

## 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.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 Christ the King

#### Hymns

551, 137, 58, 104, 37, 314

## LOOKING FORWARD

### AN EVENING WITH ICONS – Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, 8-8.45pm, Bolton Chapel. All welcome. If you need a lift please contact Sarah.

### Naomi House Light Up a Life

**Service** St Mary's looks forward to once again hosting this service on Weds 2nd December at 7pm.

### Crib Festival 2015 (11-13 December)

Thank you for the offers of help for this event which is well underway. Please indicate on the sheets in the lobby whether you can contribute cakes, small cakes and sweets, quality items of bric-a-brac, books, and raffle prizes. Perhaps you would prefer to offer your time, in which case please see Gill about stewarding for a short period of time. If you are thinking of contributing a nativity scene please submit forms and payments before December 1st to ensure a space. Also please contact Gill or Rowena with any musical, poetic or dramatic contribution to the evening on Friday 11th which kicks off the

Festival. By way of rounding it all up on Sunday 13 we will have community carol singing round the village at 5pm. **Please lend your support to this Festival weekend and take posters out and about!** Gill Sakakini 811956

### Poetry, Prose & Drama Evening - Friday 11th December at 7:30 pm

Tickets are on sale today for this event which begins our Crib Festival weekend. There is still space for some more items for this evening (all ages) which promises to be entertaining and will include a performance of the prize winning poem from St Mary's Junior School. Please see Gill or Rowena to buy tickets (£5 including an interval glass of wine or soft drink) and to be involved.

## BITS AND PIECES

**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 **Christmas Eve Midnight Service.** 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. **New Year Rotas** It would also be appreciated if you could let Debbie know availability for January, February and March. Thank you.



### Coffee Catch Up – Thank You

to everyone who supported our fund raising for the Children in Need Appeal. We raised an

amazing £193.38! **Crib Festival Coffee Catch Up** will be providing refreshments at the Crib Festival – donations of cakes/mince pies to serve over the weekend would be most appreciated – please sign up on the separate sign-up sheet in the lobby. Coffee Catch Up is open every Monday, 8.30 am – 11.30 am. We look forward to seeing you! *Debbie, Penny, Rowena & Rachel.*

**Basing House Christmas Fayre** St Mary's will have a stall at the Basing House Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December (12 – 4pm). If you would like to join in some carol singing with St Mary's choir at 2pm that afternoon please get in touch with Jo Jarrett-Kerr.

**Confirmation** If you (young or old) would like to be confirmed, or just discuss the possibility, please speak to Fr Alec. A confirmation service will take place at Pentecost/Whitsun - Sunday 15th May, 6.30pm in Winchester Cathedral where our candidates will be confirmed by Bishop David.

### Coffee Morning for Pancreatic Cancer

**UK** Despite the horrid weather we were able to raise £246.60 on the morning for research into pancreatic cancer. Many thanks to all who came along and also to Old Basing Cricket Club who once again kindly provided the venue and coffee. *Ann, Di, Irene & Fay.*

**Children's Lucky Dip.** We will be holding a lucky dip at the Crib Festival on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We would value any suitable small prizes to include in the tub. There will be a box in the Church lobby each Sunday for any donations, or contact **Janet on 468351.**

Thank you for your generosity.

### From Fr Alec

The Kingdom over which Christ is King is not a utopia of the kind that we so often set our hearts upon. It is not an ideal society that we can adjust our present world to fit. Rather it is a reality breaking in on our present existence. Christ is King, and when we accept and live that reality, we are made whole.

### Please pray for

- For the structures of our world and society that do not reflect the justice, mercy and humility of God's Kingdom.
- Refugees, and all those seeking asylum.
- Those living in suffering, particularly in Afghanistan, Syria, Libya and Iraq.
- Those working for peace and reconciliation.
- All those who have personal battles against addiction and depression.
- 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; 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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