St Mary's Church Burghfield

Welcoming all, growing faith, serving others

Newsletter 51 Friday 16th April 2021

Hybrid Service (in Church and via Zoom) from Sunday

Sunday 18th April 2021 - Join us for our 10am service.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Reading– Acts 3.12–19, Luke 24.36b–48

Today's Prayer: Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Click HERE to access Zoom Service

This link will continue to be used as a recurring link for Sunday services, for those who would like to join us virtually. Please download and add the dates to your calendar or simply keep using the same link above

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Click HERE to add to calendar

Meeting ID: 858 8936 7180

Password: 508863

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Worksheets for children attached

9am Monday Morning Prayer (weekly)

You are welcome to join us once again **via Zoom** as we read the bible and pray together

Click HERE to access Morning Prayer
Meeting ID: 883 1469 9164 Passcode: 769633

Please pray for:

Coltsfoot Close, Horseshoe Crescent, Dauntless Road

Our church wardens Michael and Alison

People in prison or facing court action; prison chaplain & visitors

Those who have died recently.

Year's Mind : Joan Wilson

Daily Readings for the week beginning 18th April 2021

Mon 19th Apr Psalms 96, 97 or 27, 30, Deuteronomy 5.1–22, Ephesians 1.1–14

Tues 20th Apr Psalms 98, 99, 100 or 32, 36, Deuteronomy 5.22–end, Ephesians 1.15–end

Wed 21st Apr Psalm 105 or 34, Deuteronomy 6, Ephesians 2.1–10

Thurs 22nd Psalm 136 or 37*, Deuteronomy 7.1–11, Ephesians 2.11–end

Fri 23rd Apr MP Psalms 5, 146, Joshua 1.1–9, Ephesians 6.10–20

Sat 24th Apr Psalms 108, 110, 111 or 41, 42, 43, Deuteronomy 8, Ephesians 3.14–end

Please click HERE to watch ‘this weeks’ reflection conducted by Revd Glynn

Foodbank have the below link that you can follow and add to your Instagram feed:

https://www.instagram.com/westberksfoodbank

It gives helpful updates on the items that are urgently required, feedback on the donations and how many people have been helped.

Collection Points Locally:

St Marys Church- a collection point is back in our church porch.

Other local food collection points are as below:

Tesco Express in Burghfield – opening hours 6.00am –11pm
Budgens in Mortimer—opening hours 7.00 am –9pm

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

BAKING POWDER, SHAMPOO, SPICES: PAPRIKA, CUMIN AND TUMERIC, INSTANT MASH
BABY SHAMPOO, DRIED YEAST, DRIED HERBS: PARSLEY, CORIANDER, MINT AND BASIL

The banks are low on the following:

RICE PUDDING, TINNED FRUIT, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE, CUP-A-SOUP
SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR, TOILET ROLL, MUGSHOTS

Good News! We now have our own church Foodbank contact– Anne Eatwell will collect donations from church every Friday to take them to the foodbank as she volunteers there, and will keep us up to date on their needs. If anyone has any questions, would like to find out how they can volunteer or can't get down to church to deposit your donations then please contact her as below.

Anne Eatwell- 07747 535540 or 0118 9832666

HRH Duke of Edinburgh

Remembering the Duke of Edinburgh

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of HRH, The Duke of Edinburgh at Christ Church Cathedral on Friday 16 April. The service will start at 6.05pm. It will be recorded and live-streamed both by the Cathedral and by BBC Radio Oxford. Visit HERE for details.

The BBC has published timings for the funeral on Saturday. A minute's silence will be held nationwide, in memory of the duke at 15:00hrs

I feel sure that you have your own ways of sharing in our country's loss and collective mourning and here are some further ways in which you may like to participate as we mourn together as a country and hold the Queen and the Royal Family in our prayers.

Prince Philip's Funeral takes place this Saturday at 3.00pm but in the meantime, if you have not already accessed, it I would direct your attention to the Requiem Service from Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford , please click HERE or alternatively the service led by the Archbishop of Canterbury can be watched HERE.

Both of which commemorate the life of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.
Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, strict guidelines have been issued about a 'Book of Condolence' which may only be online. Please can I invite you to access the Church of England Book of Condolence HERE to add your own messages of support and sympathy.
Please note that this book of condolence will be closed on Sunday evening.
The Church of England website with the same link for the Book of Condolence, there is also the opportunity to light a 'virtual' candle

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In our church extra candles have been provided for anyone who might like to go and light a candle and there is a prayer you may like to prayer on the prayer board as well.

At 3pm on Saturday may I also invite you all to join in with the nation as we hold a minute's silence prior to Prince Philip's funeral service and then to watch the service which will be televised to the nation.
Though Sunday will be the day after the funeral we will again begin our Sunday service with prayers and a time of silence.

What's Happening?

Sun 18th Apr	**10:00am Reflective Communion (Church/Zoom)**

Church roof being fixed W/C 19th April

Mon 19th Apr	9:00am Morning Prayer (in Church /Zoom)
Wed 21st Apr	09:30am Parish Communion (Church)
Thurs 22nd Apr	10:30am Revd Glynn Coffee Morning
Sun 25th Apr	**10:00am Reflective Communion (Church/Zoom)**
Mon 26th Apr	9:00am Morning Prayer (in Church /Zoom)
Thurs 29th Apr	10:30am Revd Glynn Coffee Morning
Sun 2nd May	**10:00am Parish Communion (Church/Zoom)**
Mon 3rd May	9:00am Morning Prayer (in Church /Zoom)
Thurs 6th May	10:30am Revd Glynn Coffee Morning

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

Parish Administrator Hours

The parish office hours are from 08:45–12:45. Tuesday to Friday.

Anything sent after 12:45 will be replied to as soon as possible.

Please continue to contact me via email on

stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

DIOCESE OF OXFORD

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

Dates for your diary!

11th July 2021 - 'Climate Sunday' with + Olivia Graham, Bishop of Reading

26th September 2021—Harvest Festival

2nd & 3rd October 2021—Festival of Creation

Church cleaning recommences

Please join our happy band in cleaning the church (while taking the necessary precautions against covid19) : many hands make light work and it is a joy to care for our beautiful building.

We will meet at 10 am on 24 April (May dates 8/5/21 and 22/5/21)

Thank you in anticipation! Alison and Michael

Alison Eves - alison.eves@stmarysburghfield.org

Mike Wood - mike.wood@stmarysburghfield.org

Did you know that at St Marys we have a dedicated group of people called the 'Prayer and Healing Team'?
And in addition we also have a 'Prayer Chain'?

It is some time since the Prayer and Healing Team have been able to offer prayers in the chancel for individual needs, although our prayers do continue via email link for anyone who phones or emails Rev Glynn with prayer requests.

If you have a particular need for prayer for yourself or for someone else we are very happy to offer you prayer support through our prayer chain. We are setting up a new email link at:

prayer-request@stmarysburghfield.org. Your request for prayer will be held in confidence and known only to the team members who will be praying for you.

Margaret Thomas - Prayer and Healing Team Co-Ordinator

Coffee and Chat has now stopped!

As we emerge from lockdown and people are able to get out and about again, we have decided to place the coffee morning on hold from now on.

Revd Glynn's door is always open should you need or wish to talk still.

What's going on in our community?

We hosted the Easter Wreath evening. If you would like to watch the video on how to create such a wreath please click HERE

Lesley has sent a photo of the 17th green and golf course beyond to celebrate their return to golf! The ducks are just missing from this photograph but they were happily waddling around somehow managing to avoid flying golf balls!

Thank you Lesley for sending your photo!

Easter Sunday we gathered back in church for the first time this year! Unable to sing inside the church gathered outside to sing before entering the church for the Easter Service. The sun was shining and made this possible.

Look at the beautiful Easter gardens made by Amanda and family! We are so delighted to have these wonderful representations of the empty tomb: as you can see they are in pride of place under the altar. Thank you very much indeed!

Care for Creation
acting together for the environment

Care for Creation is for anyone exploring their Christian calling to care for God's world. This is a newsletter resource created by the Diocese of Oxford to enable us to participate in caring for God's creation.

They share recent news, information and resources to help you do this. In each edition they will explore things to do, listen to, learn from, watch and read.

If you would like to subscribe please click HERE

What is St Mary's doing to 'Care for God's Creation'?

- We have created a sub committee of the PCC who will plan and co-ordinate our efforts to make a difference to climate change and to care for creation. We will give regular updates on our progress.
- We have signed up for 'Climate Sunday' (more information below).
- We are planning a 'Festival of Creation' to be held later this year , which we hope will involve both church and community.

Climate Sunday

Climate Sunday' **11th July 2021 with + Olivia Graham,** Bishop of Reading. +Olivia is the lead bishop in our diocese on environ-mental matters.

Please click HERE for more information about 'Climate Sunday'

Other Resources

COUNT US IN

Is a global programme that has picked out 16 of the most effective ways people can cut their carbon pollution. If you would like to find out more on how you can do 'your bit' please click Count Us In

Tearfund—'Burning Down the House' report

In 2020, Tearfund and Youthscape surveyed 630 young UK Christians, asking their thoughts on the climate, church and their faith. While 9 in 10 teenagers are concerned about the climate crisis, only 1 in 10 think their church is doing enough about it.

Please click HERE for more information on 'Tearfund's' climate change

If you would like to watch the message from young people please click HERE. You may also wish to read the 'Tearfund's' magazine for young people, please click on the links for articles on climate, food and waste.

We want young people to tell us their views and concerns on the climate and the environment. Please let us know if any of our youth members would like to share their thoughts and we can collate the information.

Please email the Parish administrator

✓Relieving Hunger
✓Restoring Dignity
✓Reviving Hope

West Berks foodbank

Can you lend a hand?

We urgently need volunteers to help in our foodbank with,

Goods-In
Distribution
Deliveries

If you can spare a couple of hours a week please contact us to find out how you can help

email
Collections@westberks.foodbank.org.uk
call
07955 626621

Did you know we have a Pilates class which takes place in our Parish Centre? Why not contact Heather to take part in her wonderful class!

PILATES

With HSFitnessUK and Thames Valley Pro Pilates

My **Body Control Pilates** classes are available live, or on demand, via **zoom** for everyone, whatever your age and ability. If you would like to join, or find out more about classes from the comfort of your home, contact **Heather**

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Mondays – 10am & 6.30pm * Tuesdays – 9.30am
Wednesdays – 9.30am, 10.45am (Beginners) & 6.30pm * Fridays 9.30am

Parish Centre from 12th April
Mondays 9.30am & 10.30am (both online too)
Fridays 1.30pm
(Limited to 6 per class to start with. More classes, inc evening, will return as lockdown eases)