

## 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.

**26th November 2017**  
**Christ The King**

### Hymns:

54, 382, - , 736, 580, 104

## TODAY

Choral Reading Rehearsal TODAY with Gill after the service. If anyone else would like to join in, please do.

**Our November Charity is Veterans Aid.** Please see details on the board in the foyer and note that gift aid envelopes are available.

## THIS WEEK

Rev'd Sarah is away on silent retreat until Weds 29th November.

**Memory Café** All welcome this Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2.15 - 3.45 pm, Parish Room.

**Men's Breakfast** This Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

**Contemplative Advent:** all welcome, 8pm in the Bolton Chapel, Mondays during Advent starting tomorrow. Please see Christmas leaflet for further details about this series of evenings and all other Christmas services.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Special All Age Festival Worship: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am** including Joy to the World in Swahili and an opening of the Advent Shed. Followed by **Advent Messy Church** activities 11am, simple **Parish Messy Lunch** 12 noon. Coffee after 10 am service to linger and watch or join in crafts with children. All ages invited to join for lunch together – please sign-up in church porch. If you could make some Star Biscuits for 'pudding', please sign-up too.

**Big Turkey Community Christmas lunch** Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please sign-up in porch if you would like to join in helping &/or eating.

**Carol Singing around the streets of Old Basing, Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. - Come and Sing!** All ages & voices welcome. Please see Christmas leaflet.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 9 – 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER JOY to the WORLD

**PICK UP A POSTER!** Please take a poster, on the table by the door, and display wherever you can. If you don't have a suitable site please ask a friendly neighbour or find a handy telegraph pole. (Remember to take them down again)

**TREES** There is still time to enter a tree. Forms on the table or by email on [jdwards38@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jdwards38@hotmail.co.uk)

**CHRISTMAS STALL** Please place all things Christmassy in the marked box in the Choir Vestry. Maybe it is time for a 'new look' for your decorations. We would love to sell your 'old look' to benefit St. Mary's.

**RAFFLE** Please place raffle items, clearly marked, in the Choir Vestry.

**CAKES & SWEETS** Can you channel your inner Mary Berry and get baking? We need cakes for the Cake stall and for the Refreshments for which we also need mince pies.

**BOOKS** Novels wanted; fiction only please. Please leave in Choir Vestry or the porch of 68 The Street.

**STEWARDING** Can you spare an hour or two please? Sign-up sheets are on the board in the lobby.

**Thank you very much:  
Team Joy to the World**

**Advent Shed** Pick up a pocket Advent Shed-Yule today so you can keep track of the whereabouts of the St Mary's Advent Shed! Come with the Shed on its first "on location" visit to Basing House Fair next Saturday 2nd December from between 9:30 am and 4 pm. Please take shed-yules and posters to promote the almost daily openings this year.

**As Who Cares? @ St Mary's** moves into the **Responding Phase**, you are invited to read and ponder the survey answers of people in Old Basing & Lychpit to the question "**What hurts you the**

**most?**". Please see the display board in the North Aisle and take a moment to reflect on how we might respond. *Steve Sakakini*

**Patricia May** Many at St Mary's will remember with fondness "Miss May" who moved away from Old Basing to live near her family in Bristol. Caroline Bale is planning on visiting her over Christmas and Miss May would love to hear news/see photos of what has been happening in Old Basing. If you have any news or photos to share please email Caroline directly: [caroline@bale26.plus.com](mailto:caroline@bale26.plus.com)

**The Basing Singers** invite you to "**Be Our Guest**" at a **Christmas Concert** in the Old Basing Village Hall 7.30 Saturday 9 Dec. Tickets £7/£1 U16 on door or 850415. Profits donated to Hampshire Search and Rescue.

**Katakala Advent Shed Activity** : loads of clear & green plastic drinks bottles needed please, any size (not milk bottles). Please leave in box in porch. Many thanks. *Rosey*.

## From Fr Alec

As we celebrate Christ as our King, this gives us an opportunity to remember that all leadership is based upon sacrificial service offered with courage and confidence in Jesus' name.

### Please pray for

- For HM the Queen and all who fold authority under her.
- All places blighted by corruption or oppression.
- A society that recognises its responsibility to the vulnerable and the weak.
- Our global partnership friends in Katakala & forthcoming parish trip;
- Those experiencing poverty, hunger and homelessness;
- Those in need who will attend, and those helping to run, the Basingstoke Night Shelter, starting Dec 1<sup>st</sup> & running for 7 days a week in town churches until Feb;
- All struggling with depression, grief, illness, isolation, relationship breakdowns, addiction;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- All regions where there is famine, conflict, abuse, suffering: Myanmar, East Africa, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Congo, Yemen
- 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; and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: Joy Evans; 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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