

## 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 March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

### Hymns

642, 149, 45, 60, 297, 252

### TODAY

**Retiring collection for our March charity:** This month we are collecting for **St Michael's Hospice**.

### THIS WEEK

**Monday Discussion Group:** As is our custom we are meeting weekly during Lent on the following Mondays at 1.45 pm – 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Bolton Chapel. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

**Lent Course** Our shared ecumenical Lent Course, continues at The Methodist Chapel at 7pm this Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. 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*

**Women's World Day of Prayer - Rescheduled Date!** Due to the wintry weather this past week, the Women's World Day of Prayer service has been rescheduled to this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm at the Methodist Chapel.

### LOOKING FORWARD

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

### BITS & PIECES

#### Des Atkin

We were sad to hear of the death this week of our friend Des Atkin. Des, together with his late wife Joyce, were loyal members of the church choir for 20

years, as well as being members of the Basing Singers. Des will be fondly remembered by all who knew him for his cheerfulness, his wicked wit and his willingness to help anyone. Details of Des' funeral will be available shortly.

**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. St Mary's at Eversley would like an idea of numbers planning on coming to the service - **a sign up list is now up in the lobby** and car shares can be arranged.

**Messiah in St Mary's** Basing Singers and Ooh Mama will be performing the Messiah in St Mary's on Palm Sunday, 25 March. The concert starts at 7pm and tickets are £7 for adults, under 16 free - available on the door or from Mike on 01256 471493.

### 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*

**Lynsey's Little Stars Parent, Baby & Toddler Group** Please do spread the word about a new weekly Parent, Baby & Toddler Group in the Parish Room on Wednesday mornings, 10-11.30 am. Leaflets are available on the table by the North Door giving further details

### 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!

**Rota Availability** I am currently compiling the rotas for April, May and June and would appreciate it please if you could let me know your availability. Thank you. *Debbie Filer*

### From Fr Alec

It is easy to suppose that anger has no place in the Christian life, but Jesus' anger at the money-changers in the temple provides us with an example of how a righteous, prophetic, anger can be used in the service of God.

### Please pray for

- ◆ Christ to give us the courage of our convictions and enable us to speak truth to power.
- ◆ Courage to confront cruelty, injustice and self-interest wherever it is found.
- ◆ 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: Des Atkin; 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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