

MAY NEWSLETTER

1st March through to 31st May - Revd Glynn is on Sabbatical leave

Please note there is no Morning Prayer service during Revd Glynn's leave

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| Sat 3rd May | 2pm Block Printing Workshop in the Parish Centre |
| Sunday 4th May | 10am Parish Communion & via Zoom |
| Mon 5th May | Bank Holiday - No Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group |
| Thur 8th May | VE Day, 8-10pm Outside of Church lit up, see page 3 |
| Sunday 11th May | 9am Short Parish Communion in Church 10-4pm Burghfield May Fayre on the Hatch, see page 4 No Sunday@6 service this month |
| Mon 12th May | 9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church |
| Fri 16th May | 6.30-8pm Youth Group in the Parish Centre, see page 5 |
| Sunday 18th May | 9am Breakfast@Church 10am Parish Communion in Church & via Zoom 12noon Baptism in Church |
| Mon 19th May | 9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church 8pm PCC meeting in the Parish Centre |

24th May to 1st June - Schools on Half Term

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| Sat 24th May | 7pm Curry Night in the Parish Centre, see page 6 |
| Sun 25th May | 10am Parish Communion in Church & via Zoom |
| Mon 26th May | Bank Holiday - No Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group |
| Wed 28th May | 2pm Whist Drive in the Parish Centre, see page 8 |
| Sunday 1st June | 10am Parish Communion in Church & via Zoom |

Spring Craft Evening

Thank you to everyone that came along to our recent Craft evening, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Here are a few photos showing some of the lovely items made on the night.





They fought for us,
They died for us,
We will remember them.

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day we are pleased to invite our community to come along to see our beautiful Church lit up on the evening of Thursday 8th May 8-10pm.

Kindly organised by Stehanie Awbery & Laxuk Events.

www.laxuk.com, Tel 01183 800860 / 07784 155329

BURGHFIELD MAY FAYRE

Sunday 11th May 10am - 4pm

Your help is very much needed to enable this amazing event to take place.

They have lots of volunteer slots that are only for 1 hour. If anyone can volunteer some time please sign up using the link below.

<https://signup.com/go/sVenNLo> (you might need to copy and paste link)

Any help is much appreciated.



We are also looking for volunteers for the May Fayre and apart from help with shifts in the refreshment tent and providing goodies to eat (please get in touch with Alex on Lines1977@googlemail.com if you can help the team in any way).

We are also looking for help in our Church tent. Did you know that every year we offer 'free crafts and activities' to children in our Church tent? Many of the activities provided at the May Fayre can be quite pricy for families to participate in & we have a wonderful uptake from families who are so appreciative of our efforts. If you can help by sparing a couple of hours (10.30am-12.30pm, 12.30pm- 2.30pm, 2.30pm-4pm), please get in touch with us on stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

FUN - GAMES - ACTIVITIES - SNACKS

st Mary's Church Burghfield

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Youth Club

6:30-8:00

**FRIDAY
16TH MAY**

**Years
6&7**

Questions? - stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

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.

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Curry Evening

Saturday 24th May
7pm



Join us for a tasty curry
Curries to suit all tastes!

Tickets are £20 per person
A bar will be available on the night

To book your places please contact
Anne Pocock on 07713 911748
or bannepocock@aol.com

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Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group

Monday's

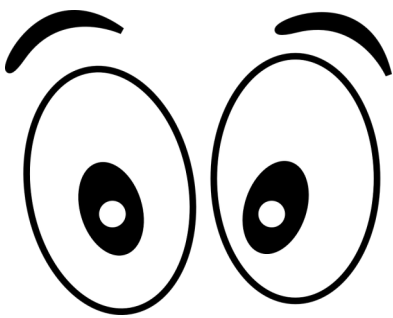
9.30-11am

(term time only)



To find out more take a look at our Facebook page, Website or notice boards in Church.

**St Mary's Church,
Church Lane, Burghfield, RG30 3TG
Tel : 07979 871608, www.stmarysburghfield.org**



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

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Whist Drive

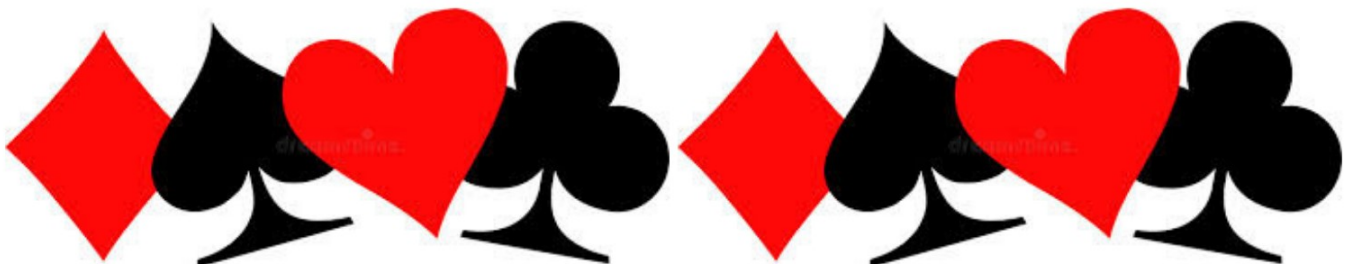
Wednesday 28th May, 2pm

Enjoy a friendly game of cards.

Tea & Cake will be served.

Donations welcome to Church funds.

**To book a place contact Anne on 07713 911748 or
bannepocock@aol.com**



PETITION - Please sign & spread the word

**Require recycling facilities for blister packs in all
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:

[https://petition.parliament.uk/
petitions/714733](https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/714733)

(you might need to copy & paste the link)



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



Stamps



Bras





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 [link](#) 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!

There is no service in May due to the May Fayre but it is back on Sunday 8th June 2025 at 6pm



2025 Dates for your diaries



Saturday 24th May, 7pm
Curry Evening

Wednesday 28th May, 2pm
Whist Drive



Saturday 14th June
Cake & a Cuppa at Eileen & Brian's Home

To book your place at any of the above events please contact
Anne Pocock on
bannepocock@aol.com or 07713 911748.

Fundraising
Total

£24,506.27



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



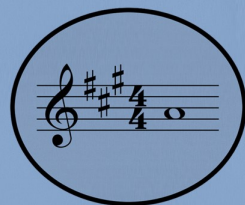
A totally FREE way to raise funds for our Church. Sign up and every time you spend money online through a participating store they donate to us, it's so easy and costs you nothing so please sign up to-day.

Click this link (you might need to copy & paste it) to sign up or refer friends & family to the scheme

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=49900&invite=Ivyzji&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

Reading A440 Choir

presents



A Concert of Summer Delights

Saturday 14th June 6pm,

St Marys Church, Burghfield, RG30 3TG

Conductor - Charlie Penn

Let your soul take flight with
our musical delights.

Free Entry

Donations welcome



Please book your "free"
ticket using the link

"ABC to read"

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/reading-a440-choir>

for more information visit: a440choir.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1178472



Church Cleaning

Please join our happy band in cleaning our Church. **Our next cleaning date is Friday 23rd May 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.

ECO CHURCH
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Silver Eco Church
Award Certificate

This is to certify that

St Marys Church Burghfield

has won a Silver Eco Church Award in recognition of their efforts to care for God's earth in each of the following areas (as applicable):

Worship and Teaching
Management of Buildings and Land
Community and Global Engagement
Lifestyle

Signed *Andy Haines*

Date **26 January 2025**

CEO, A Rocha UK



ecochurch.arocha.org.uk
arocha.org.uk



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: mike.wood@stmarysburghfield.org

Alison Eves—Email: alison.eves@stmarysburghfield.org

Website: www.stmarysburghfield.org

Find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysburghfield) 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

Yoga with Julie 7.30-9pm (upper room)

Contact: julie_yoga@btinternet.com

FRIDAY

Yoga with Amanda 9.15-10.30am (upper room)

Contact: amandaefox@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





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**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.



Downstairs Room



Upstairs Room



Upper Room Mobile Served

**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**