





# st Mary's Church Burghfield

*Welcoming all, growing faith, serving others*



**Welcome**  
**21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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.

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

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and very Happy New Year



## **Services**

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**9am Breakfast@Church**

**10am Parish Communion and via Zoom**

**with Bishop Mary Gregory**

Isaiah 7.10-16

Matthew 1.18 to end

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 Nine Lessons & Carols Service in Church**

#### ***Prayer for the day***

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - Christmas Eve**

**3pm Christingle Service in Church**

Luke 2.8-20

**5pm Christingle Service in Church**

Luke 2.8-20

**11.30pm Midnight Communion Service (No Zoom)**

Isaiah 9.2-7

John 1.1-14

#### ***Prayer for the day***

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

## **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - Christmas Day**

### **10am All Age Service (No Communion & No Zoom)**

Titus 2.11-14

Luke 2.1-14

#### ***Prayer for the day***

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen

## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

### **10am Parish Communion and via Zoom**

**with Revd Juliet Straw**

Colossians 1.26-29 Matthew 2.13-18

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#### ***Prayer for the day***

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Epiphany**

### **10am Parish Communion and via Zoom**

Isaiah 60.1-6

Matthew 2.1-12

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#### ***Prayer for the day***

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Dates for your diary

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec to 5<sup>th</sup> January – Jo our Parish Administrator is on annual leave**

- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 9am Breakfast@Church  
10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom with Bishop Mary Gregory  
6pm Nine Lessons & Carols Service in Church
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 9am Morning Prayer in Church
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
3pm Christingle Service in Church  
5pm Christingle Service in Church  
11.30 Midnight Communion Service in Church (No Zoom)
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Dec **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10am All Age Service (No Communion) in Church (No Zoom)

**26<sup>th</sup> Dec to 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Revd Glynn is on annual leave**

- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom with Revd Juliet Straw
- 2026**
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan **EPHIPHANY** - 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 8am Morning Prayer Service in Church  
9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom  
6pm Sunday@6 Service in Church
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 8am Morning Prayer Service in Church  
9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 6-10pm Private Hire by the Oxford Diocese of the Church & Parish Centre
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am Communion Service at the Hollies Care Home, Burghfield
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30-8pm Youth Club in the Parish Centre
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Jan Interment of Ashes, RIP Christine Beasley
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 9am Breakfast@Church  
10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom  
11.30am Interment of Ashes, RIP Anne Heavey

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



### **21<sup>st</sup> December - Please Pray For**

St Mary's Way, Myrtle Close, The Highfield Court Community.  
Pupils, Staff & Governors of local schools & our work with them.  
People who are inappropriately housed & the homeless.

#### **Years Mind –**

Gillian Margaret Etherington, Leigh Lautenbach & George Perry



### **28<sup>th</sup> December - Please Pray For**

Reading Road, Hillside, Paddocks End, The Hollies Nursing Home & Regis Manor Road. Christingle Service & our work for the Children's Society. Those struggling for basic survival, without clean water or enough to eat.

#### **Years Mind –**

Leigh Lautenbach, George Perry & Oscar Rumsey

### **4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Please Pray For**

Birch Road, Warren Close, Loves Close & Fox Close.  
People who are ill & all who care for them. All using the M4 service station & driving through the parish.

#### **Years Mind –**

Oscar Rumsey, Robert Charles Rice & Monica Smith

## **Notices**

### **Message From The Cowshed**

Please thank your congregation for their wonderful donations, Thank You for supporting families in our community.

### **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 & also printable from our website which has all the details you need.



## **Church Christmas Card**

We 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:gillwsinclair@gmail.com)



## **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.

All donations go to The Children's Society.

**The Englefield Estate Snowman Trail** is back this year and we are proud to announce that our Youth Club has painted a Snowman which is included in the trail. You can obtain maps from their website

<https://www.engagefieldestate.co.uk/community/public-access>

which takes you around the trail and it's a lovely way to get the family out in the fresh air during the Christmas holiday. If you manage to find our Snowman we'd love to see photos of you with it. Please email your photos of it to [stmarysburghfield@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysburghfield@outlook.com).



**Christmas Quiz** now available from Colin Thompson (0118 9832603) to share with friends and family. 40 general knowledge questions, 20 pictures and 2 themed quizzes. £10 per copy proceeds to Church funds

## **Recycling**

Don't Forget we have our recycling tubs just inside the entrance to Church and we can currently take the following items:-

Candles, Empty Pill Blister Packs, Milk Bottle Tops, Marigold Disposable Gloves, Bras, Stamps, Used/Old Ink Cartridges & empty Biscuits Packets.

# 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=Ivyzji&referral-campaign=s2s&utm\\_campaign=web-referral](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=49900&invite=Ivyzji&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

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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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