

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.

10th February 2019
Fourth Sunday Before Lent

Hymns

332, 374, 82, 323, 35, 503

TODAY

Welcome to Revd. Canon Ken Batt who is leading us in worship today.

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

Holy Baptisms At 2.30 pm today Isabella and Olivia Da Silva are to be baptised. All welcome at this service.

THIS WEEK

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)*

School Act of Worship, Tuesday 12th February at 2.30 pm. **All are welcome** to come along to all 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.

LOOKING FORWARD

Ash Wednesday There will be two services on Ash Wednesday (6th March), 10 am and 7.30 pm. Both services will include the imposition of ash. **Palm Crosses.** Please return your last year's palm crosses to the basket in the church as they will be burned to provide ash for the Ash Wednesdays services. Thank you

The Ecumenical Lent Course (The Mystery of God) begins on Tuesday 12th Marc at the Methodist Chapel starting at 7.30 pm. (refreshments from 7pm). A leaflet giving further details is available on the table by the North Door.

BITS & PIECES

Morning Prayer - Change of Time

Please note that starting from tomorrow, 11th February, Morning Prayer will be said at the later time of 8.30 am.

The World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday 1st March at 2pm at St Mary's, with the focus on Slovenia. All welcome. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Village Cafe.

The Basingstoke Foodbank is having to move to new premises and consequently is unable to accept donations currently. They unfortunately won't be in a position to accept donations again until April. They are in need of a tail-lift van for when they move out on 16th March. If you know anyone who may be able to help please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

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.**

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, 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, slloydcloud@icloud.com, tel. 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).*

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.

The Children's Society boxes

Thank you to everyone who has a fundraising box at home. We are now collecting the boxes in to forward on to the charity so please do bring them to church if you haven't already done so. Please call 01256 355500 if you have any queries. *Rosemary Kershaw, Parish Representative.*

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;
- Isabella & Olivia Da Silva; being baptised today;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jenny Surridge; 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;

Please note that this news sheet, as well as archived editions, is available on St Mary's website:

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

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