

## 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.

4th February 2018

Second Sunday Before Lent

## TODAY

### St Mary's February Charity

Today is a last chance to donate to money being taken to our friends in Katakala this week. For the rest of February, Katakala remains our 'charity of the month', but any donations will be taken over in Feb 2019.

## THIS WEEK

### 10am Second Sunday All Age

Worship next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

## LOOKING FORWARD

### 10am Second Sunday All Age

Worship: for the next few months the new 10am All Age services on the second Sundays of every month will continue. The PCC would love to hear your feedback over the coming weeks too. Whilst particularly welcoming children and young people to participate and enjoy, it is hoped that these services will be opportunities for all ages of the St Mary's church family (which includes any visitors and all in the parish) to come together in worship. If you arrive early by mistake, please ask for coffee!

### Gifts for Katakala from St

Mary's: Thank you so much for all your donations. Last chance to donate today, for gifts to be taken on parish trip leaving Thursday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Living Soup Mondays:

Each Monday evening through Lent (beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February), all very welcome to join in sharing soup, bread and cheese for supper anytime between 7-8pm in the parish room. Just bring your own 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. Thank you. *Rosemary Kershaw & Jackie Fox*

*For information: Funeral in church for Sheila Pullinger, Friday 9th February, 1pm;*

## From Rev'd Sarah

*'He is the image of the invisible God'.* It's in Christ's face we see God, in Christ all things hold together. In Christ we see and know God's love and reflect God's love in relationship, made in his image. Where is the imprint of Jesus visible, alive, and reflected in your life today? As a church, do we spill out into our community with the self-sacrificing, generous, compassionate, abundant love of Christ, with Jesus Christ at the very core of all St Mary's gives, does, and is?

### Please pray for

- ◆ Christ to set us aflame with love and inspire us in sacrificial service.
- ◆ Generosity and compassion to flow out from our church as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
- ◆ People experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering.
- ◆ Our friends at St Apollo's and Katakala Primary School in Uganda, and the joy of our growing relationships in Christ through our visits and prayers
- ◆ Safety and hope for those sleeping rough in the streets across Britain, and for restored lives long-term through Basingstoke Winter Night Shelter support.
- ◆ Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields,
- ◆ Regions of conflict and disaster: Afghanistan, Myanmar, South Sudan, Syria, Iraq, 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: Michael Bennett; Sheila Pullinger; 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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