

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.

30th July 2017
Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Hymns:

467, 221, 118, 323, 674, 646

TODAY

Retiring collection for July is St Francis' Hospital, KATETE, Zambia.

THIS WEEK

Fr Alec is now on holiday and will return to the Parish on 21st August.

The Memory Café will be taking place on Monday 31st July, 2.15 - 3.45 pm.

Men's Breakfast this Saturday 5th August at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

LOOKING FORWARD

Parish visit to Katakala, Uganda: A first parish trip (all ages welcome) to visit our global partnership friends (school, church and wider community) in Katakala, is being planned for Feb half-term 2018 (c.8th-17th). If you are interested in potentially joining this trip please speak to Rev'd Sarah before the end of August.

St Mary's Christmas Festival 2017 (Dec 9th & 10th): Please pick up a card from the basket on the church table and write your wild and less wild ideas for this year's Christmas festival, before pegging your suggestions on the washing line on the lobby notice board. The washing line will be up for a few more weeks; then we can talk about ideas together (and at PCC). Please include your name if you offer to help, if you'd like to!

BITS AND PIECES

 The Who Cares? listening phase continues until August 6. Thanks to all who have completed cards or taken them to friends, neighbours or colleagues. Please fill out a card today if you haven't already.

Any questions? Please let Steve know on 07812 145 987

Pilgrimage Walk Friday August 18th

Starting at 10.00 am from The Hatch and visiting Mapledurwell and Up Nately churches. About 5 miles round trip. Please come along, sign up in the lobby and remember to bring a nosebag!

WANTED St Mary's is urgently seeking a parish **Stewardship Officer**. Please see poster in porch. If you are interested please speak to Fr Alec.

Tree Work We have received permission from the Diocese and council to reduce the height of the two tall lime trees fronting The Street by about 20ft. The work will be carried out by Tree Scene Arboriculture and is scheduled for 14th, 15th and 16th August.

COFFEE CATCH UP will be taking a break over the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone again in September. A fantastic total of £175 was raised for the Old Basing Scout Hut - thank you to all who gave so generously.

St Mary's Church Reading Group 'This is all a fairy tale...and, therefore, you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true.' So writes Charles Kingsley in his novel 'The Water-Babies', but what truth does his novel reveal? Join St. Mary's book group 5pm on Sunday 3rd September and discuss. We meet at 51 Ampert Road, Sherfield-on-Loddon, RG27 0FR, the Taylor's farm development off the A33. Please give me a call on 07762 957516 if you would like to know more, or just turn up on the day. *Kim Austin*

Would you like to see some picturesque Hampshire countryside and visit historic churches? Then why not take part in this year's **Ride and Stride on 9th September?** This is a chance to ride (bicycle or horse) or walk (with or without a dog) along a short or long route to your choice of churches and raise sponsorship, which is split between St. Mary's and the

Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust. Please speak to **Paul Skinner** if you are interested or see the website:

www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride.php

If anyone is able to greet visitors to St Mary's on this day this would also be appreciated - a friendly chat and a flapjack is always welcome to keep up the spirits!

FOOD BANK ...is short of donations during this holiday season. Please see if you can help - thank you.

From Fr Alec

Today we are reminded that we are citizens of another kingdom with different priorities from those of this world; and that this citizenship involves searching for and revealing the reality of God's sovereignty in the midst of this world. As our gospel suggests, we bear witness to the true value of this way of life when we place it above all other concerns in our lives.

Please pray for

- All who are hungry through famine, poverty, abuse or neglect.
- Victims of terrorism around the world. Victims of abuse
- The people of East Africa, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Congo, Yemen and all regions where there is famine, violence, or suffering.
- hope and courage for all struggling at this time with depression, grief, illness, broken relationships, chaotic lives.
- staff and Patients at St Francis' Hospital Katete, our July Charity.
- Our partnership friends in Katakala: praying for Irene and staff at the primary school; for Revd Rocky, Panelope and all at St Apolo's church
- Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields.
- All those recently ordained and those training for ministry in the Church of England including Gill and Steve Sakakini
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen, 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: Richard Rylance, Barbara Griffiths; Les Nicholson; 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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