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15th March 2020
The Third Sunday of Lent

Hymns

573, 310, 584, 622, 68, 252

TODAY

Coronavirus update: In light of updates this week from the Church of England and the government, please wash your hands on entering the church. We continue to worship God at St Mary's today, and communion will be in one kind (consecrated bread only) and received standing from the step. The peace is now also suspended. If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home and worship there. There are prayer cards available in church that you can take so that you can worship with us from home.

Retiring Collection for our global partners in Katakala.

THIS WEEK

Morning prayer is said in the Bolton Chapel on Monday, Thursday and Friday at 9.15 am.

Lent Activities The Monday

Discussion Group meets once again tomorrow at 1.45 pm in the Bolton Chapel, with the **Living Word Group** meeting on Monday evening between 7 and 8 pm in the church.

The Ecumenical Lent Course continues on Tuesday evening at Old Basing Methodist Chapel at 7.30 pm. Please do pick up a leaflet for more details on all of the above.

The Funeral Service for Winifred Steele will take place at St Mary's on Thursday at 11 am.

The Funeral Service for Pru Ellwood will take place at St Mary's on Thursday at 2pm

The funeral service for Harry (David) Smith will be at Basingstoke Crematorium on Thursday at 2.45 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday Service We look forward to welcoming the local uniformed organisations next Sunday at the usual time of 9.30 am.

LOOKING FORWARD

Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Sunday 26th April at 11.15 am & will be followed by a shared lunch. At this meeting two new Church Wardens are to be elected as well as new PCC members & Deanery Synod reps. Please do give consideration to taking on these roles.

Christian Aid 2020 Plans are underway for a Christian Aid Camp Out and Barbecue in the churchyard on the evening of Friday 15th May, with breakfast on the Saturday morning.

BITS & PIECES.

Cancellation of Ploughman's Lunch & The Village Café Unfortunately this week's lunch is cancelled due to the risk of Coronavirus. The Village Café is also closed for the foreseeable future.

Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) Taster Evening - 17th March at Christ Church, Chineham. Please see the poster in the lobby. **The Bishop's Permission to Preach** Programme will be running again. There will be an Open Evening on 22nd April, 7-8.30pm at Wolvesey. If you are interested in taking part, please speak with Revd Heather

Charity Concert - Cancellation The concert planned by Vox Lucis on 4th April has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

Called by Name - A day for women of all ages to explore God's call to ministry in the company of Bishop Debbie Sellin, Revd Heather and others at St John's, Hartley Wintney, 9.30 - 3.30 (lunch provided). Please book in advance at: winchestervocations.eventbrite.co.uk.

Toilet Twinning - Thank you to all who supported our charity for February. We raised £360, enough to twin 6 toilets. We'll

be twinning both toilets here, and are looking to twin 4 more around the parish. **Church Electoral Roll** Are you on St. Mary's Electoral Roll? You are entitled to join the Electoral Roll if you are baptised and aged 16 or over and live in the parish or if you live outside the parish but have attended services regularly for at least 6 months. Please see the notice in the lobby for more information.

The Foodbank is once again able to accept donations and would particularly welcome UHT milk & juice

The Children's Society Thank you very much to everyone who kindly has a box at home. Your donations really help children who feel frightened, ignored and unloved. Your boxes have been counted and your generous giving from February 2019 to January 2020 means that an amazing total of £945.02 has been sent to the charity. Thank you! If anyone else would like a box at home for those little bits of change, please ask Jacky Fox or me.
Rosemary Kershaw, Parish Representative

Fundraiser for Cancer Research During March I'm walking 10,000 steps every day to raise money for Cancer Research in memory of my Grandad. If you would be willing to sponsor me I would be most grateful. Please see the information sheet in the lobby. Thank you! *Ellie McLean*

Please pray for....

- That we may know Christ's light guiding us;
- Those affected by flooding;
- That we may be good stewards of God's creation;
- Two new Church Wardens to serve this community from April 2020 to April 2021;
- Our global partners in Katakala;
- Regions of conflict and disaster; particularly Syria, Yemen & Afghanistan;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Those in our community who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jean Schluter; Rachel Parks; Irene Allaway; David & Ruth Taylor; Margaret Bodkin; all in sorrow & pain
- All those who have died recently; particularly; Pru Ellwood; Winifred Steele; Harry (David) Steele; Pamela Love; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Dudley Clark

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

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