

## 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.

**17th February 2019**  
**Third Sunday Before Lent**

## Hymns

131, 114, 60, 77, 222, 188

## 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.

**Nicky Parker RIP** We were sad to learn of the death this week of Nicky, a regular worshipper at St Mary's for many years and a member of the St Mary's flower arranging team. There will be a service for Nicky at St Mary's on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30 pm.

## THIS WEEK

**Ploughmen's Lunches** All welcome this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 12.30 pm in the Parish Room.

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

## LOOKING FORWARD

**Ash Wednesday** There will be two services on Ash Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> March 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

**News sheet from Revd. Heather Leppard** As you know Revd. Heather is to be instituted as Vicar of St Mary's on Weds. 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm. On the noticeboard in the lobby is a news sheet that Heather has produced following her appointment.

**Morning Prayer - Change of Time** Please note that Morning Prayer is now said at 8.30 am on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and on Thursdays at 9am.

**The World Day of Prayer** takes place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> March. If you know anyone who may be able to help please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> March, refreshments from 6.30pm followed by service with Bishop Jo at 8pm. Please let Sarah know by 1<sup>st</sup> March if you would like to come, [sloydcloud@icloud.com](mailto:sloydcloud@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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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*

**Mindful Music** meet every Friday during term time in the Parish Room from 10.30 am - 12 noon, **with the exception of the second Friday in the month.** Sessions aim to enhance the well-being of anyone who feels in need of some company, including people affected by dementia, a stroke or Parkinson's Disease. Participants must be accompanied by a carer where necessary. Anyone interested in joining a session should contact Sue Shapland (tel. Bas. 350523) to ensure a warm welcome. We ask a £3 donation from attendees, **but not from accompanying carers, whether professional or family. We firmly believe that to have a voice you need a voice.**

## 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 Surridge; Jean Schluter; and all in sorrow and pain.
- All those who have died recently: Nicky Parker; 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](http://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

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**Parish Administrator & Parish Room Bookings** - Mrs Debbie Filer 07541 698235 [admin@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk)

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