St Mary's Burghfield

Newsletter 10 Friday 12th June 2020

Sunday 14th June 2020 - Join us for our 10am 'Virtual' service via Zoom.

Readings: Romans 5.1-8, Matthew 9.35-10

Today's Prayer: God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

1st Sunday after Trinity – Proper 6

To join or online service please contact Revd Glynn on :
glynn.lautenbach@stmarysburghfield.org

Worksheets for children and new 'Family Time' sheet attached

Weekly Children's message available on Sunday morning posted to Facebook/website

Oxford Diocese Services

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Church at Home

Live-streamed and 'as live' worship is available for everyone across the Diocese of Oxford, these services complement the prayers, meditations and worship offered by local churches.
Our principal Diocesan services take place at 10 am each Sunday.

Please click on the link for the Diocesan website link for any further information.

Daily Hope telephone line

As well as the Church at Home weekly telephone service from the Diocese, a new national phoneline offers music, prayers, and reflections as well as full worship services. The line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044

Reflections for a Church in Lockdown

A new series of reflective podcasts and online audio recorded by Bishop Steven. Each episode aims to resource the Church during the crisis.

give a little

We at St Mary's now offer an online donation page!

If you would like to donate, please click on the link:

https://givealittle.co/campaigns/77b371b3-68f6-4729-a808-8fd58d9c589f

Thank you for supporting our ministry and mission

Please pray for:

- Sycamore Close, Rowan Way, Beech Close, Chestnut Drive, Larch Close
- Our charities HHI, WaterAid Sightsavers, FAITH, PACT, Burghfield UC, Trussel Trust, Willow Project, Yeldhall
- Local nurseries, playgroups and child minders; and single parents, carers and children who are carers
- Those who have died recently, Michael Cooper

Prayers at St Mary's going forward

We will continue to publish prayers and reflections on Wednesday's and Friday's, which will continue to be available on our website and Facebook page.

However, we are trialling something new!
A small group of us used to always do Morning Prayer together every Monday morning at 9am and we are going to try and pick this up again through Zoom and you are invited to join in.

To join or online service please contact Revd Glynn on :
glynn.lautenbach@stmarysburghfield.org

Thank you to those who have given feedback on how helpful you have found them.

Daily Readings for the week

Monday 15th June – Psalms 27,30, Joshua 14, Luke 12.1-12
Tuesday 16th June – Psalm 32,36, Joshua 21.43-22.8, Luke 12.13-21
Wednesday 17th June – Psalm 34, Joshua 22.9-end, Luke 12.22-31
Thursday 18h June – Psalm 37, Joshua 24.1.28, Luke 12.41-48
Friday 19th June – Psalm 31, Joshua 24.1-28, Luke 12.41-48
Saturday 20th June – Psalm 41,42,43, Joshua 24.29-end, Luke 12.49-end

The Bible Course

Due to the coronavirus situation, the Bible course has not been able to continue here at St Mary's.
The *Bible Course* has been adapted so that you can watch the session videos online for free
You can download the manual here.
These Videos will be available to watch for a limited time online (at least until the end of August).
We hope that this development will be helpful and encouraging to you at this challenging time.

We'll sing again; don't know where, don't know when…….

Looking ahead to the time when we can meet again in church to worship, we are hoping to hold a Songs of Praise service featuring some of our favourite hymns and worship songs. Thank you to everyone who has already sent their choices to Eileen Thatcher, **and it is not too late** to add **your** favourites (up to a maximum of five) to the list of our most loved music. If you would also like to say briefly why each of your chosen songs is special to you this would be great. Please email Eileen at brianthatcher@btinternet.com, or phone her on 0118 933 3037.

Colin has received a request from Jason Frost who is researching the life and ministry of the Reverend George Henry Nicholson who was Rector of Burghfield from 1938 until 1971, and who remained in the parish until his death in 1983. Jason would like to hear from anyone who remembers him and has drawn up a short questionnaire. If you remember the Rev Nicholson please contact Colin for further information.

Colin Thompson (9832603) colin@coltbus.plus.com

The Year's Mind

It has long been our custom to remember in intercessions the names of those in our memorial book on the anniversary of their passing.

The list of names that we currently use is quite old and does not necessarily reflect the memories and needs of our current congregation. Although we will of course continue to remember the names in our memorial book in the chancel we thought we would invite you to add the names of your loved ones to the list, so that they too might be remembered on their anniversaries in our weekly prayers.
The list would require your name, the name of the loved one, their relationship to you and the date of their anniversary.

For example

REQUEST MADE BY	NAME TO BE REMEMBERED	RELATIONSHIP	DATE OF ANNIVERSARY
Margaret Thomas	Oscar Rumsey	Grandson	1st January

We have had a little book made for this purpose which will be kept in church, but if you would like to send names either to Margaret Thomas or to Jane our administrator, while we continue to meet via Zoom we can start recording and praying for these important names straight away.

I'm delighted to announce, that following completion of the requirements for the Diocese and with full PCC approval, Alison Eves has been granted a renewed licence for 'Authorisation to Preach' at St Mary's from Bishop Olivia. This will be for a further 5 years till 2025.

I am sure you have all enjoyed, appreciated and been challenged by Alison's preaching and the prayer reflections as much as I have, and we look forward the continuation of her ministry amongst us.

Fund Raising

Fundraising initiatives: exciting news!

As you are all probably well aware we need to raise some money to enable the church to grow and thrive, and to meet our commitments for this year in the face of the loss of a significant proportion of Parish Centre income due to the COVID 19 crisis.

We have had some great ideas put forward already: ideas that hopefully we will all enjoy supporting, and that will raise those much-needed funds. We wanted to let you know what is planned, and to ask you to please get involved as much as you can. Whether you would like to help to organise future initiatives, or have a new idea to suggest, or are able to be a donor by buying/donating/participating: all these are essential and we would be very grateful for any offers.

These are the things we are aware of: do please let us know if you have other ideas or we have overlooked anything.

1. Colin's quiz. Always a fantastic way to challenge yourself, your family and friends, to have a good time and to learn some (more or less!) useful things into the bargain. Proving that quizzes are not just for Christmas, all the details are in this newsletter

2. Jigsaw jam. Another brilliant idea, this time from Lorraine. Again, the details are included elsewhere in the newsletter.

3. Amy's haircut. Amy has made this wonderful offer, which will help not only us but children suffering from cancer. She has written about it elsewhere in the newsletter.

4. Proposed auction of promises. In the past we have held auctions of promises, which have raised several thousand pounds. We hope to run an auction again this year. At this stage we need your promises. Do start to think about what you could promise. We need a whole range of promises. In the past we have had offers of baked goodies such as mince pies and fresh loaves, jars of jam and marmalade, through to catering for a dinner party or cooking a family meal. We have had offers of help from people with skills such as IT expertise, family history research, gardening. We have had objects, manufactured or homemade, such as planters, cushions, quilts. We have had offers of the use of holiday homes or a trip on a canal boat or.....Hopefully you get the idea and can use your imagination to see what you could offer. Watch this space for more details.

5. Book sale. If you have used this time to get some more reading done and are now keen to pass on books already read, and get some new reading material, we hope to provide you with that opportunity. Please keep any books you can donate to one side, and we will set up a stall as soon as it is safe and sensible to do so.

Further ideas, large or small, all gratefully received.

Thanks so much for your support,
Alison and Michael

To celebrate the return of normal schooling our 'Back to Skool' quiz (similar to the popular Xmas quiz) will be available from 1st June by e-mail or snail mail. You will receive 40 general knowledge and 20 picture questions together with two handouts and the answers in a sealed envelope.

Use them to challenge/amaze friends' family and neighbours- genuinely compliant with social distancing!

No trips to Barnard Castle to test eyesight required! Cost of £10- all proceeds to Church funds.

You can make you payment using this QR code (dedicated to the Quiz fundraiser) or this link or alternatively make arrangements through Colin.

Please contact Colin Thompson (9832603) colin@coltbus.plus.com

Do you have jigsaw puzzles you have finished with?
Would you like new puzzles to do?
As a fun raising event we are exploring interest for a

"Jigsaw Jam".

Basically, you complete a Jigsaw you are willing to pass on, leave it on a board or piece of cardboard, to show it is complete. On a given date we will display all the jigsaws and you will have the opportunity to purchase new-to-you puzzles. And others have the opportunity to purchase your puzzle.
All money raised will help meet the financial needs of St Mary's Church.
If you have any puzzles, any size, for any age, any genre. Please contact Revd Lorraine at lorraine.colam@stmarysburghfield.org or phone 0118 943 2001

Hair raising!

Amy Legg is doing a fundraising item to raise money for the church!

Amy is having her hair cut and donating it to the Little Princess Trust that makes wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment.

The money that is raised will go towards the church and a code will be active for people to donate money. Amy does not have a date yet on when she will be having the 'chop' but as soon as we know we shall let you know!

Email Address

For all future correspondence with the Parish Administrator please use the below email address:

stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

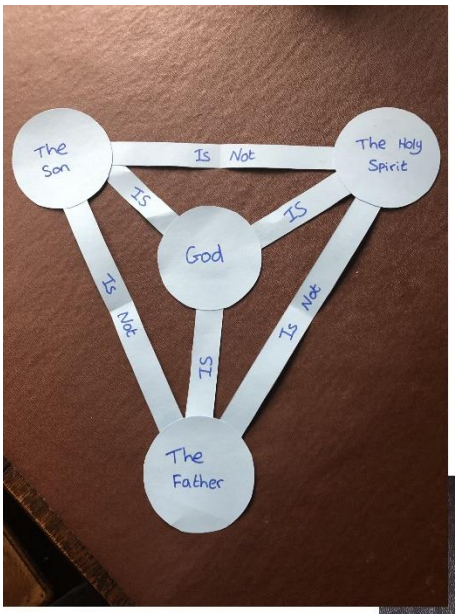
Parish Administrator Hours

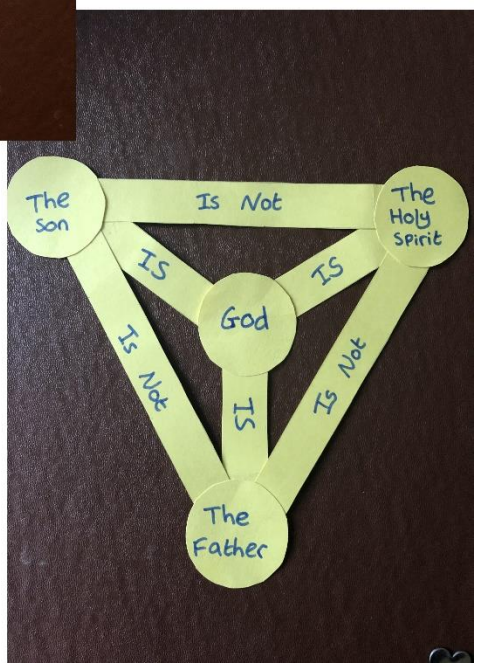
Please note that my working hours will be reduced from **Wednesday 13th May** 2020. I shall now be working from **08:00 – 11:00** until further notice. Anything sent after 11am will be replied to the following day.

News from 'Our Church Community'
We'd love to hear from you!

Do you have any stories which have helped your faith during our time of crisis which you might like to share?
If you have any prayer requests please let us know and we can forward on to our prayer team.
If you have a request for a favourite hymn, let us know and we can pass this on to Gill.

Amy has kindly sent pictures of the 'Trinity Triangles' that she created for Revd Lorraine





Gary has sent us the before and after pictures of the small patio he has built at the back of their garage during lockdown along with a log store, a bin store and a greenhouse.

Gary also attached a picture of some wildlife the cats brought into their house early one morning, no idea how they got a magpie through the cat flap! Gary opened some windows and fortunately it made its way out and flew away safely ☺

Alison Clare-Dalgleish has kindly sent a link of her band (Woodley Concert Band) playing "Over the Rainbow" during lockdown.
They all recorded their parts at home then their principal trumpet Gregor put everything together.
(Alison appears in the middle screen about 1/3 of the way through and then again at the end.)

The video is dedicated to the NHS.

Please send in any photos of the wonderful things you are doing at home during this time.
Maybe you have seen wildlife and photographed on your daily walks?

During this time of lockdown please do not forget to update your profile on iKnow!
We still have a lot of people who unfortunately have not completed their personal details
. If you have any issues, please contact Janey on stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

Website

We are updating our website daily to ensure communication is kept between us and yourself at home. Please find useful links within our website:

Home Page – Link

Resources and updates during Coronavirus – Link

Online Videos - Link

We are also updating our website where we are adding photos to the 'Gallery' tab. If you have any photographs from past events which we can place in our gallery. Please can you forward to stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

The foodbank in Burghfield is closed and all food will now be delivered direct from the warehouse in Greenham Common to clients with vouchers. They have completed the last of their deliveries this afternoon and have crated up the remaining stock and it will go back to the warehouse early next week. So as of now the foodbank is closed. Obviously, food should **NOT** be dropped off there.

The new collection point will now be at ***Budgens*** and a collection point on a Tuesday at the post office, with a drop off remaining at ***Tesco*** in Burghfield. Please can we ask for as many donations as possible to be dropped to assist our community during this difficult time.

Donations may be made directly to their bank account, with the following details:

Lloyds Bank, Newbury: Sorting Code 77-95-05

West Berks Foodbank: Account No. 72784660

Or, you may send a cheque payable to "West Berks Foodbank" and send to: The Treasurer, West Berks Foodbank, 23 Charter Road, Newbury, Berks. RG14 7EW.

You may also wish to complete a **Gift Aid form to add 25% value to your donation**

The banks are urgently needing the following

SHAMPOO, NAPPIES SIZE 6, RICE PUDDING, TOOTHPASTE ADULT/CHILD, SUGAR
KETCHUP, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

The banks are low on the following:

TINNED FRUIT, CUSTARD, SPONGE PUDDINGS, POT NOODLES, LONG LIFE MILK (UHT), MICROWAVE RICE