

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.

23rd April 2017 Second Sunday of Easter

Hymns:

9, 29, 340, 475, 334, 754

TODAY

Retiring collection for our April charity: This month we are collecting for **Pancreatic Cancer UK**.

THIS WEEK

Walsingham Pilgrimage: Fr Alec and Penny Potter are leading our parish pilgrims to Walsingham this week: 25th - 27th April. Please hold them in your prayers.

LOOKING FORWARD

Thy Kingdom Come 9 Days of Prayer 25th May – 3rd June: we will be joining in this great global, ecumenical wave of prayer again this year between Ascension and Pentecost.

BITS AND PIECES.

Thank You to everyone involved in the preparation for all the Holy Week and Easter services, and preparing and filling the church with colour and joy for Easter. Your generosity of time and spirit is hugely appreciated.

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday April 30th at 11.15 am. Documents on noticeboard. If you have yet to receive your APCM agenda please get in touch with Debbie Filer.

Parish Lunch Sunday April 30th after APCM there will be a Parish Lunch to which everyone is invited. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

Christian Aid Week: 14-20th May. If you would be willing to be a CA collector for a particular street this year, please sign-up in a gap on the noticeboard. All welcome to special new fundraiser this year....Christian Aid Big Brekkie in parish room Sat 20th May 8.30am (cooked up by our men's breakfast chefs). Throughout the week anybody is welcome to pitch a tent again and camp out in aid of Christian Aid outside the church.

Stations of the Resurrection These record 19 occasions in the gospels and Acts when Jesus appeared to his friends after being raised from the dead. They have all been created by members of our congregation who met in a creative group to discuss the Bible passages and share ideas. Well done everybody!

I Chris Young and Diana Werry Thomas
II & III Claire Roberts
IV & V Rev Sarah Lloyd
VI Rev Alec Battey
VII Chris Beadle
VIII, XII, XIII Rebecca Aldridge
XV Rebecca and Diana
XI Tracey George-Jones
IX Rosey Marsh
X Richard Caemmerer (American artist)
XIV, XVI, XVII Gill Sakakini
XVIII Chris Young
XIX Paul Skinner

Please pick up a guide from the table for reflection and prayer. Also, during the **Thy Kingdom Come Novena of Prayer** (25 May - 4 June) some of the stations will become interactive stimuli for prayer and there will be an opportunity to visit the stations as a group. On some Sundays during the 50 days of Easter several artists may share briefly about their inspiration and process. Please make time to look around!

Winchester Cathedral Evensong: Rev'd Rachel will be preaching at Evensong at Winchester Cathedral on Sun 30th April at 3.30pm. If you think you might want to attend, please can you let her know, so she can advise the Cathedral of rough numbers.

Social activities The PCC would like to plan activities and events throughout the year for all ages. Do you have any ideas? We could repeat what we have done before, such as the nature walks with craft activities. We could plan some evening events. If you would like to share your idea (and perhaps be involved with the planning), please talk to Janet Jackson or any member of the PCC. tel. 468351, janjack49@btinternet.com.

Church Tours A few years ago, a team of volunteers took part in open days at St Mary's where we showed visitors around the Church giving its history and information about the architecture and evidence of the Church's use during the Civil War. If you would like to form a team who would take turns on a rota

on planned afternoons during the year please speak to **Janet Jackson**. You will be given information and training.

The Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC) will be holding its AGM on Mon 24 April at 8pm in the Parish Room. Come along and find out what we have been doing in the past year and enjoy an illustrated talk by Margaret & Tim Carr: 'Corsica - The Scented Isle'. All welcome

From Rev Sarah:

Through Eastertide (the 50 days during which we celebrate Easter until Pentecost), we enter into the great resurrection stories of the risen Jesus appearing to his disciples. As we inhabit these stories, we too explore how Christ is revealed and present to us in our lives; listens and walks with us through times of desolation and fear; rises within us to raise us to new life where we see everything differently, in his light. As disciples, we're invited to enter and live the story, and to go out and tell the story to all we meet. Just as our wonderful St Mary's artists will be doing for us this morning, as we begin our series of Sunday reflections through the creativity of the St Mary's Stations of the Resurrection.

Please pray for

- Those suffering the grief of loss, that they may find hope and joy once more.
- Those trapped by poverty, prejudice or addiction, that they may discover new freedom.
- Those scarred by broken relationships, that they can find new love and trust.
- Our brothers and sisters in Katakala.
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- Robert Phelps & Tracey Pink preparing for their marriage on Saturday;
- The people of East Africa, Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is famine, violence, or suffering.
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Richard Rylance, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Peter May-Miller; Dudley Clark, Ruth Taylor, Bryan Snook and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: and those who's 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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