

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



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.

3rd February 2019 Candlemas

Hymns

572, 314, 157, 701, 533, 382

TODAY

Welcome to Revd. Malcolm Surman who is leading us in worship today.

This month we shall be supporting Katakala, our global partner in Uganda with a retiring collection.

BITS & PIECES

Rev Sarah would love you to come along to her service of Institution as the Vicar of Shalford and Peasmarsh at St Mary's Church, Shalford (GU4 8BP), on Tuesday 19th March with refreshments from 6.30pm followed by service with Bishop Jo at 8pm. Please let Sarah know by 1st March if you would like to come so that she can give Shalford approx numbers (sloydcloud@icloud.com 816122). If you'd like a lift please let Debbie or Sarah know or sign up on 'lift sheet' in lobby. (*We shall let Sarah know of numbers if you have already signed up in the lobby*).

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on 11th February at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. Concluding our study of the Acts of the Apostles Chapters 27 and 28. All are welcome. *Ann Price* (320388)

**SAVE THE DATE
FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES**
Saturday 23rd March from 9am

This is the occasion when we spruce up the church for Easter by cleaning all the high sills and everywhere else normally out of reach. Please come along and join in with what is usually a very jolly but productive time. You don't have to be tall, there are lower level tasks as well. Materials provided. *The Churchwardens*

The Flower Arrangers Coffee Morning takes place in the Parish Room on Saturday 23rd February, 10 am - 12 noon. All welcome! As well as refreshments there will be a bring & buy & a raffle.

A Children's Games Afternoon is planned for the afternoon of Sunday 10th February, 2pm - 4.30 pm in the Parish Room. There will be the usual selection of games and maybe some new ones, followed by party-type food (maybe even jelly!). If your child would like to join in please let either Paul, Caroline or Debbie Filer know. Feel free to bring any games or food and a friend!

INSTITUTION SERVICE

The Institution of
The Reverend Heather Leppard
as Vicar of St Mary's will take
place on
**Wednesday 26th June
at 7.30 pm.**

The Children's Society boxes
Thank you to everyone who has a fundraising box at home. The time has come to collect them in so that your donations may be sent off to the charity and we will be contacting you. However, if you are able to bring your box to either of the morning Church services on Sunday 3rd or Sunday 10th

February, Jackie Fox or I will be there to collect them. Please call 01256 355500 if you have any queries. *Rosemary Kershaw, Parish Representative.*

School Acts of Worship - All are welcome to come along to the School Acts of Worship in the church. It is most rewarding to see the way the children are expressing their Christian faith and understanding of Christian Values. The next school visit is on Tuesday 12th February at 2.30 pm, with further dates posted in the lobby.

Please pray for....

- Christ's light and love to fill our lives;
- People experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness and homelessness;
- All those in parliament, praying for a spirit of tolerance and co-operation;
- Safety and hope for those sleeping rough in the streets across Britain and for restored lives long-term through Basingstoke Winter Night Shelter support.
- Those using and volunteering at the Basingstoke Winter Night Shelter;
- Our friends at St Apollo's and Katakala Primary School in Uganda;
- Regions of conflict and disaster;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jenny Surrridge; Jean Schluter; and all in sorrow and pain.
- All those who have died recently: Kathleen Green; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them;

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www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk*

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

Parish Administrator & Parish Room Bookings - Mrs Debbie Filer 07541 698235 admin@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

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