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2nd October 2016 Harvest Festival

Hymns:
719, 910, 392, 900, 915, 6

TODAY

Welcome Today we particularly welcome the uniformed organisations of the Parish as we celebrate our Harvest Festival. Thank you to all who have so generously donated items for the Basingstoke Food Bank and during the service there will be a monetary collection for the **The Mityana Charity** - supporting schools in Uganda, including Katakala, linked with St Mary's.

THIS WEEK

COFFEE CATCH UP CAFÉ - Friday afternoons from 1-3pm in the Parish Room. Would you be willing to make an occasional **cake** please? If so contact Debbie Filer.

St Mary's Pastoral Visitors: this new team, which has completed training and is evolving to support and extend pastoral visiting in the parish, meets this Wed 5th Oct 5pm in the parish room. If you, or anybody you know, might appreciate a St Mary's pastoral visitor calling in to support, listen or chat during a difficult time, or just from time-to-time, please chat to the current PV coordinator Rev Sarah.

LOOKING FORWARD

Living Pilgrim: all welcome to join dogs and walkers for a short walk on Friday 14th Oct, just across the fields to Mapledurwell church and back (pausing in St Mary's Mapledurwell for a short service if you wish). Just turn up at St Mary's Old Basing in time to set off at 9.15am (all welcome to morning prayer 8.45am Bolton Chapel).

The Pilgrim Course will run again this autumn and is open to all. Please check posters for details.

All Hallows Eve Activities return this **October 31st at 5.30 pm**. Children are invited to come along in costume and join in with a night-time procession, pumpkin-carving competition, and crafts. All accompanied by burgers and Hot Dogs.

Crib 2016 Save the date for this year's Crib Festival! It will take place on the weekend of **December 9 - 11**.

BITS AND PIECES

St Mary's CE Junior School Open Afternoon for Prospective Year 3 Parents If you have a child who has just started in Year 2, we would like to invite you to our Open Afternoon for Year 2 parents on Thurs 6th Oct. 1.30 pm. A chance for you to see the school in action and hear from members of the school community prior to making your application for a Year 3 place.

Monday Discussion Group: Our next meeting is on Monday 10th October at 1.45 pm in the Parish Room. We will continue to study the letter of James, Chapter 3 v. 13 to Chapter 4 v. 12. Everyone welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

Dementia Friends Information Session: Sat 29th Oct 11am, parish room, Come along to this free Alzheimer's Society led 1 hour session to gain a better understanding of the small things we can all do to make a difference to the lives of people affected by dementia. See noticeboard for info and to sign-up

The Children's Society Coffee Morning A Christmas card sale and coffee morning in aid of The Children's Society will be held from 10 – 12 am on Saturday 15th October in The Parish Room. There will be a variety of stalls including a raffle, cake stall, local crafts, bric-a-brac with games and a lucky dip for the children. This is an opportunity for

you to buy your Christmas cards in good time! Please do come and support this worthy charity and we look forward to seeing you there. *Rosemary Kershaw*

New Rotas for both the 8am and 9.30 am services have now been circulated - please get in touch with Debbie Filer if you haven't received your copy.

St Mary's Diaries We now have 2017 pocket diaries available - £1 per diary. Please leave money in the wall safe.

Foodbank Quiz Night: Sat 22nd Oct, 7pm at Sarum Hill Centre, £10 per person to include supper. Please see poster in lobby for details. If you'd like to make up a team please speak to Fr Alec.

Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC) Meeting: PIOCC will be marking the start of the conservation season with the annual 'Kick Off' meeting on **Mon 3 October 8pm**, Parish Room. Margaret & Tim Carr will be giving a talk on 'New England in the Fall'.

From Fr Alec

Harvest is a reminder that we, as human beings, are not simply Lords of Creation, but are an integral part of it. That we are fed and sustained by a God-given system of which we are a part, and of which we are stewards. It is up to us to care for the environment, and to share all its gifts equally and fairly.

Please pray for

- The people of Syria, Turkey, Iraq, Yemen, Italy and all regions where there is violence, fear, and suffering.
- The care and stewardship of God's creation
- Farmers and all involved in the production, sale and preparation of food.
- The hungry, and all those adversely affected by climate change.
- The work of Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy
- Our brothers and sisters in St Apolo's Katakala.
- Refugees, prisoners, victims and all affected by war, disaster or abuse.
- The residents of Basingfield Court and Oakfields
- Andrew Miller & Caroline Cook preparing for their marriage on Saturday;

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- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Richard Rylance, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty Thorn, Esther Wong and all in sorrow or pain;
 - All those who have died recently; and all whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who grieve for them.

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