

St Mary's Church Burghfield

Welcoming all, growing faith, serving others



Welcome **16th November 2025**

You are very welcome at our worship. We hope you experience God this morning.
If you are new or visiting we would love to meet you.

	Toilets & Baby Changing facilities are situated in the Parish Centre next to the church
	Please join us for Fairtrade tea or coffee after the service in the Parish Centre
	If you would like private prayer, please go to the chancel during communion or speak to a member of clergy after the service
	If you would like to receive a gluten free wafer, please speak to the person who greeted you at the door or a churchwarden

Services

Sunday 16th November 2025 – Safeguarding Sunday

2nd Sunday before Advent

9am Breakfast@Church

10am Parish Communion

I John 3.16-24

Psalms 91.1-end

Prayer for the day

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning,

In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Dates for your diary

Sat 15th Nov 10.30am-2pm Car Parks being used by Save The Children charity

Sunday 16th Nov **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

9am Breakfast@Church

10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom

2-4pm Private party in the Parish Centre

Mon 17th Nov 8am Morning Prayer in Church

9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church

7.15pm meet for 7.30pm start PCC meeting in the Parish Centre

Thurs 20th Nov 11am Communion service held at the Hollies Care Home

2pm Memorial Service in Church, RIP Andrew More

Fri 21st Nov 6.30-8pm Youth Club in the Parish Centre

Sat 22nd Nov 10-11.30am Advent / Christmas Crafty Church

Sunday 23rd Nov **CHRIST THE KING**

10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom

Tues 25th Nov 7pm Advent Wreath making evening in Church

Wed 26th Nov 9.30am Ecumenical service at Burghfield Methodist Church

Sunday 30th Nov **ADVENT SUNDAY**

10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom

4.45 for 5pm Carols on the Hatch

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>

Donations to St Mary's Church can also be made via the QR code. Thank you for supporting our ministry and mission



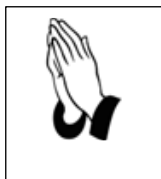
Please Pray For:

Theale Road, Hose Hill, Bennett's Hill, School Road, The Rowans Community.

All involved in pastoral care, Café B and the Befrienders, The Food Bank. All working in local businesses; self-employed and unemployed.

Years Mind – Carrie Louise Judge & Barrie Randall

For Those that have died recently – Andrew More



Notices

The Cowshed Charity - Tree of Hope

Our Tree of Hope is up in Church full of gift tags. If you are able please take a tag and purchase the gift on it, then return it to Church before our Toy Service on 7th December. We can then deliver them all to The Cowshed who will wrap and deliver in time for Christmas.

Thank you in advance.



Advent Wreath Making evening in Church – 25th Nov

LAST FEW PLACES AVAILABLE

Join us for to for our annual Advent Wreath making evening. A great way to start your festive celebrations by coming to this community event which is always very popular. Don't delay in reserving your places. All the information is in our November Newsletter sent out last week. Places can be reserved via this link <https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTEzMC05/t>



Crafty Church – Saturday 22nd Nov

Our theme for our next Crafty Church is **Advent & Christmas**, so if you fancy having some creative fun with your little ones (Young & Old welcome) then reserve your **FREE** places via this link

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTEzMC04/t>

Advent Trail

From Advent Sunday, 30th November until Christmas Eve there will once again be a fun family trail around Burghfield Common, hosted by some of our church families.

Trail packs will be available from the end of November, with all the details you need.

Visit all our Advent Windows, enjoy the Christmas story again, and collect the puzzle letters. Bring the completed puzzle back to Church to any of our events in the run up to Christmas and receive a special Christmas prize!

If you have any questions please contact stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

Or visit our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/share/19fY5oIMwq/>

Christmas Tree Festival – 6th & 7th December

Everyone is welcome to come along to see the wonderful spectacle of beautiful Christmas Trees all decorated by groups in our local community.



Advent Course starting soon

Our Advent course is starting on Wednesday 3rd, 10th & 17th Dec 7.30-9pm or Thursday 4th, 11th & 18th Dec 10.30am-12noon, all being held at The Rectory, Hollybush Lane, Burghfield Common.

Advent Book - Would you like to explore Advent further? This year we've joined in with some of the other parishes in the deanery, and have bought booklets, '*Journeying through Advent with Handel's Messiah*'. It's for individuals to work through at their own pace, and with bible verses and reflections for each day of Advent, it is based on Handel's Messiah. We have been able to obtain 'bulk buy' savings and the booklets are just £1.00 each. Please speak to Glynn if you would like a booklet.

Fundraising

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



We are excited to have 18 stalls, both up and downstairs in the Parish Centre, who will be offering local crafts and edible delights perfect for your Christmas shopping whether it be for your dinner table or gifts for someone special.



So please pop the date into your diaries and come along to support this community event. Mulled Wine and refreshments too!

Music & Words, Canapes & Wine – 6th December, 7pm



Join us for a social time amongst our Christmas Trees, Tickets are £10 which includes canapes. A bar will be available.

To book please follow this link or contact Anne Pocock on 07713 911748

Contact Information

Rector – Revd Glynn Lautenbach

07979 151598 or email: rector@stmarysburghfield.org

Parish Administrator, Tuesday - Friday, 8.45am - 12.45pm Office & Homebased.

If you need a face-to-face meeting please email or call to arrange a date & time.

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To contact the Church Wardens:

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Website: stmarysburghfield.org

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

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