

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.

8th November 2015
Remembrance Sunday

TODAY

The **Family Service** will not take place today, however a service of Holy Communion will take place following today's Parish Service of Remembrance.

THIS WEEK



Coffee Catch Up - Children in Need Appeal All proceeds taken tomorrow will be donated to the Appeal. There

will be a raffle as well as a chance to sample Penny Jubin's cheese & chorizo savoury muffins! Coffee Catch Up is open every Monday, 8.30 am – 11.30 am.

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on 9th November at 1.45 pm in the Parish Room. We will conclude the study guide by Embrace. Study 6 is called 'Livestock, wild animals and people'. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Prayers & Bears this Thursday 12th November at 2pm in the Parish Room. Rev'd Sarah looks forward to sharing Prayers & Bears with you.

LOOKING FORWARD

AN EVENING WITH ICONS – Thursday December 3rd at 7.30 pm in the Bolton Chapel. We are privileged to have Dom Anselm Shobrook, OSB, iconographer from Alton Abbey, to give us an illustrated talk on the history, meaning and use of icons in worship. Please come along and bring your friends – all are welcome. There will be a time after the talk for refreshments, questions and discussion. No charge – donations will be invited.

Contemplative Advent Services – Come and rest in gentle, candle-lit contemplative services of music, reflection, poetry, peace and prayer. Monday evenings in Advent - 30th Nov & 7th, 14th, 21st Dec, 8-8.45pm, Bolton

chapel. All welcome. If you need a lift please contact Sarah.

Crib Festival 2015 (11-13 December)

The word is getting out thanks to the posters that are kindly being distributed. Please continue to take them far and wide in the Parish!. Sign-up sheets are now up in the lobby for cakes, tombola, and raffle prizes so please consider how you may help. If there are groups known to you who may not have done a tree before please let me know so I can make contact. The best way to share this event is really **word of mouth** so please look for opportunities to broadcast out Crib Festival wherever you go! Thank you! *Gill Sakakini*

BITS AND PIECES

Bishops' Appeal for Syria & Myanmar

A total of £102 was raised during the recent retiring collections, which has now been forwarded to the Diocese. Thank you.

Friends of St Mary's - Murder Mystery & Fine Dining
Saturday 28th Nov, 7.30 pm, Old Basing Village Hall
Please see the posters on the church notice boards.

Coffee Morning for Pancreatic Cancer UK Sat. 14th November.

Once again we are holding a coffee morning at the **Cricket Pavilion on the Rec** from **10.30 am to 12 noon** – courtesy of Old Basing Cricket Club – in memory of our late friends Liz Gray and Sally Armstead. There will be a raffle, bring and buy and cards on sale. We look forward to seeing you. *Ann, Di, Irene & Fay.*

Preparing for Christmas Planning is now underway for St Mary's Christmas services. Sidespeople are asked to contact Debbie Filer if they are able to cover any of the additional services, in particular the Carol Service at 5.00 pm on 20th Dec, the Christmas Eve Midnight Service and the 10 am Eucharist on Christmas Day. Volunteers would also

be appreciated to help with the nativity costumes at both the Crib Services on Christmas Eve (3pm & 4.30 pm). Full details of all Christmas Services will be published soon.

2016 Greenbelt Festival If you'd be interested in going along to the Festival as part of a group next year please speak to Rev'd Sarah. The Festival website is: <https://www.greenbelt.org.uk>.

From Fr Alec

This Remembrance Sunday, as we hold before God those who made sacrifices on our behalf, we should keep in mind, both God's justice and His mercy. The justice that protects the weak and defends the innocent, and the mercy that looks towards a world when violence and bloodshed will be no more.

Please pray for

- Those in positions of authority, to exercise power with wisdom and restraint.
- All those who suffer in armed conflict – military and civilian.
- Refugees, and all those seeking asylum.
- Those living in suffering, particularly in Afghanistan, Syria, Libya and Iraq.
- Those working for peace and reconciliation.
- Our Bishops Tim, David and Jonathan.
- 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; Joan Darwin (Janet Jackson's mother); 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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