

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.

25th October 2015
Last Sunday After Trinity

Hymns for Today
684, 29, 87, 297, 114, 485

TODAY

Bishop of Winchester Appeal – Retiring Collection There is a retiring collection today to help the people of Syria & Myanmar. Please see the letter in the lobby from Bishops Tim, David & Jonathan.

THIS WEEK

All Hallows Eve Activities return this October 31st 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.

LOOKING FORWARD

All Souls' Commemoration of the Faithful Departed There will be a Eucharist for the Faithful Departed on Monday 2nd 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 is by the votive candle stand (please put the name in capital letters). The service will be preceded by refreshments in the North Aisle from 7pm.

Parish Service of Remembrance Sunday, 8th Nov, 10 am followed by Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial. Holy Communion follows immediately afterwards in the church. There will be no Family Service that day.

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 3rd at 7.30 pm in the Bolton Chapel. Please put this in your diaries now! More details will follow later.

Contemplative Advent Services – Come and rest in gentle, candle-lit contemplative services of music, reflection, poetry, peace and prayer. Monday evenings in Advent - 30th Nov & 7th, 14th, 21st Dec, 8-8.45pm, Bolton

chapel. All welcome. If you need a lift please contact Sarah.

Friends of St Mary's - Murder Mystery & Fine Dining – Saturday 28th Nov, 7.30 pm at Old Basing Village Hall
Please see posters on the church notice boards

Crib Festival 2015 The word is getting out thanks to the posters that are kindly being distributed. Please continue to take them far and wide in the Parish!. This week is the beginning of sign-up sheets in the lobby for cakes, tombola, and raffle prizes so please consider how you may help. If there are groups known to you who may not have done a tree before please let me know so I can make contact. The best way to share this event is really **word of mouth** so please look for opportunities to broadcast out Crib Festival wherever you go! Thank you!

BITS AND PIECES



Following the visit from Lucy Moore, founder of Messy Church, earlier this month, a follow-on meeting has been arranged for Sat. 31st October at 2pm in the Parish Room to which all are welcome.

Children's Society A very big thank you to everyone who generously supported the coffee morning last Saturday. Whether you helped on the stalls, served or drank coffee, bought Christmas cards or just generally enjoyed the chance to meet old friends and chat, your efforts contributed to the grand total of £1,411.17!

Farewell Service for the Venerable Michael Harley, Archdeacon of Winchester who will be retiring on 30th Nov. after 40 years of ministry. The service will be held on Sunday 8th Nov. in Winchester Cathedral at 3.30 pm to which all are welcome. If you would like to contribute to a gift please send a cheque made payable to "Winchester Bishopric Official Expenses" to Miss Joyce Cockell, Wolvesey, Winchester, SO23 9ND by 5th Nov.

On Saturday 7th November, the Churchyard Conservation Group (PIOCC) will be holding its annual Social Working Party. This is an invitation to come along and see for yourselves what tasks we are currently undertaking. If you would like

to work with us, we are on site from **10am**. or else join us at 11.30 am for homemade soup, sausage rolls, flapjacks and a tour of the conservation area – all welcome!

Coffee Morning for Pancreatic Cancer UK Sat. 14th November. Once again we are holding a coffee morning at the **Cricket Pavilion on the Rec** from **10.30 am to 12 noon** – courtesy of Old Basing Cricket Club – in memory of our late friends Liz Gray and Sally Armstead. There will be a raffle, bring and buy and cards on sale. We look forward to seeing you. *Ann, Di, Irene & Fay.*



Coffee Catch Up - Children in Need Appeal All proceeds taken on 9th November will be donated to the Appeal. There will be a raffle (any raffle prizes would be gratefully received – please contact Debbie Filer) as well as a chance to sample Penny Jubin's cheese & chorizo savoury muffins! Coffee Catch Up is open every Monday, 8.30 am – 11.30 am.

From Sarah

The nights might be drawing in, but Christ illuminates inside and out. Bartimeaus reflects our journey of healing and calling. Our way is illuminated as we follow Christ in communion; as we illuminate the darkness through giving and receiving from each other in community; as we encourage each other to 'take heart, get up', you are called and loved.

Please pray for

- Thankful hearts and eyes that are open to God's endless acts of grace in our lives.
- The courage to journey out with Jesus to share with others in some way the peace and love of God.
- 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.
- David Poynton & Clare Randall, preparing for their marriage on Friday;
- 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; Vivienne Upton; Winifred Elsworth; 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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