

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.

9th February 2020
Third Sunday Before Lent

Hymns

57, 635, 67, 35, 60, 70

TODAY

Baptism At 11.30 am Darcie Owens is to be baptised. All welcome

Retiring Collection Our chosen charity for February is Toilet Twinning, part of Tearfund, who raise funds to enable people in the poorest nations to have clean water and a proper toilet and to learn about hygiene. It is hoped to collect sufficient funds to twin both St Mary's toilets but please do consider twinning your own toilet. For a £60 donation you can twin your loo with that of an impoverished family, in a country of your choosing. Please do pick up a leaflet.

THIS WEEK

Morning prayer will be said in the Bolton Chapel on Monday and the Parish Room on Thursday and Friday at 9.15 am.

The funeral of Jim Naylor will take place at Basingstoke Crematorium on Tuesday 11th February at 11 am.

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on 10th February at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. We will continue to read and study St John's Gospel, Chapters 4-6, (not St Mark's Gospel as stated last month). All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Holy Communion Wednesday at 10 am in the Bolton Chapel.

Holy Communion at Basingfield Court on Wednesday at 2pm.

School Act of Worship The Year 5 children from St Mary's Junior School will be visiting the church on Thursday.

The Village Café will be closing early this Friday (open 2 - 3.30 pm). All profits are now going towards the purchase of an External Automated Defibrillator to be sited at St Mary's.

LOOKING FORWARD

Ecumenical Lent Course 2020... All Welcome! To be held in the Old Basing Methodist Chapel on the following dates: **Wednesday** March 4th, then all **Tuesdays** March 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. 7.00 pm for refreshments before a 7.30 start We will be using the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland 2020 course entitled "Setting our Hearts on Fire"

SAVE THE DATE

Ash Wednesday Services

26th February,
10 am at St Mary's Junior School,
7.30 pm at St Mary's Church

Messy Church

Saturday 29th February, 3.45 pm

A Celebration of Summer

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June

The World Day of Prayer Service (formerly *Women's World Day of Prayer*) takes place this year on Friday 6th March, 1.30 pm at Old Basing Methodist Church. This is an interdenominational service open to all. This year's country focus is Zimbabwe, with the title being 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk' taken from John 5 verses 2-3, 5-9a.

BITS & PIECES.

Parish Vision Day - Thank you to all who attended the Vision Day yesterday. Feedback from the day will be shared with the whole church community over the coming months.

Palm Crosses. Please return last year's palm crosses to the basket in the church as they will be burned to provide ash for the services. Thank you.

The Flower Arrangers Coffee Morning takes place in the Parish Room on Sat. 22nd February, 10 am - 12 noon. All welcome! As well as refreshments there will be a bring & buy & a raffle.

Foundation Governor Vacancy St Mary's Junior School has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Governors work alongside the Headteacher and are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. If you'd like to know more please speak to Revd Heather.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S WINTER QUIZ

22nd February, 7pm, Parish Room
Teams of 6
(bring your own snacks/drinks)
£5 entry fee for members,
£7.50 for non-members)
Prize for the winning team!

Tickets available from:
Ian Kershaw (355500),
David Whiter (869934) or
Kat Manley (352403)

For information:

A Memorial Service for Peter Dark will take place at St Mary's on Monday 24th February at 12.30 pm.

The funeral service for Jim Lickley will take place at St Mary's on Thursday 5th March at 12 noon.

Please pray for....

- That our lives may be filled with God's love and hope;
- Those in our community experiencing poverty, hunger and need; the work of the Basingstoke Night Shelter;
- That we may be good stewards of God's creation;
- The work of Toilet Twinning;
- Two new Church Wardens to serve this community from April 2020 to April 2021;
- Darcie Owens, being baptised today;
- Our global partners in Katakala;
- Regions of conflict and disaster; particularly Syria, Yemen & Afghanistan;
- 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; Rachel Parks; Irene Allaway; David & Ruth Taylor; all in sorrow & pain
- All those who have died recently; particularly Gloria Taylor; Peter Dark; Jim Naylor; Jim Lickley; Patricia Armstrong; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time; particularly Nicky Parker; Beryl Gazzard.

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. Thank you. Registered Charity No 1136606

PARISH CONTACTS:

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