

### **APRIL NEWSLETTER**



Ist March through to 31st May - Revd Glynn is on Sabbatical leave Please note there is no Morning Prayer service during Revd Glynns leave

Sunday 30th Mar MOTHERING SUNDAY

10am Parish Communion service & via Zoom,

Mon 31st Mar 9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church

Thurs 3rd April 10am Burghfield St Mary's school Easter service in Church

Fri 4th Apr 6.30-8.45pm Family Film Night in Church, see page 2

Sunday 6th Apr I 0am Parish Communion service & via Zoom

5th April - 22nd April School Easter Holidays

Wed 8th Apr 12noon Interment of Ashes, RIP Theresa Geddis

Fri 11th Apr 2pm Whist Drive in Parish Centre, see page 3

Sat 12th Apr 9.30-12.30pm Community Churchyard work party, see page 4

Sunday 13th Apr PALM SUNDAY 10am Parish Communion & via Zoom

6pm Sunday@6 service

Wed 16th Apr 12.30pm Memorial service in Church, RIP Revd Brian Grundy

Thurs 17th Apr MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7.30pm Holy Communion service

Fri 18th Apr GOOD FRIDAY, 2pm Last Hour on the Cross service

Sunday 20th Apr EASTER SUNDAY, 9am Breakfast@Church

10am Parish Communion & via Zoom

Fri 25th Apr 7pm Spring Craft evening in Parish Centre, see page 5

Sunday 27th Apr 10am Parish Communion & via Zoom

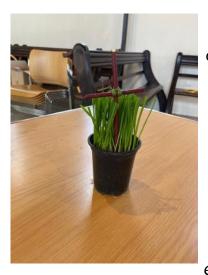
APCM after service

Sat 3rd May 2pm Block Printing Workshop in the Parish Centre

Sunday 4th May 
I 0am Parish Communion & via Zoom

Mon 5th May Bank Holiday - No Bumps Babies & Toddler Group

# Easter Crafty Church



Lots of fun was had at our recent Crafty Church, there were smiling faces all morning and lots of messy hands by the end of the session! The activities all had an Easter theme and were enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to everyone who came along



and to all the volunteers who helped on the day.







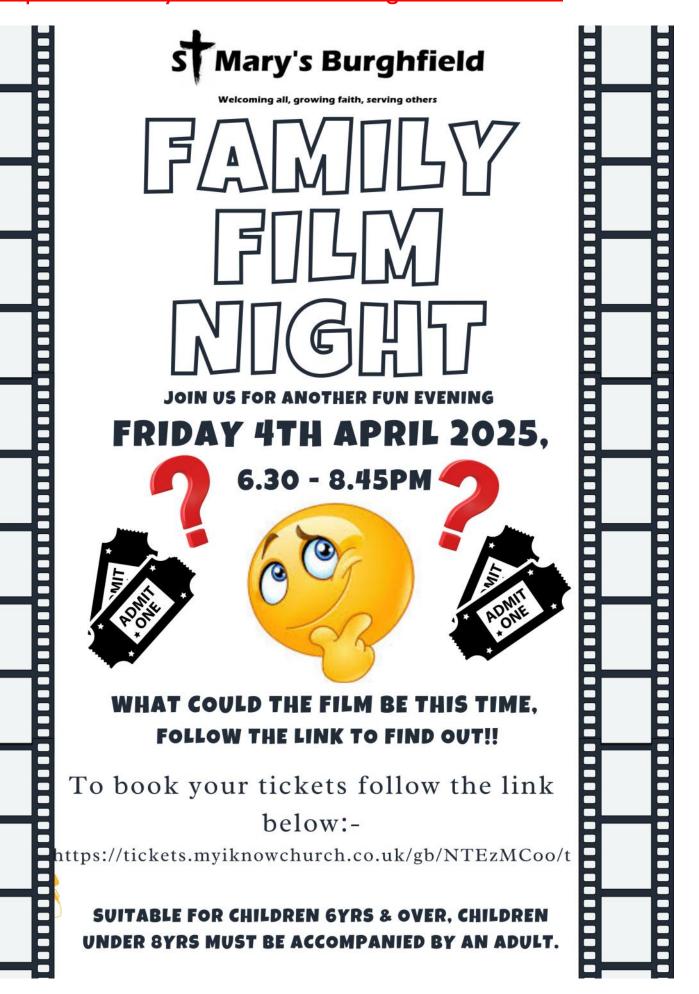








Here's the link to book your tickets <a href="https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTEzMC00/t">https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTEzMC00/t</a>







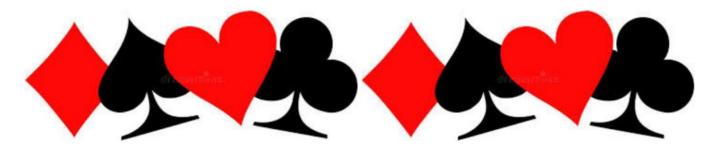
# Friday 11th April, 2pm

Enjoy a friendly game of cards.

Tea & Cake will be served.

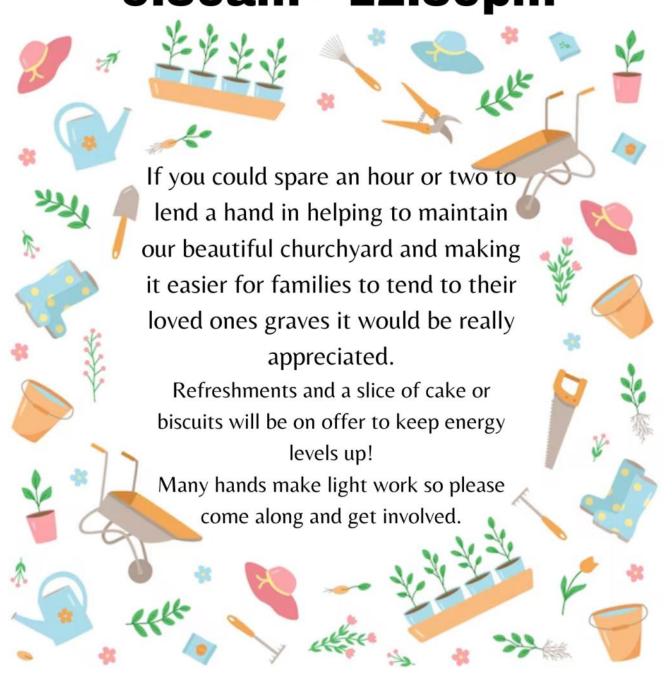
Donations welcome to church funds.

To book a place contact Anne on 07713911748 or <u>bannepocock@aol.com</u>





# Spring Community Churchyard Work Party Saturday 12th April 9.30am - 12.30pm





# SPRING CRAFTS EVENING

BRING & BUY
FABRIC/HABERDASHERY
SALE

# Friday 25th April 7pm

Come and get creative.
With lots of things to make &
ideas to celebrate Spring.

There will be a charge of £15 to cover the cost of materials and refreshments.

To reserve a place contact
Anne on 07713911748 or
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OUR NEXT YOUTH CLUB GROUP IS ON FRIDAY 16TH MAY. THIS IS A SPACE FOR YEARS 6'S AND 7'S WHERE THEY CAN COME AND HANG OUT, WHERE FUN AND FRIENDSHIP COME TOGETHER! MEETING ONCE A MONTH, OUR CLUB OFFERS A SAFE AND WELCOMING SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONNECT, PLAY GAMES, AND PARTICIPATE IN EXCITING ACTIVITIES. WHETHER YOU'RE INTO BOARD GAMES, CREATIVE PROJECTS, OR JUST LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HANG OUT, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. WE WILL ALSO HOST DISCUSSIONS ON TOPICS THAT MATTER TO YOU, GIVING YOU A VOICE AND A CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS. COME BE PART OF A COMMUNITY WHERE YOU CAN GROW, LAUGH, AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

WE TAKE SAFEGUARDING SERIOUSLY AND PARENTS/CARERS WILL NEED TO COME ALONG TO THE 1ST SESSION ATTENDED TO SIGN A REGISTRATION FORM.PLEASE BE ASSURED ALL LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS HAVE COMPLETED ALL NECESSARY SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

Coming soon is our annual APCM which will take place on Sunday 27th April after our 10am service.



Our annual reports will be sent out in early April via email, though if you would like a printed copy please let Jo know at stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

At the APCM we elect Church wardens and PCC members (elected for a 3year term of office) and we currently have vacancy to fill on the PCC. If anybody is interested in joining our committed team we would love to hear from you.

The agenda for the meeting is published in the A5 booklet which will be sent via email along the minutes of last year's APCM and our Financial Statement.

Anyone on the electoral roll is entitled to vote at the APCM.

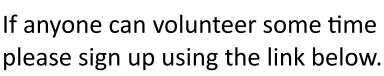
### Electoral roll.

Prior to the APCM our electoral roll needs updating. Due to GDPR we are only able to publish the names of people on our electoral roll, so please check the printed list at the back of Church.

If your name is missing or incorrect please let Jo know.

# BURGHFIELD MAY FAYRE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Would anyone be able to help at the May Fayre. They have lots of volunteer slots that are only for 1 hour.





# https://signup.com/go/sVenNLo

There is also a request for any bakers out there to bake a cake for the refreshment tent.

Any help is much appreciated.



We hope you all enjoy the Easter holidays and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 28th April.

# Can you Help Please?

Several of our original team have needed to step back for various reasons, and we need some new members to help resource our team.

If you have some time on a Monday morning, enjoy being with families and small children and are happy to complete the Safeguarding Requirements (a DBS through the Diocese of Oxford and 2 online Training Courses of about 1 hour each), please do get in touch with us.

We would love to hear from you so we can have more helpers to relieve the pressure on our current team.

Revd Glynn and the BB&T Team



## **TERRACYCLING UPDATE**

# PLEASE LEND US A HAND

Please DO NOT leave large quantities of Blister Packs at our Church Recycling station. We do not have the

capacity to transport them into Boots to get them recycled.

Please take them into the shop yourself.

Our recycling point is for personal use only.

We are also still finding a lot of Contact Lens cases which cannot be recycled with us so sadly they are going into landfill.



## Did you know?

Boots Pharmacies have now got recycle bins for blister packs it would be really helpful to us if you could take your own blister packs to Boots to recycle. Follow the link to find out more. There is a complicated system where by you can download an app and gain points and spend money at Boots however you can simply deposit them in the box for recycling.

https://www.boots.com/shopping/boots-recycling-scheme/blister-pack-recycling? srsltid=AfmBOoqS34uXKa3n6nce1luKszUDL8dCkoTgRc7vDfNXam QEL5b1bDV

Superdrug shops also recycle them instore

# <u>PETITION - Require recycling facilities for blister packs in all</u> dispensaries and chemists

We have finally got approval from the House of Commons for our petition to **require all dispensaries and chemists to offer a bin for recycling blister packs**. We have been offering a recycling service for a few years now but the take up is overwhelming and our thoughts are that just relying on big branches of Boots and Superdrug to offer this service isn't really taking the service to the greatest point of need. Most people collect their prescriptions (Or have them collected for them) from much more local outlets and the incentive to recycle would be much enhanced if people could drop off blister packs at the point where they normally collect them.

As we have seen in our own church porch, the amount of blister packs in use these days is truly staggering and the thought of most of them ending up in landfill is quite horrifying.

I hope you don't mind us asking you to sign this petition which the St Mary's Creation Matters team has approved and hopefully circulating it amongst as many others as possible.

We have 6 months to get 100,000 signatures!

Click this link to see your petition and start sharing it: <a href="https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/714733">https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/714733</a>





# Terracycling at St Mary's Church as of February 2025

**Ink Cartridges** (**NO** toner cartridges)





**Milk Bottle Tops** – Red, Blue, Green & Clear tops from supermarket milk bottles only.



**Biscuit Wrappers** – Biscuit, Crackers, Cake (single & multipacks) Cereal Bars, Rice Cakes, Flapjacks, Scones, Mini Cheddars, Ryvita types, Cheese Straws, Wafer Biscuits, Twiglets, Breadsticks, Naked Bars, and other fruity /oaty snacks and kid's biscuits.



**Dishwashing / Laundry Wrappers** – Any brand of flexible dishwasher tablet, salt bags, or stain remover, cleaning products refills. Outer sleeves from aerosol air fresheners & Dishwashing tab bubs, Dishwashing cleaner outer packaging. **NO** bottles, tubs, cardboard, laundry, bleach, toilet or oven cleaning products.





Pill Blister Packs (Empty, NO plastic or paper bags or foil)



# **Bottle Triggers**

NO bottles only the Triggers



## **Burts Bee's**

All brands not just Burts Bee's accepted for:-Flexible Plastic & Metallic tubes for body creams & moisturisers, Lipstick, Lip Glosses, Lip Balms, Mascara, Eye Shadow Compacts)



**NO GLASS OR NAIL POLISH PLEASE** 

# **S**tamps



**Bras** 









A belated thank you for your generous and much needed response at Christmas as shown in the graph. Having been regularly sending out more to our clients than receiving in donations for most of 2024, the last 3 months reversed this - Harvest in October, the Supermarket Collection Events in November/December and then a fantastic Christmas. The end of the year sees West Berkshire Foodbank in a good place to be able to continue to help those in need in our local communities.

We couldn't do this without you.

Thank you!

Your donations of food are vital, particularly if notice is taken of our urgently needed items which can be food on our website and also the BanktheFood free App, but cash donations are very useful too. Cash gives a greater flexibility in meeting the needs of individuals and families in crisis e.g. purchasing specific items which are running low, or items such as heated throws or Air-fryers. We currently have two opportunities for raising cash funds. The first is our **40 pence for 40 days (of Lent) challenge** (poster attached). A little late I know and I apologise for this but I made my collection box this morning (day 4 of Lent) and added £1.60 to meet the challenge! It would be great if you could share this with your church communities, possibly even make it a church challenge this Lent. The money collected can either be transferred by BACS to WBF, details on our website, or I can arrange to collect the donations from your church. Just let me know







https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/west-berks-foodbank-grand-raffle

To be drawn by the Mayor, Andy Moore, at 12pm on 12<sup>th</sup> April at the Coffee Morning in the Town Hall.

Our second opportunity is our **Grand Raffle**, our biggest fundraiser of the year (poster attached). There are 20 amazing prizes donated by our supporters e.g. Wimbledon tickets, Brand new Mountain Bike, Champagne dinner at The Braywood. Tickets are £1 each and can be purchased online at <a href="WBF Grand Raffle">WBF Grand Raffle</a> until 11<sup>th</sup> April. Please would you share this exciting opportunity with your church community? Let me know if you have any questions

As a faith-based charity, we have always received amazing support from our churches for which we are immensely grateful. Working together we <u>can</u> relieve hunger, restore dignity and revive hope for those facing difficulties in West Berkshire.



#### Local Outlet -St Oswald's Church on Fridays between 1-3pm

local food collection points are as below:

St Mary's Church- collection point in our church porch.

**Tesco Express** in Burghfield – opening hours 6.00am –11pm

**Co-op** 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** 

Please click Here to find out what food donations are urgently needed at the foodbank.

#### **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.

Foodbank have this <u>link</u> that you can follow and add to your Instagram feed:





A Service every second
Sunday of the month.
An informal service for
all ages including worship,
teaching, prayer and of course
refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you!
Next Sunday@6 is on Sunday
13th April 2025 at 6pm
Theme - Holy Week

# A prayer for the process of Appointing the new Archbishop of Canterbury

Please join us & pray for this important process and all those involved.

Heavenly Father, shepherd of your Church, send us a faithful pastor to lead with wisdom, courage and love, proclaiming your Gospel, celebrating the sacraments and guiding your people in unity and truth.

Strengthen your Church, we pray, and direct us in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

# **New Shed in the Car Park**

Further to our mention about works taking place in our car park, you will be pleased to see that a lovely new shed has taken up residence and the container is now removed.

A vast improvement we think you will agree!





# 2025 Dates for your diaries



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm – Whist Drive

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm
Spring Crafts Evening & Fabric sale





Saturday 24th May, 7pm
Curry Evening

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm Whist Drive 🌋





Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June Cake & a Cuppa

To book you place at any of the above events please contact

Anne Pocock on

bannepocock@aol.com or 07713 911748.

The cost to run our Church in 2024 was £9,244 per month which is £303 per day !!





Click the link below to find out more about raising FREE funds for Church via Easyfundraising. Please encourage friends and family to get involved too.

**How it Works | Easyfundraising** 



# **Church Cleaning**

Please join our happy band in cleaning our Church. Our next cleaning date is Saturday 11th April 7pm. Any help is much appreciated.

#### **Emmaus**



What's Emmaus about?

It's a group of friends who meet twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday mornings of the month (10-11.30am) to enjoy

reading & talking about the Bible together, drinking coffee, munching biscuits & generally have a good chat. You don't need to be a Bible scholar because we all learn together & help each other along the road. We usually meet at Margaret's house in Loves Close. Just ask Margaret, Susan Potter or Lesley Brigden about it.





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



#### **Contact Details**

**Parish Administrator** Tuesday –Friday 08:45 –12:45 Office location & Homebased If you need a face to face meeting please email or call on the below to arrange a date and time

Office Mobile – 07979 871608 Email: admin@stmarysburghfield.org

To Contact the Churchwardens:

Michael Wood– Email: <a href="mike.wood@stmarysburghfield.org">mike.wood@stmarysburghfield.org</a> Alison Eves—Email: <a href="mike.wood@stmarysburghfield.org">alison.eves@stmarysburghfield.org</a>

Website: www.stmarysburghfield.org

Find us on <u>Facebook</u> too! Photos and news of upcoming and recent events on our page "St Mary's Church Burghfield".

Address: Church Lane, Burghfield Village, Reading, Berks, RG30 3TG

The PCC of St Mary the Virgin Burghfield is a Registered Charity No.1167639



# Groups and Clubs currently held in our Parish Centre MONDAY

Pilates with Heather 9.30 & 10.30am (upper room)

Call Heather on 07785 254313 or hsfitnessuk@mac.com

Pilates For Life with Marianne 6.30pm (upper room)

Contact on 07985 085597 / hello@pilatesforlife.org.uk

#### **TUESDAY**

Pilates For Life with Marianne 7pm (upper room)

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Yoga with Janet 9.45-11.45am (upper room)

Contact: janetdacre@hotmail.com

WeightWatchers with Sarah 5.50-7.30pm (lower room)

Pilates with Heather 6.30 & 7.30 pm (upper room)

#### **THURSDAY**

Pilates For Life with Marianne 6pm (upper room)

Yoga with Julie 7.30-9pm (upper room)

Contact: julie\_yoga@btinternet.com

#### **FRIDAY**

Yoga with Amanda 9.15-10.30am (upper room)

Contact: amandacfox@protonmail.com

Pilates with Heather 12.30-1.30pm (upper room)

#### **SATURDAY**

Yoga Dance with Julie 10-11am (upper room)

Fitsteps with Burghfield Dance Club 10.30-11.15am (lower room)

Contact Ewa: burghfielddanceclub@gmail.com













Do you need a venue for a Work Lunch Meeting, Venue for Training, Childs Birthday Party, **Social Occasion or a Community Class?** St Mary's Parish Centre could be the ideal location for you.

We have plenty of FREE Parking.





**Upstairs Room** 



**Downstairs Room** 



**Upper Room Mobile Servery** 

Please contact our Parish Administrator if you would like to book or have a look around our facilities. Either by calling 07979 871608 or email to stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

Hire charges are:- Weekdays up to 6pm £14.65 & Weekdays after 6pm & Weekends £17.40