

## 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 March 2018**  
**Palm Sunday**

### Hymns

438, 463, 412, 411, 333, 644

## TODAY

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

**Messiah in St Mary's** Basing Singers & Ooh Mama will be performing the Messiah in St Mary's this evening at 7pm. Tickets are £7 for adults, under 16 free - available on the door.

**Easter Day** Please note that the **Easter Day** services will be 8am as usual and then the later time of **10am**. **All are invited to bring flowers to either service to Flower The Cross on the way into church.**

## THIS WEEK

**The Tea & Talk Cafe** will be open tomorrow, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 2.15 - 3.45 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

### Holy Week Services:

*Monday 26 March*

**Tenebrae Service** at 7:30

A candle-lit quiet space amid shadows and light. Come for Soup & Bread at 6:30

*Tuesday 27 March*

A quiet reflective service on the theme of **Prayer & Forgiveness** 7:30 pm

*Wednesday 28 March*

**The Stations of the Cross** An opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Jesus up to the cross in word and image, 7:30 pm

**Easter Services** Please do pick up a leaflet from the table by the North Door giving details of Easter services.

## BITS & PIECES

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**(APCM)** This will be held on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.15 am and will be followed by a **Parish Lunch**. Notices are in the foyer.

**Me on the PCC?** There are openings for election to the PCC at the APCM on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It is important for a healthy parish to have fresh and vigorous discussion around the decisions we take, and I would encourage anyone with a little time to offer to consider putting themselves forward (*you will need a Proposer and a Seconder*). Please do take a look at the booklet pinned up in the lobby ("Me? On the PCC..?") or chat to Fr Alec or any

current PCC members if you'd like further information. A copy of the booklet is available from Debbie Filer.

### PASSION READING

Please join in the words marked in bold

Pilate spoke to them again,

Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

They shouted back,

**Crucify him!**

Pilate asked them,

Why, what evil has he done?

But they shouted all the more,

**Crucify him!**

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

### Deanery Synod Representative Vacancy

Please do chat to Fr Alec or any of our current representatives (Penny Potter, Steve Sakakini & Jo Jarrett-Kerr) if you would like to find out more as to what's involved in representing St Mary's at Deanery Synod as there is a vacancy from the APCM. Synod Reps also sit on the PCC.

**Easter Flowers** A box is now placed on the offertory table to receive donations towards the Easter Flowers in church. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one.

**Rev'd Rachel's Licensing** If you are planning on going to Rachel's licensing at St Mary's Eversley (Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm.) please sign up on the list in the lobby today.

**THANK YOU** to all those who turned out last Saturday morning to give the church a wash and brush-up ready for Easter. They scaled ladders and balanced on wobbly steps to clean off high sills and cupboards as well as cleaning brass and polishing. Thank you - it is good to have Friends in High Places! *Tricia Renwick - Churchwarden*

**The Children's Society** Thank you to everyone who has a collecting box at home. We have counted the contents and through your generosity and diligence in donating your loose change in the past year, we have sent £682.07 to the charity. Overall, from the coffee morning in October, the sale of Christmas cards, the Christingle collection and your various donations, the total raised in 2017 was £2342.49. Please see the notice board for the thank you from The Children's Society. Your kindness and generosity benefits many children and is greatly appreciated. If

you don't have a box and would like to support in this way, please ask Jacky Fox or me. Rosemary Kershaw (01256 355500)

### St Mary's Support for Charity Giving:

Charity suggestions for the coming year are invited - please add any suggestions to the list in the lobby by 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**Churchyard Mowing** It's that time of year again to start mowing the churchyard! From April to October a group of volunteers works in teams of 2 and are allocated a 2-week slot to mow the front and back of the churchyard. Are you able provide 2 to 3 hours of effort about 3 to 4 times over the spring & summer months? If so, you'd be very welcome, and all the equipment and petrol is provided. Please speak to or contact Steve Sakakini (07812 145 987)

**St Mary's Church Electoral Roll** - Please see the separate notice in the lobby which gives details of who is eligible to join the roll. **Sidespersons** for 2018/19 If you would like to join our team of Sidespersons please add your name to the list in the lobby.

*For information: School end of term visits, Weds 28th March, 9.15, 10.45 & 11.30 am*

*Funeral in church for Des Atkin, Thurs. 29th March 12.30 pm*

### From Fr Alec

Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem takes place under the shadow of the cross. He is moving inexorably towards his end, like a moth to a flame. Here is a suffering saviour. A king who rules enthroned on a cross.

### Please pray for

- ◆ Courage to carry our cross with Christ.
- ◆ All those facing suffering or injustice.
- ◆ Those who govern, facing life and death choices.
- ◆ 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; Lindsay; and all in sorrow or pain.
- ◆ All those who have died recently: Des Atkin; Dudley Clark; 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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