

## 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. 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 a children's corner in Church for supervised pre-school children.

27<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

### Hymns for Today

467, 686, 297, 212, 619, 494

## TODAY

**Holy Baptisms** At 2.00 pm Olivia & Harry Holmes are to be baptised. All are welcome.

**HOME GROUPS** The first of two home groups starts this evening at 5.30 pm, kindly hosted by Steve & Gill Sakakini. This group will then next meet on Sundays 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Penny Potter is hosting a group on Thursday nights for six consecutive weeks from October 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7.30pm.

These will provide places of fellowship to explore more about our faith. Both groups will start with refreshments and will be studying The Beatitudes in this first period, using materials from the Pilgrim Course. Please let these generous hosts know if you would like to join them, or talk to the clergy for more information.

## THIS WEEK

**The Pilgrim Course** continues this Thursday at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room. If you haven't already tried the Pilgrim Course we would love to welcome you. We will be thinking about how we pray The Lord's Prayer and what it teaches us. If you'd like to know more please speak to the clergy.

**Men's Breakfast** This Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**HARVEST FESTIVAL.** St Mary's will celebrate Harvest next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October when we shall be joined by the uniformed organisations. **Please note that this service has a later start time of 10.00 am and will be followed by a "bring and share" lunch.** It would be really helpful for catering purposes if you could sign up on the sheet in the lobby if you're planning on coming along. There is a separate sheet for lunch contributions. During the service there will be a collection for the Basingstoke

Foodbank which is in need of financial assistance as well as grocery gifts.

### St Mary's Crib Festival, 2015

Save the date! Our Christmas Festival 2015 takes on a new look! We are inviting our surrounding community to visit an array of different Christmas nativity scenes which will be exhibited throughout the church on the **weekend of 11-13 December.** If you have previously decorated a tree or would like to get involved for the first time, please think about sharing your own "crib scene" or consider making your own! For ideas and inspiration, more information and a generally creative evening, please come to the **Crib Festival Workshop on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm in the Bolton Chapel.** See Gill or Rowena for more information.

## BITS AND PIECES



### What IS Messy Church?

We are very fortunate to have Lucy Moore, a founder of the Messy Church format, to come and speak to us. **ALL ARE WELCOME** in the Parish Room on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct from 2-4pm. Please talk to Fr Alec, Sarah or Rachel for more information.

**The Children's Society Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale** This will take place in the Parish Room on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 10 am -12 noon. As well as the Christmas Cards sale other stalls will include a raffle, knitted goods, bric-a-brac and a children's corner with fun and surprises. There will also of course be our delicious homemade cake stall! This is created by many of you who kindly make cakes to support this worthy cause so all contributions will be gratefully received!

**Richard Godfrey RIP** – We received the sad news that Richard, a friend to many at St Mary's, died this week. We do not yet know the date of Richard's funeral service but details will hopefully be available next week. Please contact Debbie Filer if you would like to know when the service is to take place.

**Basingfield Court Harvest Celebration** All are invited to join in an afternoon of harvest songs & celebration at Basingfield Court on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2-3pm. Please see one of the clergy if you'd like to go along.

### St Mary's Junior School - Open Afternoon for Prospective Year 3

**Parents** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, at 1:30pm. If you require any further information please call the school office on 01256 465092. We look forward to welcoming you.

### COFFEE CATCH UP

This week's special:  
**Pain au chocolat!**

Every Monday, 8.30 – 11.30 am in the Parish Room.

**An Invitation from the Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC)** to join us for an open meeting on **Mon 28 Sept.** at 8pm in the Parish Room when our old friend Geoff Sharp will be giving a talk "Viva Espana". This will feature scenery, birds, butterflies and flowers from recent trips to various parts of Spain. Light refreshments available!

### From Fr Alec

Our gospel message this week is a deliberately alarming challenge from Christ. Are there aspects of our lives which prevent us from growing into our true selves, and living in the freedom that Jesus wills for us? How might we cast them into the fire?

### Please pray for

- Christians everywhere, may we learn wisdom and insight.
- Refugees, and all those seeking asylum.
- Those living in suffering, particularly in Afghanistan, Syria, Libya and Iraq.
- The people of St Apollo's Church in Katakala.
- Our Bishops Tim, David and Jonathan.
- Olivia & Harry Holmes being baptised today;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Penelope Bickley; Elan Bansal; David Sacree; Beryl Streether; Mavis Lloyd; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Clifford & Christopher Browne; Des Atkin; Violet Philips, Emily Fisk; and all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Sandra Reddings; Peter Vernon; Richard Godfrey; Albert Stevens; all 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**

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