

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.

22nd January 2017 Third Sunday of Epiphany

Hymns:

105, 144, 540, 291, 752, 609

TODAY

Homelessness Sunday Today at our 9.30 am service we warmly welcome Janet Cran who manages *First Point, The You Trust Basingstoke*, supporting people facing homelessness and poverty, as well as volunteers from St Mary's who will speak about their experiences helping at Basingstoke Churches' Night Light Winter Shelters.

Holy Baptisms At 2pm Orla Angiolini and Sofia Hills are to be baptised. All are welcome at this service.

Evening with CS Lewis Join St. Mary's Church Book Club at 5pm to watch an insightful film portrayal of CS Lewis in conversation about his books. 51 Amporn Rd, Sheffield-on-Loddon (see poster on board). *Kim Austin*

THIS WEEK

Memory Café All welcome, Monday 23rd January, 2.15 - 3.45 pm in the Parish Room.

MESSY CHRISTINGLE 3.45pm Saturday 28th January

 This year's Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society is Messy Church. As well as finding new things to consider with oranges and candles and fruit, you'll be able to discover how we can use the foil in a Christingle to help us pray! Plus science experiment, lots of other fun. Do please encourage everyone to come and share fun & food. All collection to Children's Society.

LOOKING FORWARD

Creative Prayer Workshop: 15th Feb, Winchester Cathedral Wessex Learning Centre. A day packed with great local speakers on diverse traditions and routes to prayer. See poster and email Rev'd Sarah to book place asap.

Katakala Uganda Partnership – photos & gifts to share: Sarah will be leaving on 16th Feb to visit Katakala and bring back news of people and projects for all of us to have the opportunity to link to and build new relationships. If you are part of a church or village group, could you email/give Sarah a signed photo or letter or similar token of fellowship from your group to people in Katakala? That would be great. Please also see poster & box in porch if you'd like to donate specified gifts from St Mary's to Katakala.

Parish Quiet Day, Saturday March 4th There is now a notice in the lobby where you can sign up if you wish to join the group going to Alton Abbey. The group leaving at 8.15 will attend the Conventual Mass and those leaving at 9.15 will be in time for coffee! Please speak to Penny Potter for further information or if you are coming and have special dietary lunch requirements.

BITS AND PIECES

Coffee Catch Up café: Now open 1.30-3.30pm every Friday. It would be lovely to see you! All proceeds to charity.

Foundation Governor Vacancy A volunteer is sought to join St Mary's Junior School as a Foundation Governor. Please do consider if you could join a team of Governors who support a very valuable village asset (ie. a well respected and sought after junior school). Requirements are enthusiasm, commitment and a willingness to learn. Please chat to Fr Alec or Phil Jubin if you would like to find out more.

All welcome on Sunday February 19th at 3pm at St. Andrew's Methodist Church RG22 6ER, Circuit Service for the Service of Admission of Denise Baugh as a Local Preacher. Denise, who spends much of her time here with us in Old Basing, would appreciate your prayers.

Senior Citizens Carnival Party - Sat 11th Feb 12 noon OB Village Hall. Unfortunately this information missed Basinga so please do let friends and neighbours know.

(For information: Wedding in Church on Friday 27th January, 1pm)

From Rev'd Sarah

To be homeless can feel in a very real sense to be walking in darkness, slipping into hopelessness and despair. Isaiah promises the light of hope, the smashing of oppression. Jesus asks us to feed each other. Working together we can transform our society, social and political structures, to prevent and lift each other from the burdens of homelessness.

Please pray for

- People struggling with poverty or homelessness in and around Basingstoke and across the UK.
- People and organisations offering support to vulnerable people, particularly First Point Basingstoke and Night Light Winter Shelters.
- The people of Syria, Iraq, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is violence, fear, or suffering.
- Residents of Basingfield Ct & Oakfields;
- Orla Angiolini & Sofia Hills being baptised today;
- Michael Owen & Suzanne Bolsover preparing for their marriage on Friday;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, Richard Rylance, Elan Bansal; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Steve North; Del Davis; Inge Bowman; Thelma Gregson; Pat Sacree; and all in sorrow or pain
- All those who have died recently: Valerie Champion; Mavis Sykes; 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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