

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.

18th June 2017 First Sunday After Trinity

Hymns: on service sheet

TODAY

Retiring collection for St Mary's charity of the month, June: Basingstoke Town Centre Chaplaincy.

LOOKING FORWARD

Farewell to Rev'd Rachel Rachel's last Sunday with us prior to her move to the parish of Eversley will be next Sunday, 25th June. We are planning a **farewell bring & share lunch for Rachel, Graham & Chris** on this day starting at 12 noon. A sign-up list is now up in the lobby. **Farewell Gift** if you would like to contribute to a gift for Rachel please place contributions in an envelope in the wall safe marking envelope "Rachel's Gift".

St Mary's Summer Fair July 8th "Taste and See" is this year's theme and will be a multi-sensory experience of international food and entertainment. During the day there will be opportunities to sample culinary delights, play games, and try out dances from other countries. If you would like to cook, face-paint, host games, busk or offer other suggestions please talk to Gill. (07969 158488).

Hymns & Pimms 7th July: To get our festival off to a great start please pick up form from church and put in your request for your favourite hymn, then return form to the blue box. Many thanks. Penny

Rev Sarah and PAT dog Dougan will be on Easter/Summer holiday 19th June – 2nd July

BITS AND PIECES



St Mary's is participating with churches across north Hampshire to ask people in our local community a simple question:

"What hurts you the most?" or **"What is the one thing in life you find hardest to handle?"** The mission is in two phases -- the Listening phase runs until the end of August, and the Responding phase is from September

to November and beyond. Steve Sakakini and team will be at the Basing Carnival and other places with Who Cares? cards. Please chat to Steve if you can help in any way with this initiative of listening and caring in our community.

Parish visit to Katakala, Uganda: A first parish trip (all ages) to enable people from across our community to connect with friends, school and church in Katakala, is being planned for Feb half-term 2018 (c.8th-17th). If you are interested in potentially joining this trip, or simply interested in finding out more, please come to an information meeting with Rev Sarah and Rosey Stevens in St Mary's parish room on Mon 10th July 7pm. We expect to need to book flights in August. We'll be fundraising together to help people with costs so that this is a wonderful opportunity open to all.

St Mary's Charities of the Month: Please see poster in lobby for totals raised for our charities so far this year, and a separate poster with information on this month's charity the Basingstoke Town Centre Chaplaincy. St Francis Hospital in Katete will be our charity of the month in July. For the months after that, please write your charity suggestions on the list in church lobby or mention to Rev Sarah.

Christian Aid Collection 2017: All money has now been collected, counted and banked.

House Collections:	£3,700	Big
Brekkie & Sleep Out	£620.	
Total:	£4,320.	

Thank you once again to all those who took part and gave so generously their time and money. Hope you can support again next year to continue to help many less fortunate than ourselves to live lives, free from poverty. (Roger)

Church Tour - Sunday 25th June, 3-5pm An opportunity to learn more about the history of St Mary's - all welcome. There will be further tours on 16th & 30th July, 3-5pm.

St. Mary's Church Reading Group We have started reading 'The Shack' by Wm Paul Young. In our next meeting we will be looking at those hard questions people ask of God. Join us at 5pm on Sunday 16th July to discuss chapters 6 – 12 of this contemporary novel. We meet at 51 Amport Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0FR. Please give me a call on

07762 957516 if you would like to know more, or just turn up on the day. *Kim Austin*

News from Coffee Catch Up : We raised a fantastic total of £133.50 for Mindful Music in April and May. Thank you for your support. All proceeds during June & July will be going to support the building of the new **Baden Powell Scout & Guide Centre for Old Basing & Lychpit.**

From Revd Sarah

Are you in a growth spurt? Or feeling those days are long gone as you ripen in years? Growth so often takes place below the surface, in unpromising circumstances when we see little visible sign of life. In today's reading, Sarah & Abraham, in childbearing terms well past their sell-by date, are a great symbol of 'unanticipated fruitfulness' as they allow themselves to be caught up in God's vision. The spirit of hope transforms lives, makes space for unknowable possibilities, draws us up to see new vistas and bear unimaginable fruit. We wait in hope for what we cannot yet see.

Please pray for

- People whose lives are shattered by the Grenfell tower block fire in London last week.
- Victims of terrorism, and their friends and families, caught up in atrocities across the world.
- The people of East Africa, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is famine, violence, or suffering.
- Renewed hope and courage for all who are struggling at this time with depression, grief, illness, broken relationships, chaotic lives.
- Our partnership friends in Katakala: praying for those hungry at school; for orphans in St Apolo's church family
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- 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, Brenda Pollard, and all in sorrow or pain.
- All those who have died recently: Susan Onslow; and those 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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