

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.

22nd April 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Hymns

249, 367, 434, 323, 649, 97

TODAY

APCM The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place today at 11.15 am., to be followed by a Parish Lunch in the Parish Room. Thank you especially to Janet and Denise and everyone involved in organising and contributing to today's meal.

Retiring collection for our April charity: This month we are collecting for **Pancreatic Cancer UK**. Gift Aid forms are available on the table in the North Aisle.

LOOKING FORWARD

Ascension Day Service There will be a Eucharist at 8.00 am on Ascension Day, Thurs. 10th May, followed by breakfast.

Thy Kingdom Come 24hrs of Prayer 9am Thurs 10th - 9am Fri 11th May: The Bolton chapel will again be open for continuous silent prayer through the day and night as we join in the global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, praying 'come Holy Spirit' and 'Thy Kingdom Come'. If you can definitely be present at a certain hour, please sign up on noticeboard if there's a gap so that we can be sure at least one person is present in the Bolton chapel through every hour (of course do just turn up at any hour for prayer, alongside others).

Farewell to Rev Sarah: All Age Service 10am Sunday 13th May: all welcome to this final Sunday service with Sarah and all ages, before she moves on to pastures new. Please stay for refreshments afterwards. If you'd like to donate to a leaving gift for Sarah please place this in an envelope in the wall safe clearly marked "Sarah's Gift".

Pitch your Tent for Christian Aid - Family & Friends Camp Out, Fri

18th-Sat 19th May. All are welcome to join our family camp for one night only in support of Christian Aid Week. Come and pitch up from 6pm on the 18th for an evening of singing, roasting marshmallows & enjoying the great outdoors together. If the outdoors is not for you, come along & join our Men's Breakfast Team who will be hosting a **Big Brekkie** once again in the Parish Room at 8.30 am on Sat 19th. To book a pitch please contact 07884 353030. (There is a limit of 20 pitches, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis, recommended donation of £10 per pitch).

Diary dates: Farewell to Gill and Steve Sakakini: as Gill and Steve prepare to move to Tadley and St Mary's Church Tadley, here are dates for your diaries for now: final service with Gill and Steve Sunday 24th June, Gill's ordination in Winchester Cathedral Sunday 1st July 10am, Steve's licensing as LLM in Winchester Cathedral 13th October 11am.

BITS & PIECES

Fairtrade Stall Thank You We are most grateful to Peter & Tracey George-Jones who put a lot of work behind the scenes in managing our monthly Traidcraft stall. The stall does make a small profit which Peter & Tracey forward on to the church (this year £100).

The New General Data Protection Regulation which comes into force on 25th May 2018 means that we need to have your consent to retain your personal contact data and to get in touch with you with regard to events and services etc. at St Mary's. It would be appreciated if you could complete a **Consent Form** (copies available on the table by the North Aisle) and hand it in to a churchwarden or pop in the blue box. After 25th May we shall NOT be able to contact you if a consent form has not been received.

St. Mary's Regular Giving Envelopes: If you usually have Weekly Giving Envelopes, please pick up your new box which is now available on the table as you come into church

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.

For information this week: Funeral service Weds 25th April, 1pm for Cyril Mullett RIP

From Fr Alec

Christ the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his flock. By identifying himself with the shepherd, Jesus simultaneously shows solidarity with the lowest in his own society and takes on a standard biblical image for spiritual and temporal leadership. We might ask ourselves what we would lay down our lives for

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,
- ◆ Regions of conflict and disaster: Afghanistan, Myanmar, South Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Congo, Yemen
- ◆ James Hayes & Leanne Cottrell preparing for their marriage on Saturday;
- ◆ 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: Cyril Mullett; Irene Seddon; 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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