

st Mary's Church Burghfield

Welcoming all, growing faith, serving others



Welcome 30th 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 30th November 2025 - ADVENT SUNDAY

1st Sunday of Advent

10am Parish Communion

Romans 10.12-18 Matthew 4.18-22

Click [HERE](#) to access Zoom for 10.00am service. Meeting ID: 858 8936 7180 & Password: 508863 recurring link for Sunday services, for those who would like to join us virtually

5pm Carols on the Hatch

Refreshments served from 4.45pm

Prayer for the day

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Dates for your diary

Sunday 30 th Nov	ADVENT SUNDAY 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom After 10am service – Cake Sale raising funds for The Children's Society 4.45 for 5pm Carols on the Hatch
Mon 1 st Dec	1st – 3rd Dec Rev Glynn on leave 9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church
Wed 3 rd Dec	7.30-9pm Advent Course held at The Rectory 1:3 – See notices
Thurs 4 th Dec	10.30-12noon Advent Course held at The Rectory 1:3 – See notices
Fri 5 th Dec	Afternoon & early Evening – Christmas Tree Festival set up in Church
Sat 6 th Dec	12-4pm Christmas Tree Festival in Church 12-4pm Christmas Craft Market in the Parish Centre 7pm Music & Words, Canapes & Wine around the Christmas Trees
Sunday 7 th Dec	10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom – TOY SUNDAY 12-4pm Christmas Tree Festival in Church
Mon 8 th Dec	8am Morning Prayer in Church 9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church
Wed 10 th Dec	1pm Funeral Service in Church, RIP Patricia Salmon

Please Pray For:



The Pingewood community, Berry's Lane, Searles Farm Lane, Kirton's Farm Road. Our neighbours and friends in other local Churches. Political prisoners, those without freedom of speech or living under oppressive regimes.

For Those that have died recently – Patricia Salmon

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



Notices

Cake Sale For The Children's Society Sunday 30th November

We will be holding a Cake Sale after the 10am service so please support this wonderful charities work and indulge in a few cakes from our stall. Any donations of home baked or brought cakes greatly appreciated.

Carols on the Hatch

If anyone is able to donate any Mince Pies and or help serve tea, coffee & hot chocolate along with mince pies on Sunday 30th November at 4.45 for a 5pm start, please let Glynn know.

The Cowshed Charity - Tree of Hope



Our Tree of Hope is up in Church with still some remaining 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 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.

Maps are available from in Church or printable from our website Which has all the details you need.

Christmas Tree Festival – 6th & 7th December



If anyone can help with stewarding in Church over the weekend and or provide cakes and baked goodies for refreshments, please could you fill the forms at the back of Church? Many Thanks in advance.

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.

Church Flowers – A message from Margaret Towle



I have been on the Church flower rota for at least 40 years and have been organising the rota for 20 and I now feel the time has come to retire from the organising (I will remain on the rota)

At present we have 5 flower arrangers so we are looking for someone who will organise the rota and any volunteers who would like to join the flower arranging group. The flowers in Church are appreciated by many and it would be sad if we no longer have any flowers. If you are willing to take on either of these roles please give me a ring on 0118 9833562 and I will explain what it entails.

Thank you Margaret Towle

Fundraising

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

Only a week now until our Craft Market takes place, we have a wonderful variety of stalls, so there will be something to tempt everyone, from scrumptious food treats to gifts for all the family.

So please pop along to support this community event. Mulled Wine and refreshments too! **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**



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

<https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTEzMC0xMA/t> or contact

Anne Pocock on 07713 911748

Contact Information

Rector – Revd Glynn Lautenbach

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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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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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