

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.

23rd August 2015
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Hymns for Today
684, 97, 658, 615, 762, 606

THIS WEEK

Clergy Availability Fr Alec returns from holiday this Thursday August 27th.

LOOKING FORWARD

OPEN MEETING WITH
BISHOP TIM – WED 2nd
SEPTEMBER

Bishop Tim is reviewing his charge to the Diocese and starts his consultation with church members about their feelings as to the direction of travel in the Diocese in Basingstoke Deanery. He will be at **St. Peter's Church, Pinkerton Road, South Ham, Basingstoke, RG22 6QP on Wednesday 2nd September, at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. All members of St. Mary's Church are invited to attend**, to listen and to ask Bishop Tim questions about the ongoing mission and ministry of the Diocese. Please consider attending this important event, and let one of the clergy know if you are attending, so that we can car share where possible.

Our PATRONAL FESTIVAL is on **13th September**. As we celebrate the **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary** we shall be joined by the Venerable Michael Harley, Archdeacon of Winchester, who is our preacher for this occasion. This special day for our church provides time for congregational members and the wider community to celebrate both our church family, and our Patron, the Virgin Mary. As part of the celebration, we are arranging a light **Parish Lunch** on the day to which everyone is invited – **please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby** if you are able to come along.

Coffee Catch Up launches on Monday 14th Sept in the Parish Room, an opportunity for all members of the community to meet up over a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate every Monday morning from 8.30 am to 11.30 am.

Cakes If anyone is willing to make an occasional cake this would be most appreciated (please get in touch with Debbie Filer). We look forward to seeing you there! *Debbie, Rachel, Esther, Rowena, Penny & Team*

Pilgrim Course We shall be running a new Pilgrim Course "from scratch" starting on 17th September at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room. If you haven't already tried the Pilgrim Course we would love to welcome you. We will be thinking about how we pray The Lord's Prayer and what it teaches us. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby but if you would like to know more please speak to Rev'd Rachel.

Harvest Festival Service St Mary's will celebrate Harvest on **Sunday 4th October**. The service will be at the later time of **10am**. Further details will follow.

BITS AND PIECES

Royal British Legion Harvest Festival Everyone is welcome to come along to a short service followed by supper on Sunday 13th September (7.15 pm for 7.30 pm) at the RBL Hall in Crown Lane. Please see the poster in the lobby for further details. The Legion would appreciate an approximate idea of numbers so if you are planning on going along please let Debbie Filer know.

Social Events You may remember and have taken part in various recent social events here at St Mary's. These ranged from nature walks to pancake tossing! The PCC would value new ideas (or more of the same) for future events. If you have ideas we would like to involve you and support you in the organising and running of them. So please, be inventive and come up with some events for the next year! Please contact **Janet Jackson** if you would like to sound out any ideas you have. Thank you.

The Foodbank would particularly welcome donations of pasta, tinned fruit, dried meat

substitute (for vegetarian clients) & sugar currently. Thank you!

Macmillan Coffee Morning
FRIDAY SEPT 11th, 10.30 - 12 noon at
68 The Street - please note the early date.

Ride & Stride This year's Ride and Stride for historic churches takes place on 12th September. This is a chance to cycle, walk or ride to your choice of churches and raise sponsorship money for Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust and St. Mary's. Please speak to Paul Skinner if you are interested or see the website:

www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride.php It would also be good to have people to greet any participants who come to St. Mary's on the day as a friendly face is always welcome.

From Rev'd Rachel

What Jesus teaches us can seem difficult to understand and live out. Some of those who initially believed in Jesus found what he expected of them too tough, so they turned away. But the twelve disciples stayed and followed him into some tough places. Are we willing to put on the Armour of God and journey with Jesus into new encounters as we share his love?

Please pray for

- Bishops Timothy, David and Jonathan.
- The courage to put on the armour of God as we share the love of Jesus in new ways.
- Those living under the threat of violence in Syria and Iraq
- Migrants and those seeking asylum.
- The people of St Apollo's Church in Katakala.
- Thomas Martin & Laura Lucas; Den Lowpetch & Helena Tobin preparing for their marriages at St Mary's next week;
- Those who are sick or suffering, among them: Penelope Bickley; Elan Bansal; David Sacree; Beryl Streether; Mavis Lloyd; Jackie Deadman; Jean Schluter; Clifford & Christopher Browne; Des Atkin; Violet Philips, Margaret Lomax; Emily Fisk; and all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently and 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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