

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.

18th February 2018

1st Sunday of Lent

Hymns

86, 105, 378, 655, 37

THIS WEEK

Monday Discussion Group: As is our custom we are meeting weekly during Lent on the following Mondays at 1.45 pm – 19th & 26th February and 5th & 12th March in the Bolton Chapel. We will use the USPG study course 'All things are possible.' All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Living Soup Mondays: Each Monday evening through Lent 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, begins at The Methodist Chapel at 7pm this Tuesday 20th February. All welcome.

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. 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 stay and have a coffee!

BITS & PIECES

Rev'd Rachel Hartland Bishop Tim has appointed Rev'd Rachel Hartland, curate of St. Mary's Old Basing and Lychpit, as Associate Priest in the Benefice of Eversley and Darby Green on a permanent basis. This will be a non-

stipendiary role similar to that she had at St. Mary's. She and Graham will remain living at their home in Yateley, and look forward to serving the local communities over the coming years.

Rachel is indebted to her Old Basing friends for all that she learnt during her curacy, and grateful that you felt able to release her last year to the deployment in Eversley that has resulted in this calling and appointment. Rachel's formal licensing will take place at St Mary's, Eversley, on 9th April. Rachel hopes that as many as possible will feel they can come and 'see her in' formally to her new role - it's not far away. Further details will be notified nearer the time. She, with Graham and Chris, send their love.

Friends of St Mary's Quiz Night -
Saturday 24th February, starting at 7.30 pm
St Mary's Parish Room. Maximum team size is 6, come with a team or join others on the night.
Prize for the winning team!
Tickets: £5 per person (members);
£7.50 per person (non-members)
available from Ian Kershaw, tel. 355500

SAVE THE DATE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Saturday 17th March 10am - 12 noon
This is the occasion when we spruce up the church for Easter by cleaning all the high sills and everywhere else normally out of reach. Please come along and join in with what is usually a very jolly but productive time. You don't have to be tall, there are lower level tasks as well. Materials provided. *The Churchwardens*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year Christians of all denominations are invited to gather for a shared hour of prayer at St Mary's on Sat 3rd March, from 7pm until 8pm.

PARISH QUIET DAY SATURDAY

MARCH 10th: Details are now available in the foyer and there is a list to sign up on. We aim to arrive for Conventual Mass at 9.00 am. We will leave by car from St. Mary's at 8.15 sharp. Please arrive at 8.00 am and join our sending prayer. Please indicate on the list if you will drive and if so how many passengers

you could take. If there are requests for a later start I suggest a group could meet an hour later (9.15) and arrive in time for coffee 9.45 - 10.00. Please sign up accordingly. Details of cost, likely to be around £10 per head and details of lunch which maybe provided but may be a bring your own meal will come soon. *Penny Potter*

Women's World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday 2nd March at 10.30 am at The Methodist Church. An interdenominational service open to all, men, women and children with this year's title being 'All God's Creation is Very Good!'. This year's country focus is Suriname. Refreshments will follow.

Flower Arrangers Coffee Morning: St Mary's Flower Arrangers will be holding their annual Coffee Morning this **Saturday 24th February** in the Parish Room from 10am to 12 noon to which all are invited. There will be a Bring and Buy stall, a Raffle and the 2018/9 rotas will be available. **ALL WELCOME.**

For information: Funeral in church for Len Clark, Thurs. 22nd Feb, 10 am

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: Murdoch Skelton; Len Clark; Carole Mangan; Beryl Gazzard; 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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