

## 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 also a children's corner in Church for supervised pre-school children.

**28th January 2018**  
**Candlemas**

### Hymns

9, 296, 714, 157, 701, 408

### TODAY

**St Mary's January Charity** This month we shall be supporting the *First Point Hardship Fund*, run by *The You Trust* in Basingstoke, who offer support to people who are homeless or struggling with poverty.

### THIS WEEK

**Mens' Breakfast** This Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

**Parish Vision morning Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** ALL are welcome to come to this morning 9am-12pm in the Bolton Chapel, building on all the feedback from the *Who Cares?* initiative in our church and wider community. A chance to explore with the PCC how we build on work done in small groups last November, and discuss St Mary's vision for the future in the heart of our community and develop our PMAP. This is open to everyone in the community, and coffee and cake will be served. - *Steve Sakakini*

### LOOKING FORWARD

**Gifts for Katakala from St Mary's & Old Basing & Lychpit: Parish visit 2018:** On Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 4 people from our parish will be travelling to Uganda to visit our Katakala Global Partnership and further develop our parish links with St Apollo's church and Katakala CU Primary school. Rosey Stevens, Gill Sakakini, Tracey McCarley (Headteacher of OB Infant School who are developing their school link with Katakala too), and Rev Sarah, will be spending time in the school and with groups in the church and village. We are raising much needed funds to take with us on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb for school resources and church's provision to the sick (please use gift aid envelopes or online), and gathering donated gifts now too. See poster, flyer and boxes in porch

for details. If you can, please tie a bow round your items to show our care. Thanks so much for your support of our friends living with very little in Katakala. St Mary's charity of the month Feb is Katakala, but please make any donation between now and 8<sup>th</sup> Feb if you can as we have to take cash with us to give directly. If you would like to sponsor Tracey's 5k run for Katakala, please visit website: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/t-mccarley](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/t-mccarley)

**Katakala Supper** There will be a fundraising Katakala Supper at the Infants School on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February to which all are welcome. If you'd like to come along please get in touch with Rosey Stevens via email: [roseymarshr2@gmail.com](mailto:roseymarshr2@gmail.com)

**Living Soup Mondays:** Each Monday evening through Lent (beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February), all very welcome to join me in sharing soup, bread and cheese for supper anytime between 7-8pm in the parish room. Just bring your soup and/or cheese and join whoever comes along that night for a simple supper and chat together. *Rev Sarah*

**Lent Course** Our shared ecumenical Lent Course, will begin at The Methodist Chapel at 7pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. **LENTWISE**, the book we are using on our Ecumenical Lent Course, is available as an ebook from Amazon, cost £5.60. Copies are not readily available at a good price at the moment, it seems to be re printing, so it would help if some of you would be prepared to access the course this way. I do have a few copies however. Thank you. *Penny Potter*

**Parish Quiet Day in Lent:** Fr Alec will lead a quiet day in Alton Abbey on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Details to follow but please note the date.

### BITS & PIECES

**PALM CROSSES** Please bring your last year's palm crosses and place them in the basket on the table in the church – they will be burned to provide the ash for the imposition of ashes on the Ash

Wednesday services on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> (Eucharist 10 am & 7.30 pm). Thank you!

**Parish Room Clean - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30 - 12 am** Calling all those who like getting down and dirty. We are planning a deep clean of the Parish Room on 10<sup>th</sup> February. If you can help please let us know or just turn up on the morning. Materials and coffee will be provided.

*Tricia Renwick & Janet Jackson*

**Children's Society Boxes** We are now collecting in the boxes for sending on to The Children's Society. Please can you return your box on 3<sup>rd</sup> February or alternatively leave in the church. Thank you. *Rosemary Kershaw & Jackie Fox*

### From Fr Alec

Today we stand on the fulcrum that balances Christmas and Holy Week. We stand between the manger and the cross, and remember that the incarnate Lord who dwelt among us full of grace and truth showed his love through sacrifice, and rose again for our redemption.

### Please pray for

- Christ to set us aflame with love and inspire us in sacrificial service.
- People experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness.
- Those staying and volunteering at the Basingstoke Winter Night Shelter
- First Point and the You Trust, the homelessness emergency fund we support in January
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields, and our friends in Katakala, Uganda
- Regions of conflict and disasters: Myanmar, East Africa, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Congo, Yemen
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Dudley Clark; Lindsay; and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently; 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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