

## 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 also a children's corner in Church for supervised pre-school children.

**1st April 2018  
Easter Day**

### Hymns

348, 433, 475, 9, 637, 672

## TODAY

**Easter Cross** This morning we shall be decorating the Easter Cross with flowers, symbolising the new life of the Resurrection.

**Holy Baptism** At the 10 am service Laetitia Jane Davey is to be baptised.

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

## THIS WEEK

**Clergy Availability** Fr Alec will be taking a holiday this week, returning to the Parish next Sunday.

**Men's Breakfast** This Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45 am in the Parish Room.

## BITS & PIECES

**Thank You** to everyone involved in the preparation for the Holy Week and Easter services and for their work throughout the year. Your hard work is most appreciated.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** This will be held on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.15 am and will be followed by a **Parish Lunch** (please sign up on the list in the foyer if you are able to stay for the lunch).

**Me on the PCC?** There are openings for election to the PCC at the APCM on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It is important for a healthy parish to have fresh and vigorous discussion around the decisions we take, and I would encourage anyone with a little time to offer to consider putting themselves forward (*you will need a Proposer and a Secunder*). Please do take a look at the booklet pinned up in the lobby (*"Me? On the PCC..?"*) or chat to Fr Alec or any current PCC members if you'd like further information. A copy of the booklet is available from Debbie Filer.

**Deanery Synod Representative Vacancy** Please do chat to Fr Alec or any of our current representatives (Penny Potter, Steve Sakakini & Jo Jarrett-Kerr) if you would like to find out more as to what's involved in representing St Mary's at Deanery Synod as there is a vacancy from the APCM. Synod Reps also sit on the PCC.

**Easter Flowers** A box is now placed on the offertory table to receive donations towards the Easter Flowers in church. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one.

**Basingfield Court Songs of Praise:** The next dates for our open church-residents 'Songs of Praise' hymn singing together at Basingfield are: this Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> - 2.30pm, and May 9<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm. Please do come and join singing and chatting together, and stay for a cup of tea to get to know some of the new faces at Basingfield and to catch up with other friends. Rev Sarah

**THANK YOU** to all those who turned out recently to give the church a wash and brush-up ready for Easter. They scaled ladders and balanced on wobbly steps to clean off high sills and cupboards as well as cleaning brass and polishing. Thank you - it is good to have Friends in High Places! *Tricia Renwick - Churchwarden*

**Monday Discussion Group:** Our monthly discussion group will restart on 9<sup>th</sup> April at 1.45pm in the Parish Room. During the coming months we will read and study the Acts of the Apostles commencing with Chapters 1 and 2. Everyone is welcome. *Ann Price (320388)*

**Uganda Day:** As part of the Old Basing schools, church and other groups' special 'Uganda Day', St Mary's Jnrs and Old Basing Infants schools will be focussing children's learning on Uganda and our global partnership with Katakala. As part of this the parish and school group who visited Katakala in February will be doing presentations together. Please come and hear more about the visit - see videos & photos as well as children's artwork; drums and other instruments brought back from Uganda; and hear how your donations will be spent. The 'Uganda Day' will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April and the presentations will be at 9am and 2.30pm in Old Basing Infant school hall and 7.30 pm in St Mary's parish room when we will also be giving a taste of Uganda along with the presentation. All welcome to come at any of these times. Just turn up or contact Rosey 01256 320386, rosemarshr2@gmail for more info.

**The Children's Society** Thank you to everyone who has a collecting box at home. We have counted the contents and through your generosity and diligence in donating your loose change in the past year, we have sent £682.07 to the charity. Overall, from the coffee morning in October, the sale of

Christmas cards, the Christingle collection and your various donations, the total raised in 2017 was £2342.49. Please see the notice board for the thank you from The Children's Society. Your kindness and generosity benefits many children and is greatly appreciated. If you don't have a box and would like to support in this way, please ask Jacky Fox or me. Rosemary Kershaw (01256 355500)

**St Mary's Support for Charity Giving:** Charity suggestions for the coming year are invited - please add any suggestions to the list in the lobby by next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**The Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC)** will be holding its AGM on **Monday 23 April at 8pm** in the Parish Room, when we will give a brief update on the work carried out during the past year. Margaret & Tim Carr will then give a talk on their visit to Newfoundland entitled '**A Newfoundland Summer - Orchids, Whales & Icebergs**'. **ALL WELCOME** - light refreshments available.

**St Mary's Church Electoral Roll** - Please see the separate notice in the lobby which gives details of who is eligible to join the roll. **Sidespersons** for 2018/19 If you would like to join our team of Sidespersons please add your name to the list in the lobby.

### From Fr Alec

Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem takes place under the shadow of the cross. He is moving inexorably towards his end, like a moth to a flame. Here is a suffering saviour. A king who rules enthroned on a cross.

### Please pray for

- ◆ Hope and healing for those struggling with illness
- ◆ Resurrection hope for all people experiencing poverty, hunger, loneliness, depression, pain and any kind of suffering.
- ◆ A blessing on all those who receive those who receive New Life by the grace of baptism.
- ◆ Our friends at St Apollo's and Katakala Primary School in Uganda, and the joy of our growing relationships in Christ through our visits and prayers
- ◆ Residents of Basingfield Court & Oakfields,
- ◆ Laetitia Jane Davey being baptised today;
- ◆ Regions of conflict and disaster: Afghanistan, Myanmar, South Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Congo, Yemen
- ◆ Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Lisa Allen; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Betty & Peter Thorn, Esther Wong; Inge Bowman; Lindsay; and all in sorrow or pain.
- ◆ All those who have died recently: Dudley Clark; Cyril Mullett; 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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