

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. **Gluten free Communion Wafers** are available on request in advance. 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 also a children's corner in Church for supervised pre-school children.

12th January 2020 The Baptism of Christ

Hymns

252, 752, 419, 450, 159, 851, 249

TODAY

Baptism celebration. At our 9.30 am service we celebrate the baptism of Christ. This is an opportunity too for us to remember and give thanks for our baptism.

Retiring Collection Veterans Aid is St Mary's chosen charity for January. Gift aid envelopes are available.

THIS WEEK

Morning prayer - change of time. Please note that starting from Monday 13th January, Morning Prayer will be said at the later time of 9.15 am. It will be said in the Bolton Chapel on Monday and the **Parish Room** on Thursday and Friday.

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on 13th January at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. We will be reading and studying St Mark's Gospel, Chapters 1-3. All are welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Funeral of Julie Hayes on Tuesday 14th January at 12.30 pm at St Mary's.

There is a service of **Holy Communion** at 10 am, Wednesday in the Bolton Chapel

LOOKING FORWARD

Parish Vision Day - Sign Up Sheet now available in the lobby All are invited and encouraged to join a planned Parish Vision Day on Saturday 8th February (10 am - 3 pm). It is a day to pray together and consider our corporate calling as St Marys. We will be able to reflect together on the ethos and direction of the church, how we are as Christian community and how we connect with and serve the wider community, both now and in the years to come. It is an opportunity to have a say and be heard. The event will take place at St John's Church in Hartley Wintney (transport can be arranged if necessary - please indicate on the sheet or speak to Revd Heather or Debbie) and lunch will be provided.

BITS & PIECES.

Basingstoke Foodbank The Foodbank would like to thank everyone who gave so generously, particularly to the recent harvest and Christmas appeals - the Foodbank received a fabulous number of donations. A record number of clients came into both the Tadley & Basingstoke centres this Christmas. To help manage space and stock levels the Foodbank have requested **please a temporary pause in donations until 1st March.**

The Children's Society Box Holders Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity. Through your boxes last year you donated a total of £852.73.

The time of year has come again for your boxes to be handed in for counting. We will be contacting you in February to arrange a convenient time to collect your box. If it is more

convenient for you to bring it to a service at St Mary's Church on Sunday 2nd or 9th of February, please do so. If anyone else is interested in holding a box at home for all those little bits of change which, when added up, make a real difference to children's lives, please contact us on 01256 355500. Rosemary Kershaw and Jacky Fox

Tesco Toy Appeal - Thank You!

Thank you to all who gave so generously to Tesco's Toy Appeal in the run up to Christmas. In total 942 gifts were delivered to Children's Services.

For information:

The funeral service for Stella Bone will take place at Basingstoke Crematorium on Monday 20th January at 12.30 pm

The funeral service for Diane Clay will take place at St Mary's on Mon. 27th January, 1pm

Please pray for....

- Christ's light to shine in our hearts and lives this Epiphany season;
- All preparing for baptism;
- Those in our community experiencing poverty, hunger and need; the work of the Basingstoke Night Shelter;
- Our newly elected members of parliament;
- Those affected by the Australian bushfires;
- The work of Veterans Aid;
- For our vision day, that as a community we may be guided by the Holy Spirit;
- Our global partners in Katakala;
- Regions of conflict and disaster;
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields;
- Our families and friends in this community, especially those who are sick or suffering, among them: Jackie Deadman; Esther Wong; Jean Schluter; Rachel Parks; Irene Allaway; David Taylor; all in sorrow & pain
- All those who have died recently; particularly Julie Hayes; Stella Bone; Diane Clay; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

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

PARISH CONTACTS:

Vicar - Revd. Heather Leppard 363612 or 07745 731729, vicar@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk (day off Tuesday)

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Home Communion Enquiries – please contact the Vicar

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