

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.

18th August 2019
Ninth Sunday After Trinity

Hymns

572, 636, 47, 541, 361, 303

TODAY

Retiring Collection During August our Retiring Collection will be for St Francis' Hospital, Katete.

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday 1st September, Blessing of school bags

It is great to be reminded that God is always with us, not just here in church, but wherever we go. September brings new beginnings for many families, with children starting nursery, school or moving up a class, and so at the start of the new school year we will be praying for God's blessing on the places we go and the people we meet. Towards the end of the 9:30 am service on Sunday 1st September we'll have a blessing of the school bags. And of course, adults are very welcome to bring a bag or briefcase to be blessed too.

OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL

On September 8th we shall be celebrating the **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

Harvest Festival Service St Mary's will celebrate Harvest on Sunday 6th October. The service will be at the later time of 10 am. and will be followed by a shared lunch. Further details to follow.

The Rt. Revd. David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke will be leading us in worship at 9.30 am. on Sunday 20th October. Revd. Heather and Dominic's daughter, Grace, will be baptised during the service.

BITS & PIECES

Music in the Garden Saturday 7th September 2pm to 5pm.

The Friends of St. Mary's invite you to Music in the Garden, a family afternoon of music in a beautiful local garden by the river. Music, tea and a homemade cake will be provided and feel free to bring your own refreshments. Please bring your own folding chair or a rug.

Tickets are £10 – members of the Friends £9 – and accompanied children enter free. If you want a ticket I will have them for sale after Church on Sunday or contact me at any time.
Ian Kershaw

Junior Church Please note that Junior Church will be taking a break over the summer and will resume on 1st September.

Sunday August 25th Everyone is warmly invited to come to the parish room after the 9.30 am service to join Penny Potter in a glass of fizz and a bit of cake to celebrate her birthday.

Would you like to see some picturesque Hampshire countryside and visit historic churches? Then why not take part in this year's **Ride and Stride on 14th September?** This is a chance to ride (bicycle or horse) or walk (with or without a dog) along a short or long route to your choice of churches and raise sponsorship, which is split between St. Mary's and the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust. Please speak to **Paul Skinner** if you are interested or see the website: www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride.php. If anyone is able to greet visitors to St Mary's on this day this would also be appreciated - a friendly chat and a flapjack is always welcome to keep up the spirits!

Pilots 16-25 BBQ Friday 30th August from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Dominic and I would love to invite you all to a BBQ at the vicarage on Friday 30th August. We'll sort out the food and drinks for the BBQ, but you're welcome to bring desserts or sides. Any dietary requirements just let us know. Caroline and Paul, the Pilots leaders, will also be joining us. RSVP to Revd Heather. If you are under 18 please ask for parental consent form.

New Rotas I shall shortly be compiling the new rotas for October, November and December (there will be a separate rota for Christmas services). I would appreciate it if you could let me know your availability please. Do let me know if you'd like to join the rota as a reader, server or to take up the offertory. *Debbie Filer*

Whole Church Photo There is an opportunity if you would like it to be included in a whole church photo which will be taken after the 9.30 am service on 15th September.

Basingstoke Foodbank -Prayer Hour All are invited to join us in a Prayer Hour for our Foodbank, this Thursday 22nd August, 7.30 - 8.30 pm at Tadley Common Methodist Church, Newchurch Road.

Foodbank Summer Donations For a full list of items in short supply please visit the Foodbank website: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk>. Thank you for your continued support.

Please pray for....

- All those feeling overwhelmed by the chaotic troubles of life.
- Hope for all experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering;
- Members of our parliament, praying for a spirit of tolerance and co-operation;
- The work of St Francis' Hospital, Katete
- Our global partners in Katakala;
- Alfie & Jemma Benham following their marriage at St Mary's yesterday;
- Regions of conflict and disaster;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Our families and friends in this community, especially those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jean Schluter; Anne Taylor; and all in sorrow & pain.
- All those who have died recently: 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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