

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.

8th April 2018
Second Sunday of Easter

Hymns

573, 53, 47, 84, 666, 137

TODAY

Retiring collection for our April charity: This month we are collecting for **Pancreatic Cancer UK**.

THIS WEEK

Monday Discussion Group: Our monthly discussion group will restart this Monday 9th April at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. During the coming months we will read and study the Acts of the Apostles commencing with Chapters 1 and 2. Everyone is welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

BITS & PIECES

Thank You to everyone involved in the preparation for the Holy Week and Easter services and for their work throughout the year. Your hard work is most appreciated.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) This will be held on Sunday April 22nd at 11.15 am and will be followed by a **Parish Lunch** (*please sign up on the list in the foyer if you are able to stay for the lunch*). If you are yet to receive your APCM agenda please get in touch with Debbie Filer. **The Annual Report and Financial Statements** have now been issued to all on the Electoral Roll - please contact Debbie Filer if you haven't received your copy.

Me on the PCC? There are openings for election to the PCC at the APCM on 22nd 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.

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.

Basingfield Court Songs of Praise:

The next date for our open church-residents 'Songs of Praise' hymn singing together at Basingfield is May 9th 2.30pm. Please do come and join singing and chatting together, and stay for a cup of tea to get to know some of the new faces at Basingfield and to catch up with other friends. *Rev Sarah*

Uganda Day: As part of the Old Basing schools, church and other groups' special 'Uganda Day', St Mary's Jnrs and Old Basing Infants schools will be focussing children's learning on Uganda and our global partnership with Katakala. As part of this the parish and school group who visited Katakala in February will be doing presentations together. Please come and hear more about the visit - see videos & photos as well as children's artwork; drums and other instruments brought back from Uganda; and hear how your donations will be spent. The 'Uganda Day' will be Thursday 19th April and the presentations will be at 9am and 2.30pm in Old Basing Infant school hall and 7.30 pm in St Mary's parish room when we will also be giving a taste of Uganda along with the presentation. All welcome to come at any of these times. Just turn up or contact Rosey 01256 320386, roseymarshr2@gmail.com for more info.

Christian Aid Week: 13-19th May. If you would be willing to be a CA collector for a particular street this year, please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

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 **TODAY**.

St Mary's Church Electoral Roll – closing date for joining the Roll is today!

Please see the separate notice in the lobby giving details of who is eligible to join the roll and what this entails.

The Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC) will be holding its AGM on **Monday 23 April at 8pm** in the Parish Room, when we will give a brief update on the work carried out during the past year. Margaret & Tim Carr will then give a talk on their visit to Newfoundland entitled '**A Newfoundland Summer - Orchids, Whales & Icebergs**'. **ALL WELCOME** - light refreshments available.

From Steve Sakakini

A key element of our Christian faith is having eyewitnesses to the resurrection. The disciple Thomas did not believe the resurrection until he saw the risen Jesus for himself, touched Jesus' side, and as a result, proclaimed "My Lord and my God!" The resurrection of Jesus changed the way the disciples lived – they shared their possessions, took care of each other, and it is in living life together, today, that we witness to resurrection light

Please pray for

- ◆ Hope and healing for those struggling with illness
- ◆ Resurrection hope for all people experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering.
- ◆ A blessing on all those who receive those who receive New Life by the grace of baptism.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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: Dudley Clark; Cyril Mullett; 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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