





st Mary's Church Burghfield

Welcoming all, growing faith, serving others



Welcome 14th December 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 14th December 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

10am Parish Communion

Isaiah 35.1-10 Matthew 11.2-11

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

6pm Sunday@6 Service

Prayer for the day

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Dates for your diary

Fri 12 th Dec	6-10.15pm SBCB rehearsal in Church
Sat 13 th Dec	3-10pm SBCB Rehearsal & Concert at 7pm in Church
Sunday 14 th Dec	10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom 12-3.30pm Private party in Parish Centre 6pm Sunday@6 Service in Church, Theme 'Rejoice'
Mon 15 th Dec	8am Morning Prayer in Church 9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler group in Church – Last of term 7pm Toby Concert in Church
Tues 16 th Dec	1-3.30pm Vivace Voices rehearsal in Church
Wed 17 th Dec	1pm Vivace Voices rehearsal in Church 2.30pm Vivace Voices Concert in Church
Thurs 18 th Dec	11am Communion Service held at The Hollies Care Home, Burghfield
Sunday 21 st Dec	9am Breakfast@Church 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom 6pm Nine Lessons & Carols Service in Church
Mon 22 nd Dec	9am Morning Prayer in Church
Wed 24 th Dec	CHRISTMAS EVE 3pm Christingle Service in Church 5pm Christingle Service in Church 11.30 Midnight Communion Service in Church & via Zoom
Thurs 25 th Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY 10am All Age Service (no Communion) in Church & via Zoom
Sunday 28 th Dec	10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom with Revd Juliet Straw

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:

Sycamore Close, Rowan Way, Beech Close, Chestnut Drive & Larch Close.

Charities HHI, Farm Africa, Burghfield United Charities, Trussell Trust, Yeldhall Manor, Home Start, Spotlight UK & Lawrence's Roundabout Well Appeal.

Local Nurseries, playgroups & childminders; & single parents, carers & children who are carers.

Years Mind –

Elinor Cooper, Maurice Reed & Gillian Margaret Etherington



Notices



Advent Trail

Our Advent Trail is up and running and if you haven't managed to complete it yet there is still time as it's running up until Christmas Eve.

Printed maps are available from Church, Harrys Café or the Library or printable from our website which has all the details you need.

Thank You! – Thanking everyone who helped to make our Christmas Tree Festival weekend, such a great success. Also special thanks to all who contributed so generously to the 'The Cowshed -Tree of Hope'. We delivered 121 gifts to the wrapping station. More info on Facebook and in next week's early January newsletter.

Children's Society

Funds raised from recent events are:-

Cake stall £165

Carols on the Hatch £178

Sale of Christmas cards £136

Grand total £343

Thank you everyone.

Our next events are the Christingle services . If anyone would like to help please speak to Colin, Anne B. or Pat G

Church Christmas Card

We now have on the cupboard at the back of Church, a large Church Christmas card. In the interest of saving trees and in line with our Eco Church endeavours you can write your Christmas greeting to the rest of your Church family. The picture is based on one of our beautiful Church windows.

9 Lessons & Carols Service - Sunday 21st December 6 pm.

As usual we will be running a turn up and sing choir that will meet at 3.30pm in Church to learn some simple carols and lead the singing for the service. If you would like to join the choir just turn up, if you would like some more information drop Gill an email gillwsinclair@gmail.com



21st December

- **10am Communion service-** Do come and join in for a special service where Bishop Mary Gregory, the new Area Bishop of Reading, will preside and preach with refreshments after the service.
- **6pm Nine lessons and Carols**

Christingle Services – Christmas Eve 3pm & 5pm

Everyone is invited to join us at one of our Christingle Services on Christmas Eve. Please note a change to our normal times. We hope to see lots of you there. Funds raised go to The Children's Society.

Fundraising

Easyfundraising is 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 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



We have a donation box just inside the front door of Church on top of our other recycling collection bins. So far we have raised an amazing £239.05 from your old and empty ink cartridges, so Thank You.

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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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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