

st Mary's Church Burghfield

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OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our monthly newsletter, which we hope will keep you informed of what's happening in our parish life, the community and also more widely.

Well I went off on holiday to South Africa in summer weather and came back to Autumn and rather cool weather, though it is lovely to see how the grass and gardens have recovered from the very dry summer we had. This is a time of year to particularly focus on Creation, as the wider church holds its annual 'Creationtide' season. Creationtide, also known as the 'Season of Creation', is an annual period from 1st September to 4th October, observed by Christians to celebrate God as the Creator of the universe and to encourage care for the environment. It is a time for churches and communities to focus on nature, engage in worship and prayer, reflect on their relationship with God's creation, and take action to protect the planet.

At St Mary's we have been involved in all of the above! We held our Harvest Festival this last weekend (28th September) as we celebrated God's provision, thought of the whole food chain and the many involved in food production from seed to table and everyone involved in between. How wonderful to see the church looking so beautiful and to see the generosity of our congregation as they brought foodstuffs to be donated to West Berks Foodbank.



Another important event taking place in this same period of time (22nd September – 5th October) is 'Fairtrade Fortnight' where we are encouraged this year to 'Do it Fair'. Fairtrade is about fairer pay and fairer work conditions and we encourage others to join us in being more aware of products we can buy instead, which bear the Fairtrade logo.

You can find further information on the Fairtrade website. <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/get-involved/campaign-with-us/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight.html>

Which leads up to our 'Eco weekend' beginning with our eco themed family film night on Friday 3rd October (more information on page 5) and concluding with our annual Eco Festival on Saturday 4th October. Come and spend the day together as it will be such a wonderful event with talks to inform, stalls with eco focused goodies for sale, food (of course) including Café B's delicious dahl and bacon sandwiches, as well as all kinds of tempting cakes provided by our church congregation. We look forward to seeing you there- more information on pages 6&7.

Our focus on creation and stewardship of it is not just a focus for this season, but should be at the forefront of our minds each and every day. So I would encourage you to make this prayer your own as you praise God for his creation and take seriously the stewardship of God's creation with which we have been tasked.

With every Blessing
Revd Glynn

*Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for your gracious providing
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*



Jo (Parish Administrator) on leave till 13th October

Mon 29th Sept	8am Morning Prayer in Church 9.30am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church
Fri 3rd Oct	Family Film Night in Church, see page 3
Sat 4th Oct	11am-4pm ECO FESTIVAL see page 4
Sunday 5th Oct	10am Parish Communion with Baptism & via Zoom
Mon 6th Oct	8am Morning Prayer in Church 9.30am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church
Thurs 9th Oct	10am Harvest Service for Burghfield St Mary's School in Church
Fri 10th Oct	7.30pm Children's Society Fish & Chip supper with Quiz, see page 6
Sunday 12th Oct	10am Healing Service with Communion & via Zoom 6pm Sunday@6 Service in Church
Mon 13th Oct	8am Morning Prayer in Church 9.30am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church 2pm Interment of Ashes, RIP Ruth Fagg
Thurs 16th Oct	11am Communion Service held at The Hollies Care Home
Fri 17th Oct	6.30-8pm Youth Group in the Parish Centre, see page 8
Sunday 19th Oct	9am Breakfast@Church 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom 6pm Taize Service in Church
Mon 20th Oct	8am Morning Prayer in Church 9.30am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church
Wed 22nd Oct	9.30am Ecumenical Service held at Burghfield Methodist Church

24th October – 3rd November - Schools Half Term

Fri 24th Oct	7pm Autumn Crafts Evening in the Parish Centre, see page 9
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26th October - 1st November - Revd Glynn on Annual Leave

Sunday 26th Oct	10am Parish Communion & Via Zoom with Revd Peter Hansell
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Sunday 2nd Nov All Saints & All Souls Day

10am Parish Communion Service & Via Zoom
3pm All Souls Commemoration Service in Church

Youth Club

From 26th September 2025. We had great fun at our first Youth Club of the new academic year. The young people played various games and we worked together on a display for the Eco Festival- all made out of recycled materials. We look forward to our next Youth Club on 17th October 2025.





Harvest Supper

27th September

Our Fund Raising Team put on a wonderful spread and a great evening.



29th September -
Play time, crafts,
songs, fun, fellowship-
it all happens here!



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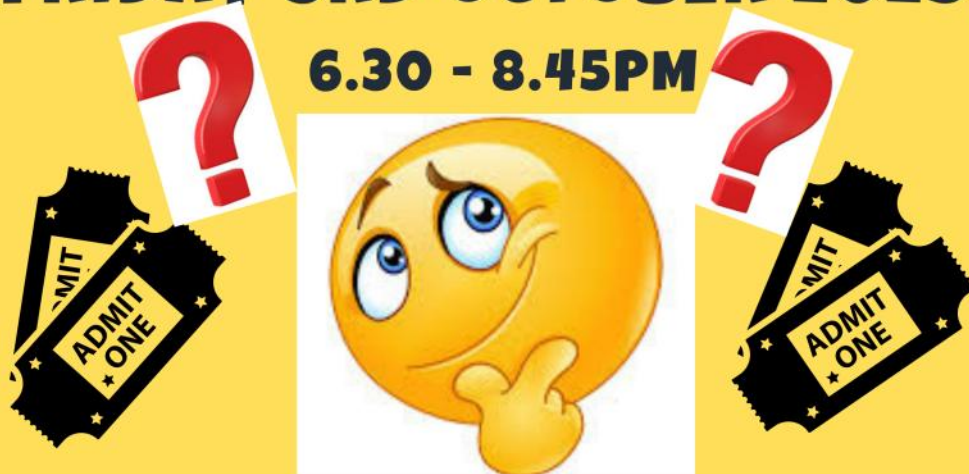
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FAMILY FILM NIGHT

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER FUN EVENING

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025,

6.30 - 8.45PM



WHAT COULD THE **ECO THEMED FILM BE THIS TIME, FOLLOW THE LINK TO FIND OUT!!**

To book your FREE tickets follow the link below:-

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTEzMCo3/t>

**SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN 6YRS & OVER,
CAN ALL CHILDREN PLEASE BRING ALONG
A WATER BOTTLE**

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ECO FESTIVAL



Promoting Care for our Planet

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2025



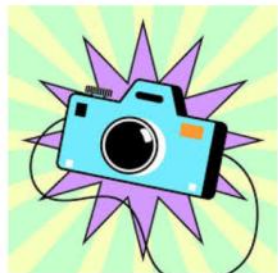
11-4PM



**Talks, Stalls, Displays,
Children's Activities &
Refreshments
throughout the day.**

**Go to our website, Facebook
page - St Mary's Burghfield
or scan the QR code to find out
more.**





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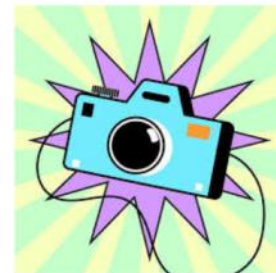


Photo Competition

“Favourite Photo of Nature”

To run alongside our

EC FESTIVAL
[4th October, 11am - 4pm]

Please send us your favourite photo that you have captured of nature.

Open to all ages,
so let's see your wonderful photos.

Scan the QR code to view our
competition page on our website



Come and see all the entries displayed on screen
during the festival.



Please send them through to
ecophotocompetition@stmarysburghfield.org



**The
Children's
Society**



Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz Night

Friday 10th October

7.30pm

Book your team in for an evening of testing your knowledge whilst enjoying a supper & good company to help raise funds for
The Childrens Society.

Tickets are £12 per person, teams of up to 6.

Please bring your own drink & cutlery.

Book your places via Colin Thompson at

colin@coltbus.plus.com

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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!

The next service is
on Sunday 12th October 2025 at 6pm
Theme: "Ten Lepers"



POPPY APPEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN OUR AREA.

CAN YOU HELP BY SPARING JUST A COUPLE OF HOURS?

Could you help the Burghfield & District Branch's Poppy Appeal this year?

Our manned sites are Reading Services M4 Westbound - October 24 to 26 and October 30 to November 8

Reading Costco – October 24 to 26 and October 30 to November 2

Each session is for 2 hours within these premises.

We would be enormously grateful for any time you can give.

Please contact Alison Brindley, Royal British Legion's Burghfield Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser
at: abrindleyRBL@btinternet.com



**Welcome to
Baby
Oaks**

THE OAKS CHILD CARE
COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

Our Baby Oaks group is led by our current, highly qualified, Ofsted registered, Mini Oaks preschool team- Preschool Manager, Natalie Coles and Preschool Practitioner, Emily Breccini.

The sessions will be part structured / part free play sessions, allowing for lots of sensory, explorative, fun play, and time for parents to meet and chat.

Our Baby Oaks sessions are run upstairs in the Parish Centre St Mary's, Burghfield every Thursday 10.30am-11.15am. We invite all babies from birth to 18 months

Sessions begin Thursday 18th Sept – 11th Dec 2025
No session during HALF TERM 30th Oct 2025
£8 per session. Please book your session via office@theoakschildcare.co.uk

This group has limited spaces, so make sure to book early to avoid disappointment!

theoakschildcare.co.uk 0118 933 2960



Is there more to life than this?

Register with QR code, email or the website.

alpha@mortimerburghfield.org
www.mortimerburghfield.org

Mortimer and Burghfield Alpha
A joint endeavour of area churches:
Mortimer Methodist, Burghfield Common Methodist, Mortimer West End Chapel and St Mary's Church Burghfield.

ALPHA IN BURGHEFIELD AND MORTIMER

Unfortunately due to low numbers Don's & Glynn's groups have been cancelled, for other groups available in Burghfield & Mortimer scan the QR code.

Please continue to pray for the groups taking place.

FUN - GAMES - ACTIVITIES - SNACKS

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Youth Club

6:30-8:00

FRIDAY

17TH OCTOBER

**YEARS 6, 7 & 8
ARE WELCOME**

Questions? - stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

This is a space for years 6, 7 & 8'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.

AUTUMN CRAFT EVENING

Friday 24th October, 7pm

Come along and enjoy some
crafting with like minded people,
learning new crafts and having fun
whilst doing it.

Tickets are £15 per person which
includes all materials and

refreshments



Reserve your places via Anne Pocock

07713 911748 or [bannepocock @ aol.com](mailto:bannepocock@aol.com)



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 copy & paste this link <https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> 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 Instagram a page that you can follow and add to your Instagram



Creation Matters

Thank You

For Fundraising and Helping the Environment

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

The PCC of St Mary the Virgin Burghfield

And its supporters have raised £213.55
and saved 17kg of ink cartridges from landfills

Recycle  Charity



19 September 2025

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St Mary's Church October 2025

Ink Cartridges (NO toner cartridges)

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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.



Disposable Gloves – latex, vinyl, nitrate, polyethylene, any colour

Marigolds - Marigolds durable gloves, disposable gloves & plastic packaging **BRAND ONLY**



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



Candles

Any candles that are no longer wanted, part burnt candles,
Alternatively you can recycle candles at Waitrose, Thatcham



Stamps



Bras



NO OTHER ITEMS CAN BE LEFT AT OUR COLLECTION POINT PLEASE

WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING TOOTHPASTE TUBES , BURTS BEES/MAKE UP ITEMS OR ANY OF THE CLEANING PRODUCTS (TRIGGERS & PACKAGING), PLEASE ONLY LEAVE ITEMS ABOVE.

Christmas Tree Festival

**Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th
December, 12-4pm**

Arrangements are well underway for this years
Christmas Tree Festival with the theme of
'SILVER'

This theme has been chosen for 2 reasons, firstly
it's the 25th anniversary of the opening of the
Parish Centre & secondly to celebrate our
achievement in gaining our Silver Eco award
earlier this year.

This is sure to be a wonderful event with hopefully
more trees than ever decorated by our local
community representing their club, organisation,
charity or local business.

If you'd like to take part please email Jo at
stmarysburghfield@outlook.com for details on how
to join in.



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DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES, PLEASE SUPPORT OUR AMAZING LOCAL CRAFTERS



Craft Market

6th December 2025, 12-4pm

to run alongside our annual Christmas Tree Festival



Contact Jo at
stmarysburghfield@outlook.com
for more information



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2025 Dates for your diaries

More details for each event as we near them but if you could pop the dates into your diaries you'll be sure not to miss out - .

24th October, 7-9pm - Autumn Craft Evening,

14th November, 7pm - Games Night

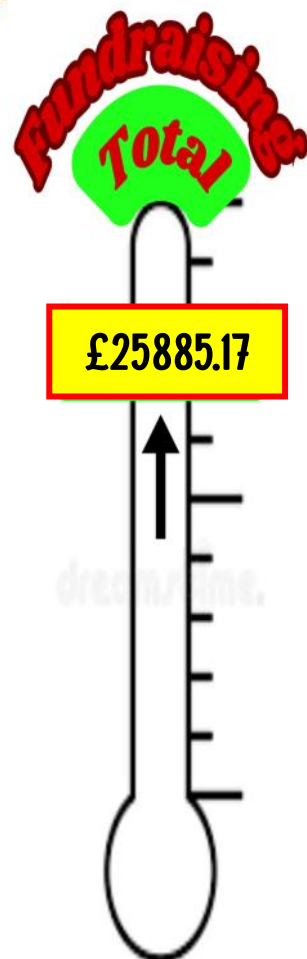
6th December, 12-4pm – Christmas Craft Market

6th December, 7pm – Music, Wine & Canapés

23rd Jan 2026 Quiz & Curry Evening

For more information & to book your place at any of the above 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 !!



What an amazing total of Funds raised since June 2022!

A huge Thank you to everyone that has contributed & to all those that put in an amazing amount of time & effort behind the scenes to provide us with such wonderful events throughout the year.



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 today. Click this link (you might need to copy & paste it) to sign up or refer friends & family to the scheme, then search **St Mary's Burghfield**
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=49900&invite=lvzji&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

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'd love you to join in.

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 Atkin* 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 scan the QR code
Thank you for supporting our ministry and mission



Contact Details

Rector -Revd Glynn Lautenbach

07979 151598 or Email: rector@stmarysburghfield.org

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 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)



TUESDAY

Pilates For Life with Marianne 7pm (upper room)

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

WEDNESDAY

Yoga with Janet 9.45-11.45am (upper room)

Contact: janetdacre@hotmail.com



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

Burghfield & Mortimer Photo Club 7.30pm (lower room)

Contact: burghfieldccsec@gmail.com



HS Pilates.com

FRIDAY

Yoga with Amanda 9.15-10.30am (upper room)

Contact: amandafox@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



PLENTY OF FREE PARKING FOR ALL GROUPS USING THE PARISH CENTRE



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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**