

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. **Gluten free Communion Wafers** are available on request in advance. You are warmly invited to coffee afterwards

2nd December 2018
The First Sunday of Advent

Hymns

128, 406, 263, 303, 66, 655

TODAY

Welcome to the Venerable Richard Brand, Archdeacon of Winchester, who is leading us in worship today.

Retiring Collection for our December charity: This month we are collecting for The Children's Society.

LOOKING FORWARD

Next Sunday we look forward to welcoming Revd. Canon Ken Batt who will lead us in worship.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL **8- 9TH DECEMBER** **A FAMILY CHRISTMAS**

WE NEED HELPERS PLEASE FOR BOTH STEWARDING AND FOR MANNING STALLS Sign-up sheets are in the lobby or please speak to Jeanette.

PICK UP A POSTER! Please take a poster, on the table by the door, and display wherever you can. (Remember to take them down again)

TREES: The deadline for entering a tree is **Monday 3rd December**.

Forms on the table or by email to jdedwards38@hotmail.co.uk

RAFFLE & CHRISTMAS GIFTS

STALLS: Do you have any unwanted gifts or can you donate a raffle prize. Please place items, clearly marked, in the Choir Vestry;

CAKES, SWEETS &

PRESERVES: Can you channel your inner Mary Berry and get baking? We need cakes, sweets & preserves for the Christmas stall and cake and mince pies for the Refreshments please;

The Festival weekend will conclude with the **Christingle Service** at 4pm on Sunday 9th December.



Naomi House Light Up a Life

Service St Mary's looks forward once again to hosting this service on Thurs 13th December at 7pm.

St Mary's Carol Service takes place on Sunday 16th December at 4pm. Details of all other Christmas services

EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 5PM

A precious opportunity for the whole church community to come together to support and pray for the following day's interview process.

BITS & PIECES

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on 10th December at 1.45pm in the Bolton Chapel. Continuing with our study of the Acts of the Apostles this month Chapters 18 to 21 v 16. Everyone welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

St Mary's Christmas Cards are now available at a price of **4 for £1**. Please leave the money in the wall safe.

A PRAYER DURING THE VACANCY

Heavenly Father,
As we seek to discern the qualities we hope to find in our new Vicar, we pray that you will direct us with your Wisdom. Give us grace to listen to your Holy Word and open our hearts and minds to receive your wishes for us here in Old Basing and Lychpit.
In Jesus' name AMEN

Big Turkey Community Christmas Lunch Come and celebrate Christmas together on **Saturday, 29th December**, at Old Basing Village Hall with our complimentary Big Turkey Community feast! Drinks will be served from 12 noon with lunch starting at 1 pm.

Only a few places are left, please contact Rachel Jones asap via email: rachelj.broadwater@googlemail.com or call her on 07717 002651 if you would like to join us. All ages welcome, with transport provided if needed. We are also grateful for any volunteers who

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.

would like to help, if you can spare some time on the day or before then please contact Rachel to join our friendly team, and of course enjoy lunch as well! We look forward to seeing you all on the 29th. *Rosey Stevens*

Tesco Toy Appeal St Mary's is collecting on behalf of the Tesco Toy Appeal. If you are able to kindly donate a NEW toy to this great cause, there is a box for donations in the lobby. Last year Tesco handed over 675 gifts to Children's Services, all of which were distributed locally.

Funerals in church:

The service for Christopher Abbott will be on Thursday 6th December at 11 am.

Please pray for....

- Christ's light and love to break into our lives and the lives of others;
- Courage to live lives of integrity and faith.
- Hope for all experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering;
- Those using and volunteering at the Basingstoke Winter Night Shelter;
- The work of The Children's Society;
- Regions of conflict and disaster: Syria; Afghanistan; Myanmar; South Sudan; Iraq; Congo; Yemen; Indonesia;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jenny Surrridge; and all in sorrow and pain.
- All those who have died recently: Christopher Abbott; 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

PARISH CONTACTS:

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Home Communion Enquiries – please contact the Parish Administrator

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