvest, this Wednesday 4th Oct at 2.30 pm.

LOOKING FORWARD

St Mary's Harvest Festival takes place next 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 for our global partnership friends in Katakala.

Advent Shed It's back again this year! There are more "shed-yuled" openings so please come and get involved. There is planning meeting on Wednesday 11 October at 7:00 pm at 2 Priory Gardens. Contact Gill or Steve for more information (811956).

BITS AND PIECES

Introducing St Mark There will be 3 evenings of discussion about St Mark's Gospel which will be our Gospel for the new church season starting in Advent. These evenings are Thursdays 19th October, 9th & 16th November, 7-8pm in the Parish Room.

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on 9th October at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. We will conclude our

study of a book by Stephen Cottrell entitled 'The Things He said' (The story of the first Easter Day). All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

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.

The Children's Society Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale This will take place in the Parish Room on Sat 14th Oct from 10 am - noon. As well as the Christmas Cards sale other stalls will include a raffle, knitted goods, and a children's corner with fun and surprises. Good bric-a-brac is also most welcome. It would help the stall holders if we had it beforehand so please do contact me - I am happy to collect! *Rosemary Kershaw, tel. 01256 355500.* **Cakes:** There will also of course be our delicious homemade cake stall! If you are willing to provide a cake, sweets or preserves for this event, please speak to Fay Farrant in church or tel. 476863. Thank you in anticipation! For other enquiries please speak to Rosemary.

Foodbank - Temporary Volunteers Sought! The period around Harvest and the run up to Christmas is a very busy time for the Foodbank and temporary volunteers are sought to help in the process of weighing in, sorting, dating & storing the food donations at the Foodbank in Sarum Hill. As some of the work includes lifting boxes, volunteers should be able-bodied. All volunteers are asked to complete a simple safeguarding declaration form. The normal Foodbank days are Monday, Weds & Friday mornings, however if things get particularly busy there may be one or two special stock sorting days on a Saturday. You can sign up for as little or as much as you're able! If you're interested in helping please get in touch with Gary Taylor on tel. 322391.

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.

From Fr Alec

When Jesus is questioned about the authority that he has to teach, his reply touches on the witness of John the Baptist and the reception given to him by prostitutes and tax collectors. They recognized, as the chief priests and elders were unable to do, an answer to their need to be accepted and forgiven. We recognise the presence of God in Jesus, because his words meet our deepest needs. His authority stems from the change he can effect in our lives and we recognise it best when we admit to our own need.

Please pray for

- Our own church, its life and mission.
- Peace between the super-powers in our world
- Victims of the Mexican earthquake; the floods in South Asia and Hurricanes Harvey, Irma & Maria;
- All struggling with depression, grief, illness, isolation, relationship breakdowns, addiction
- All regions where there is famine, conflict, abuse, suffering: Myanmar, East Africa, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Congo, Yemen
- Our global partnership friends in Katakala;
- 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: William Halse; Kenneth Ollerhead; 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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