

## 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.

11<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

### Hymns for Today

32, 70, 332, 374, 625, 503

## TODAY

**Bishop of Winchester Appeal – Retiring Collection** We have received a letter from Bishops Tim, David & Jonathan calling on us to help the people of Syria & Myanmar (one of our Anglican Link Partners who have been affected by devastating floods & landslides). The Diocese is partnering with two charities (Refugee Action & The Anglican Relief & Development Fund), with a retiring collection taking place today. Donations can also be made online via the Winchester Diocese website. A copy of the Bishops' letter is in the lobby.

**HOMEGROUPS** The first of two homegroups continues this evening at 5.30 pm, kindly hosted by Steve & Gill Sakakini. This group will then next meet on Sundays 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Penny Potter is also hosting a group on Thursday nights for six consecutive weeks starting from this Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 7.30pm.

These will provide places of fellowship to explore more about our faith. Both groups will start with refreshments and will be studying The Beatitudes in this first period, using materials from the Pilgrim Course. Please let these generous hosts know if you would like to join them, or talk to the clergy for more information.

**Could you host a homegroup?** No previous experience required! All the material is shared by the group. Only a friendly welcome, a willingness to take part and a front room is necessary.

Please speak to Fr Alec if you are interested.

## THIS WEEK

**Monday Discussion Group:** Our next meeting is this Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 1.45 pm in the Parish Room. We will continue the study guide by Embrace. Study 5 is called

'Birds and sea creatures'. Everyone welcome. Ann Price (320388)

**The Wednesday Eucharist** will take place this week at St Mary's Junior School at the usual time of 10.00 am. All welcome.

**The Pilgrim Course** continues this Thursday at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room. For more details please speak to the clergy.

**Ploughmen's Lunches** This Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30 pm in the Parish Room. All welcome.

**The Children's Society Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale** This will take place in the Parish Room on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 10 am - 12 noon. As well as the Christmas Cards sale other stalls will include a raffle, knitted goods, bric-a-brac and a children's corner with fun and surprises.

**Cakes:** There will also of course be our delicious homemade cake stall! If you are willing to provide a cake, sweets or preserves for this event, please speak to Fay Farrant in church or tel. 476863. Thank you in anticipation! For other enquiries please speak to Rosemary Kershaw, tel. 355500.

## LOOKING FORWARD

**All Hallows Eve Activities** return this October 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Children are invited to come along in costume and join in with a night-time procession, pumpkin-carving competition, and crafts. All accompanied by burgers and Hot Dogs.

**All Souls' Commemoration of the Faithful Departed** There will be a Eucharist for the Faithful Departed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30 pm at which those who have died will be prayed for by name. A list for you to write those names of people for whom you wish prayer to be offered will be available next Sunday. The service will be preceded by refreshments in the North Aisle from 7.00 pm.

**AN EVENING WITH ICONS** We are delighted to say we have the great privilege of an illustrated talk on Icons from Dom Anselm Shobrook OSB, Iconographer at Alton Abbey, on THURSDAY DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Bolton Chapel. Please put this in your diaries now! More details will follow later.

## BITS AND PIECES



Every Monday in the Parish Room, 8.30 am – 11.30 am! We look forward to seeing you!

**Food Bank News** Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Food Bank at last week's Harvest Festival. The Food Bank is still short of 1L (long-life) milk, fruit juice and carrier bags.

**The Friends of St Mary's** invite you to an evening of **murder, mystery & fine dining** on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30 pm at Old Basing Village Hall. Tickets are available from Joan Cole (tel. 324749) or Chris Beadle (tel. 358533) at a cost of £25 per person (£23 for "Friends") to include a welcome drink, canapés & a two course meal. You are requested please to bring your own drinks & glasses and to dress smart or 1920's style!

### From Fr Alec

Today Jesus challenges the Rich man to make a choice between his wealth and his willingness to enter God's Kingdom. God sets us the same challenge in our own lives. What would we feel unwilling to leave behind if it stood in contradiction with following Jesus?

### Please pray for

- Thankful hearts and eyes that are open to God's endless acts of grace in our lives.
- Refugees, and all those seeking asylum.
- Those living in suffering, particularly in Afghanistan, Syria, Libya and Iraq.
- The people of St Apollo's Church in Katakala.
- Our Bishops Tim, David and Jonathan.
- 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, Emily Fisk; and all others in pain or sorrow;
- All those who have died recently; Richard Godfrey; Albert Stevens; all 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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