

St Mary's Church Burghfield

Welcoming all, growing faith, serving others

Newsletter 67

Friday 13th August 2021

[Hybrid Service \(in Church and via Zoom\)](#)

Sunday 15th Aug 2021 - Join us for our 10am service.

Reflective Service with Communion

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Galatians 4.4-7 & Luke 1.46-55

Today's Prayer: Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Sunday 22nd Aug 2021 - Join us for our 10am service.

Parish Communion

Readings: Ephesians 6.10-20 John 6.56-69

Today's Prayer: God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

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.

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Please pray for w/c 16th August

Sulhamstead Road, Jacques Lane, Folly Lane, Ash Lane
The Prayer & Healing Ministry Team.
People who have recently moved here or who commute

Please pray for w/c 23rd August

Recreation Road, Firs End, Park View, School Lane
Community service workers and those who tend our churchyard
All who study or teach in Further Education
Those who have died recently.

RIP: Betty Lorch, Fiona Allum

Years Mind: Elizabeth Lautenbach



Worksheets for children attached in our email.



There will be no Morning prayer in Church till Monday 6th September

9am Monday Morning Prayer (weekly)

Click [HERE](#) to access Morning Prayer



Daily Readings for the week beginning 15th August 2021

Monday 16th Aug MP Psalms 98, 138, 147.1–12, Isaiah 7.10–15, Luke 11.27–28

Tuesday 17th Aug Psalms 87, 89.1–18, Proverbs 8.22–end, Mark 5.21–34

Wednesday 18th Aug Psalm 119.105–128, Proverbs 9, Mark 5.35–end

Thursday 19th Aug Psalms 90, 92, Proverbs 10.1–12, Mark 6.1–13

Friday 20th Aug Psalms 88 (95), Proverbs 11.1–12, Mark 6.14–29

Saturday 21st Aug Psalms 96, 97, 100, Proverbs 12.10–end, Mark 6.30–44



Daily Readings for the week beginning 23rd August 2021

Monday 23rd Aug Psalms 98, 99, 101, Proverbs 14.31–15.17, Mark 6.45–end

Tuesday 24th Aug MP Psalms 86, 117, Genesis 28.10–17, John 1.43–end

Wednesday 25th Aug Psalms 110, 111, 112, Proverbs 18.10–end, Mark 7.14–23

Thursday 26th Aug Psalms 113, 115, Proverbs 20.1–22, Mark 7.24–30

Friday 27th Aug Psalm 139, Proverbs 22.1–16, Mark 7.31–end

Saturday 28th Aug Psalms 120, 121, 122, Proverbs 24.23–end, Mark 8.1–10

What's Happening?

21st July—Summer holidays for school start

Sun 15th Aug	10:00 Reflective Communion (Church/Zoom)
Tues 17th Aug	Pew cutting in church
Sun 22nd Aug	10:00am Parish Communion (Church/Zoom)
Sun 29th Aug	10:00am Parish Communion (Church/Zoom)
Mon 30th Aug	Bank Holiday—No Morning Prayer

**Parish administrator is on annual leave 16th Aug —23rd Aug incl
Revd Glynn is on annual leave 16th Aug - 31st Aug incl**



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



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

Church Cleaning



Please join our happy band in cleaning the church on **Friday 20th August @ 7pm**

(while taking the necessary precautions against Covid19): many hands make light work and it is a joy to care for our beautiful building.

Please don't forget to come and help. Thank you in anticipation!
Alison and Michael

Alison Eves - alison.eves@stmarysburghfield.org &
Mike Wood - mike.wood@stmarysburghfield.org



Parish Administrator Update

Following recent discussions with Jane Cleary (our administrator) and the Standing Committee of the PCC (wardens, treasurer, PCC secretary and myself) we wanted to update you on the administrators office hours.

Going forward Janey will continue to work from home rather than the office in church, due to a number of reasons, especially as the majority of the work through the pandemic has been online and will continue as such. She will work in the office as and when it is necessary.

During the pandemic she was only contactable through email and we have now made provision for a 'work mobile' for her use, which will be publicised more widely as well.

Please use this number instead of the previous office number.

Her 'office hours' remain the same (Tuesday to Friday 8.45am-12.45pm) and we do ask that you continue to only contact her by phone during those hours. Any answer phone messages will only be responded to during her working hours.

Janey will of course be available to make appointments down at the office if you need to see her in person.

Contact Details:

Office Mobile— 07979871608 Email—stmarysburghfield@outlook.com



Years Mind

A reminder that if you would like the names of any of your loved ones who have died, to be added to our weekly prayers please contact Margaret Thomas to give her these details. You will need to provide their date of death, name and their relationship to you.

For Prayer Requests - Please email prayer-request@stmarysburghfield.org

Children and Young People at St Mary's Church Burghfield



Gary, Sara and Amy have recently started leading on the Children & Teens' Ministry at St Mary's, Burghfield. As we start to plan activities for September 2021, especially as we emerge from the pandemic, it would be really good to hear from you. We can't promise to do everything suggested, but we would certainly try to provide what families would most like.

Thank you VERY much for your responses, they are much appreciated.

To access the form please click [HERE](#)



Fellowship Study Group

13th July will be the last of the creation series for the study group as we will be taking a break over the summer. Study group will resume on 14th September on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Our next meeting is on [Tuesday 14th September 2021](#) at 7.30pm via Zoom

Monthly on the **Second** Tuesday

(not in August), Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14

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Please click [HERE](#) to Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 820 2931 4513 Passcode:746158

Monthly on the **Fourth** Tuesday

(Not in July or August), Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 23 (not in December)

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Terracycling at St Mary's!

You may have noticed the storage units installed in the porch, and the bespoke unit that Brian has so cleverly crafted. We are now participating in "Terracycling", a scheme which enables us to recycle things which we would otherwise throw into landfill.

August	(More details are on the bins at church)
Confectionary Wrappers	All brands accepted, plastic chocolate and sweets pouches and bags, chocolate and sweets multipack outers, individual chocolate bar wrappers
Biscuit Wrappers	Any make of biscuit or cracker wrapper - any size
Dishwashing/ Laundry	All brands and sizes of flexible dishwasher tablet packaging. All brands and sizes of flexible laundry washing capsules and, cleaning and fragrance flexible packaging,
Tassimo & L'OR scheme	Kenco coffee refill bags, Kenco coffee plastic lids, Tassimo coffee pods and packet, Nespresso L 'Or discs
Bottle tops	Plastic milk bottle tops.
Crisp packets	Must have either a 2 or a 4 in the recycling triangle logo bit.

September	
Dental Care	Toothbrushes inc the heads from electric ones; toothpaste tubes including the plastic packaging and the cardboard outer packaging for the toothpaste tubes; Dental floss containers – any brand
Cleaning products	Tops, pumps and lids from any home cleaning bottle; All trigger sprays (ie Mr Muscle/ bathroom/ kitchen/window cleaners); Plastic air fresheners - Any make or size.
Beauty Products	Pumps, caps and lids from any beauty product – e.g. bubble bath, shampoo, conditioner bottles, shower gel ; Liquid hand soap pumps (not the bottles though)
Blister packaging from pills	Empty trays only! Boxes can be recycled in the ordinary recycling.
Bottle tops	Plastic milk bottle tops. Must have either a 2 or a 4 in the recycling triangle logo bit.
Crisp packets	Any brand of crisp packet, including multipack outers.

What else is happening ?

- You're invited to join our **Fellowship Study Group** as we focus on the environment; see details in this newsletter
- We have our '**Festival of Creation**' on **2/3 October** this year a; please join in as a visitor, exhibitor or both.
- We now have three strands to our Festival:
 - *Displays of beautiful and thought provoking items created by members of our wider community*
 - *Displays of useful information and ideas to help us all do more to fight climate change*
 - *Displays from charities which work to reduce the impact of climate change*



Why is plastic recycling so important?

Plastic from landfill and litter often ends up in waterways, where it eventually finds its way into our oceans. While there, it continually breaks up into smaller, and smaller pieces. Because it ends up in such small pieces it gets eaten by fish and seabirds. As the fish consume the plastics, we inevitably end up eating our own rubbish as we eat seafood contaminated with plastic! Many seabirds, and even majestic whales lose their lives as their stomachs fill up with plastic, which they can't digest-leaving them unable to eat their normal foods. The chemical properties of plastics are harmful to the health of both animals and humans, so it's vital to recycle to keep plastics out of our environment and food chains.

If you would like to know more here are some documentaries you could watch:

A Plastic Ocean-Netflix-fascinating and eye opening.

Seaspiracy-Netflix-stunningly researched-opened my eyes to charities that are pulling the wool over our eyes and how the health of the ocean affects the health of our whole planet.

Sharkwater-shots fired, mafia, arrests, boats ramming boats, life threatening illness, more twists and turns than a Hollywood movie! This multiple award winning documentary reinvigorated my interest in shark conservation. I've shown it to many people and it completely changed their opinion on sharks and impassioned them to join me in a charity event I set up for the shark trust. You can see the trailer for it here: [Sharkwater Trailer - HD - YouTube](#) and it's available to rent for £1.99 on Amazon Prime.

Sharkwater Extinction-the follow up to Sharkwater-worth watching the first one beforehand. Available to watch free on **Amazon Prime**.

Thanks to Steve Shreeve (a member of our Creation Matters Committee who put this article together)



I was surprised (shocked!) when I put together a whole lot of stuff for recycling and saw just how much it was! It is also from our Son and Daughter-in laws home with 2 boys so not all ours. But in a few short weeks this is the amount we had accumulated which in days gone by would simply have gone in to the general rubbish and to landfill ultimately. Some is for Terracyling, some are tetra packs which I now take to the recycle bin in the car park at the Willink Leisure Centre and the rest was plastic punnets and containers which I took to the tip for the recycling bin there.

It just goes to show the difference we can all make if we made an effort to play our part in recycling.

Revd Glynn



Spotlight UK is a charity that works with vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people to help build confidence, self-esteem and resilience. Spotlight UK does this through Sports, emergency food banks, mentoring, performing arts and more.

A project currently running through Spotlight UK is called operation safe space. Operation safe space is where we go into a selected amount of young people's bedrooms and re-decorate, add bits and make it their safe space. We are doing this as many young people need their own place where they feel comfortable and safe but due to family background they may not be able to afford this.

Currently we are after a list of products to help make these safe spaces for the young people.

These are:

Forget me not blue paint

'Funky Artwork'

Fairy lights

Sage green paint

Fake plants

Vines with fairy lights

LED lights

Sheepskin rug

Single bedding and bed sets for boys and girls

If anyone would be able to help us would really appreciate this.

Thank you so much Fiona

Many thanks and stay safe

Charlotte Clarke

Community Engagement Manager (Well-Being)

Spotlight UK registered charity 1129258

Instagram - @spotlightuk2020

<https://www.facebook.com/SpotlightUKCharity>

Proud Lead Members of UK Youth.

"Winner of Paul Harris Fellow through Rotary International - Dec 2016"



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

Tinned soup, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Baked Beans, Cup-a-Soups, Pasta Sauce, Ketchup, Long Life Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Sugar, Healthy Snacks, Lunch Box Treats, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Non-Bio Washing Powder.

The banks are low on the following:

Fruit Juice (Long Life), Stock Cubes, Coffee (Instant)

The banks are well stocked with:

BISCUITS, PASTA, TEA, CEREAL, CAT AND DOG FOOD

STOCK SHORTAGE West Berkshire Foodbank is currently feeding over 600 people per week, 3 times as many as in May. This is putting a severe strain on our stocks. Over the last 4 months, we have sent out over 8.5 tonnes more than we have received. We rely totally on the amazing generosity of our local community for donations of food and donations of money to buy fresh fruit and vegetables.

St Marys Food Bank contact person:

Anne Eatwell - 07747 535540 or 0118 9832666

If you have any questions or would like to offer help in any way please get in touch with Anne.



Hungry Holidays!

Fran Chamings our project manager at Foodbank has told us that they are expecting to feed an additional **200** people per week in West Berks for the 6 week school holiday due to the children being at home and not getting free school meals.

So, if you can, please check the required items for donations that we can pick up from church or in participating supermarkets, and if you can give some time as well, please contact the foodbank number 01635 813390 or email info@westberks.foodbank.org.uk



The national Ride+Stride event happens every year and this year takes place on **September 11th**. It is an opportunity to visit many historic churches in the Deanery either on foot, or by horse or cycle, whilst raising money for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust, with half being allocated to the home parish of the participants.

Guidelines, a list of participating churches and some suggestions for routes are on the BHCT Ride+Stride website.

You can access the website by clicking [HERE](#)

You can go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10am and 6pm on September 11th. Sign in at each church you visit; have a look round and some may also offer refreshments although in this pandemic year this might be less widespread.

Churches are in great need of fundraising support, this year more than ever. There is also the Daphne Barnes-Phillips challenge cup awarded to the church raising most money!

If you fancy an energetic day out with friends, or a lazy meander in the Berkshire Downs why not give it a go?

Further details available from the website above or have a word with Colin Thompson (colin@coltbus.plus.com)



Saturday 25th September

In preparation for our Festival of Creation, we would like to make a display and invite our children and families linked with St Mary's Church to be involved.

Our initial thoughts are creating a 2 metre papier mache earth, and maybe having other activity stations using different mediums e.g. simple woodwork, crochet, air dry clay modelling – to appeal to people with different skills What are your ideas?

If you are willing to be involved on the day or have ideas or skills to share, please join us on **Monday 16th August** &/or **23rd August 7-8pm** to plan an exciting activity that will appeal to our church families.

You are welcome to meet in person at our home:

Millpond House, 1 Dewe Lane, Burghfield. RG303SU (Call if you need directions 07879 472 017)

Or join via Zoom

Topic: Planning Meeting for 25th September

Time: Aug 16, 2021 19:00

Please click [HERE](#) for link to join via Zoom

Meeting ID: 857 5910 1403 Passcode: 369143



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*What's going on in
our community?*

Please remember to send in any stories or photos of what you have been up to!

Our community enjoys reading and looking at them!



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Do you need a venue for a child's birthday party, or a community class?



St Mary's Burghfield Parish Centre could be the ideal location for you!

Please contact our Parish Administrator by calling on 07979871608 or email on stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

if you have any questions, would like to come view or would like to book.

Price per hour before 18:00	Price per hour after 18:00	Price per hour at weekends
£12.75	£15.30	£15.30

*What's going on in
our community?*

I couldn't resist taking this photo on Monday morning when some of the Fabric Team were able to take the old wall heaters down. I told them it felt like an 'Ascension Moment' as they looked up at Brian ascending the ladder! Many thanks to the Fabric Team who work away in the background on so many jobs to look after our church. *Revd Glynn*



We are delighted that the children will continue to be able to enjoy our wonderful setting for the new Pre-school starting in September! Wishing Mini Oaks every success and looking forward to working with them.

Mini Oaks Pre-School

(formally Little Footprints)

is opening in September 2021.

We are based at Burghfield St Mary's church, and we offer excellent term time pre-school care for children from 2 – 4 years old. There are either morning, afternoon, or full day sessions available from 8.30am – 4pm.



Mini Oaks Pre-School is part of 'The Oaks CIC', a very well established local Community Interest Company, with many years experience running Breakfast and After School clubs at four local schools.



Mini Oaks Pre-School will be run by a highly qualified and experienced team, some of whom have worked at the setting for many years.

Your child will enjoy Forest School sessions, Learning to grow Fruit & Vegetable at our local allotment and many other fun activities while they are with us.

Lily and the team can't wait to welcome your children to Mini Oaks Pre-School from September 2021.

For more information, and to apply for a place for your child, please contact our office on office@theoakschildcare.co.uk