

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.

1st July 2018
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Hymns

467, 428, 88, 60, 66, 646

TODAY.

Welcome to Rev'd Michael Kenning who is taking our services today.

Retiring collection for our July charity: This month we are collecting for **Barnardos**. Gift Aid envelopes are available on the table by the bowl.

The Friends of Old Basing Schools Summer Fair takes place this afternoon 12-3pm at the Junior School. All welcome.

THIS WEEK

MUSIC IN BLOOM, 7TH & 8TH JULY

The Summer Festival starts with a preview of the Art Exhibition between 7.30 pm & 9 pm. (*You can choose to submit an exhibit up to Weds 4th July - forms are available on the table by the door*).

Everyone is welcome to attend and a drink and some nibbles will be available.

Throughout the weekend you can see the flower displays, art exhibition, visit gardens and enjoy the refreshments available throughout the weekend. You can buy burgers or hot dogs on Saturday lunchtime and cream teas on both afternoons.

You will have the chance to buy books, plants, cards, glass from the Glass Maidens and, of course, cakes.

At 7.30 pm on the Saturday there is a concert by the Cantemus Choir. Please do come along. You can buy tickets at the door or I can provide them. The cost is £10 per ticket but for that you will hear something very special and get a drink to celebrate.

Stewards If you would be willing to spare an hour to steward over the weekend that would be most appreciated. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

Finally, if you have sponsored a flower display and have not paid please do so now. You can give me the money or put it in the blue box. It would also help if you could mark the sheet in the lobby when you have paid. *Ian Kershaw*

Choral Evensong

The Flower Festival will conclude with Choral Evensong on Sunday 8th July, 6pm

LOOKING FORWARD

BBQ and LUNCH Sunday 22nd July

Following Fr Alec's last service at St Mary's (10am) everyone is invited to a BBQ and 'bring and share' lunch. Please come along with salads, non-BBQ nibbles and puddings to share. The BBQ is kindly being provided by the Men's Breakfast team. Contact Rosey on 320386 for more information if needed. If you'd like to donate to a **leaving gift** for Fr Alec please pop your donation in an envelope in the wall safe marked "Fr Alec's leaving gift".

BITS & PIECES

HELP WANTED. Following on from the recent Stewardship Sunday, we are looking for volunteers to help with Messy Church and also with Junior Church. There are a number of roles available, so if you enjoy working with children, like organising, or arranging, or just want to help out, please see the notice board in the Parish Room where there is more detail and the chance to sign up. For more information please speak to Andree McLean (Messy Church) or Paul Skinner (Junior Church).

Thank You to everyone who came along in support of Messy Church last weekend and to all those who helped beforehand or on the day. *Andree McLean*

Pilots Games Afternoon - calling children of St Mary's! Fr Alec, Paul and Caroline are organising a Pilots games afternoon on Sunday 15th July from 3 - 5.30 pm in St Mary's Parish Room. Children of all ages welcome. Please feel free to invite friends! You're welcome to make and bring a cake along. Please let Fr

Alec, Paul or Caroline know if you're planning on joining in the fun.

News from St Francis' Hospital Katete A reunion is planned at St Andrew's Church, Short Street, London next Sat. 7th July, 1-5pm for anyone who would like to go along. The afternoon will start with a bring and share lunch at 1pm, followed at 2pm by a presentation by Dr Lalick Banda, Medical Superintendent & Paediatrician. There will then be short presentations by the Treasurer & Secretary. If you'd like to go along please get in touch with Diana Thomas on tel. 353969.

Trout Lunch All are welcome to John & Diana Thomas' home for a Trout Lunch in aid of St Francis' Hospital on Sunday 12th August. Please tel. Diana (353969) for more details.

From Fr Alec

Our gospel today gives two instances of the triumph of hope over despair. Jesus invites us to approach him in faith even when all seems lost. This is more easily said than done, but ours is the faith of the resurrection which discovers life even in the midst of death.

Please pray for....

- Faith and trust even in the darkest times.
- Hope for all experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering;
- Regions of conflict and disaster: Syria; Afghanistan; Myanmar; South Sudan; Iraq; Congo; Yemen;
- Lee Edney & Edward Chesney being baptised today;
- Our friends at St Apollo's and Katakala Primary School in Uganda and the joy of our growing friendships;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Matthew Haystaff, Jonathan Battey, Lisa Allen; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn; Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; and all in sorrow and pain.
- All those who have died recently; Colin Pratt; Philip Shearman; Edna Nicholson; 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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