

## 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.

**29th April 2018**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### Hymns

9, 689, 674, 82, 408, 97

## TODAY

**Retiring collection for our April charity:** This month we are collecting for **Pancreatic Cancer UK**. Gift Aid forms are available on the table in the North Aisle.

## THIS WEEK

**Men's Breakfast** This Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Ascension Day Service** There will be a Eucharist at 8.00 am on Ascension Day, Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> May, followed by breakfast.

**Thy Kingdom Come 24hrs of Prayer 9am Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> - 9am Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May:** The Bolton chapel will again be open for continuous silent prayer through the day and night as we join in the global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, praying 'come Holy Spirit' and 'Thy Kingdom Come'. If you can definitely be present at a certain hour, please sign up on noticeboard if there's a gap so that we can be sure at least one person is present in the Bolton chapel through every hour (of course do just turn up at any hour for prayer, alongside others).

**Farewell to Rev Sarah: All Age Service 10am Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** all welcome to this final Sunday service with Sarah and all ages, before she moves on to pastures new. Please stay for refreshments afterwards. If you'd like to donate to a leaving gift for Sarah please place this in an envelope in the wall safe clearly marked "Sarah's Gift".

**Pitch your Tent for Christian Aid - Family & Friends Camp Out, Fri 18<sup>th</sup>-Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May.** All are welcome to join our family camp for one night only in support of Christian Aid Week. Come and pitch up from 6pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> for an evening of singing, roasting marshmallows

& enjoying the great outdoors together. If the outdoors is not for you, come along & join our Men's Breakfast Team who will be hosting a **Big Brekkie** once again in the Parish Room at 8.30 am on Sat 19<sup>th</sup>. To book a pitch please contact 07884 353030. *(There is a limit of 20 pitches, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis, recommended donation of £10 per pitch).*

**Christian Aid Collector Bags** are now available on the pew near the North Aisle. Collectors are sought for several roads in the parish so please do take a look at the list in the lobby and let Fr Alec or Debbie know if you're able to help. Alternatively put your name next to the road you'd be willing to cover.

**Diary dates: Farewell to Gill and Steve Sakakini:** as Gill and Steve prepare to move to Tadley and St Mary's Church Tadley, here are dates for your diaries for now: final service with Gill and Steve Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Gill's ordination in Winchester Cathedral Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10am, Steve's licensing as LLM in Winchester Cathedral 13<sup>th</sup> Oct., 11am.

## BITS & PIECES

### MUSIC IN BLOOM, 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Remember to keep this weekend free for our Summer Festival with Flowers, Music, Art and Open Gardens.

We kick off on the evening of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July with a preview of the Art Exhibition at 7.30pm to 9pm. Throughout the weekend you can see the flower displays and the art exhibition, visit gardens or enjoy the refreshments available. On Saturday evening at 7.30 there is a concert in church by Cantemus. If you haven't heard this group before you have missed something very special. Finally, there will be a Festal Evensong on Sunday at 6pm to round things off in style.

We need sponsors for the flower displays and please do sponsor a display. The list is in the church lobby. *Ian Kershaw*

### ART EXHIBITION - CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have, or know anyone who has, a large enough vehicle to transport the large boards used for hanging the paintings?

The Boards are 4ft x 6ft and a couple are 4ft x 8ft and come in transporting bags which add slightly to their size. We will need to

transport the boards from Monk Sherborne between Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July as they need to be put up on the Tuesday. Evening time will be fine. Please contact me if you are able to help on 01256 326155 or at [trisha.renwick@gmail.com](mailto:trisha.renwick@gmail.com). Thank you. *Tricia Renwick - Churchwarden*

### The New General Data Protection

**Regulation** If you haven't already done so, please complete a **Consent Form** (copies available on the table by the North Aisle) and hand it in to a churchwarden or pop in the blue box. After 25<sup>th</sup> May we shall NOT be able to contact you if a consent form has not been received.

**St. Mary's Regular Giving Envelopes:** If you usually have Weekly Giving Envelopes, please pick up your new box which is now available on the table as you come into church

### From Fr Alec

If Jesus is the true vine, and we are the branches, this suggests a kind of relationship far beyond what most people suppose when they talk about religious belief. We don't just belong to Jesus as we would to a friend or even a relative. We depend on him as our arms and our legs depend on our body. What is more we rely on each other, because we are connected. We stand or fall together.

### Please pray for

- ◆ The Church – the body of Christ.
- ◆ 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 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; 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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