

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.

10th April 2016 Third Sunday of Easter

Hymns

120, 752, 926, 503, 433, 716

TODAY

Holy Baptisms At 2pm Louis Burke & Nicholas Dennett are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

THIS WEEK

Celebrating Easter at Basingfield Court All are welcome tomorrow (11th April), 2-3pm to celebrate Easter with hymns, readings & prayers with the residents of Basingfield Court.

Monday Discussion Group: We will recommence our monthly meetings on 11th April at 1.45 pm in the Parish Room. Over the next few months we will study and discuss the letter of James. Everyone welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Prayers & Bears This Thursday 14th April at 2pm in the Parish Room. Rev'd Rachel looks forward to sharing Prayers & Bears with you.

'Gravetalk' Coffee Morning, Sat. 16th April, 10.30 am – noon, Parish Room. For those with big questions about death, dying and funerals, having someone to talk to can be invaluable. But how do you start those conversations and with whom? The Church of England 'Gravetalk' initiative provides a safe, friendly and informal space to enjoy a convivial cuppa and a slice of cake where we can talk about the big questions. All welcome.

LOOKING FORWARD

Service of Confirmation, 6pm Saturday 14th May. Bishop David will be presiding at the confirmation and first Eucharist of James, Fiona and Zenden. All from the parish warmly invited to come and support as they take the next step in their Christian journey.

Christian Aid week 15-21st May: please tick your name or fill in a gap on the list on

the noticeboard if you are willing to be a door-to-door collector of envelopes for a street this year. New collectors hugely welcomed! See noticeboard if you'd like to join in the week camping out for Christian Aid too.

24hrs of Prayer, 10th/11th May: as part of the Archbishops' national call to prayer, and the Basingstoke Ecumenical Pentecost Novena, we are hosting 24hr prayer space in the Bolton Chapel (where different prayer areas and resources will be available if you wish). If you would like to pray for 1 or more hours, please sign up on the notice board. Hopefully we can fill all 24hrs for continuous prayer in the parish of Old Basing & Lychpit, connecting with our fellow churches across Basingstoke too.

BITS AND PIECES

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) This will be held next Sunday April 17th at 11.15 am. Notices are now up in the foyer calling for nominations for new members of the PCC to serve for 3 years and for Churchwardens, who are elected annually. Please read the information on these notices and consider standing for a role and/or encourage those you know to do so. This is a great opportunity to help our church do God's work. Copies of the **Annual Report & Financial Statements** together with the agenda for the APCM have been issued via email or have been hand-delivered to those on the Electoral Roll. If you have yet to receive your copy please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

Sidespersons Sidespersons play an important role in welcoming and helping the congregation at services. We are looking for further volunteers to take on this role **for both the 8am and 9.30 am services.** If you feel you might be able to help occasionally please put your name down on the notice in the lobby.

Veterans Aid The total amount collected at Lent services for Veterans Aid was £484.75. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Parish Lunch After the APCM on Sunday April 17th there will be a Parish Lunch to which everyone is invited. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer to indicate your

participation. Also, on a **separate sheet** you may wish to sign up to contribute to the meal but please know that this is not a condition and all are welcome. A hot meal of Shepherd's Pie and Fruit Crumble will be served. If you would like to help in any way on the day please let Rosy and Gill know. Thank you!

Family Service Please note that the Family Service will resume on 24th April.

Coffee Catch Up – can you help occasionally? Starting on **Friday 6th May**, Coffee Catch Up will be open from 1.30 – 3.30 pm. The extended opening will be on a trial basis initially for the month of May and if popular will continue into the summer (school term time only). We're looking for **occasional helpers**, both for Monday mornings and Friday afternoons. Any time you could give would be most appreciated. Please get in touch with Debbie Filer if you're able to help.

The Basingstoke Foodbank is particularly short of the following items currently: long-life milk (not skimmed); sugar (500g or less), jars of cooking sauces, tinned spaghetti /ravioli.

From Fr Alec

'Do you love me?' Jesus asks Peter three times, mirroring the three times that Peter denied him before the crucifixion. Just as we wept with Peter as he fell short of the loyalty he had promised, so we can accept with him Christ's gentle challenge to begin again faithfully to follow Him.

Please pray for

- New life in broken relationships.
- New confidence in broken promises.
- A new beginning for those fleeing violence and persecution.
- Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and all places of conflict.
- James, Fiona, Zenden, and all preparing for Baptism or Confirmation.
- Nicholas Dennett & Louis Burke being baptised today;
- The residents of Basingfield Court;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Emily Fisk; Betty Thorn, all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Janet Cole, Alva Wright; Maureen Gobener; and 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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