

## 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.

**25th February 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

### Hymns

54, 626, 629, 752, 503, 572

## THIS WEEK

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

**Lent Course** Our shared ecumenical Lent Course, continues at The Methodist Chapel at 7pm this Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. All welcome.

**The Tea & Talk Café** (formerly known as *The Memory Café*) will be open tomorrow, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 2.15 - 3.45 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

**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*

**Lynsey's Little Stars Parent, Baby & Toddler Group** Please do spread the word about a new Parent, Baby & Toddler Group starting in the Parish Room this Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 10-11.30 am. Leaflets are available on the table by the North Door giving further details.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Mothering Sunday** We look forward to welcoming the uniformed organisations of the Parish to our Mothering Sunday service on 11<sup>th</sup> March. **This service will be at 10.00 am.**

## BITS & PIECES

**Rev'd Rachel Hartland** Rachel's formal licensing for the post of Associate Priest in the Benefice of Eversley & Darby Green will be at St Mary's, Eversley on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. 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. St Mary's at Eversley would like an idea of numbers planning on coming to the service - a list will be up in the lobby from next Sunday and car shares can be arranged.

### 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*

**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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March, from 7pm until 8pm.

**PARISH QUIET DAY SATURDAY MARCH 10th:** Details can be found on the notice board in the foyer where there is a list for you to sign up on. Please note that, due to a shortage of people currently in the Community, I have agreed we will take OUR OWN PACKED LUNCHEs. Otherwise the arrangements are as before: Please meet at St Mary's at your chosen time (8.00 for 8.15 or 9.15) and make sure you are either driving yourself or have booked a place with someone

else! For any queries please ask Penny Potter (01256 333249)

**Lost Property** There are many unclaimed items in this box in the choir vestry. It is overflowing and all items unclaimed by March 24/25<sup>th</sup> ( Palm Sunday weekend) will be taken to the charity shop. Please see Penny Potter after Church if you can't locate the box and want to look in it!

*For information: Funeral in church for Murdoch Skelton, Tues. 27th Feb, 2.30 pm*

### From Rev'd Sarah

Turn and follow in my identity, says Jesus, in your very being, in your natural daily living in discipleship. When we take up our cross in discipleship and simply follow, giving and receiving with others, raising others up as we offer love through the power of the cross and resurrection hope, then we join in the mission of Jesus bringing fullness of life and joy.

### 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; Carole Mangan; Beryl Gazzard; Phyllis Sprake; 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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