





# st Mary's Church Burghfield

*Welcoming all, growing faith, serving others*



## Welcome 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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|  | <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>   |

### Services

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – TOY SUNDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### 10am Parish Communion

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3.1-12

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

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

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Amen

## Dates for your diary

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| Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | 2-5pm Christmas Tree Festival set up in Church   |
| Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | 12-4pm Christmas Tree Festival in Church<br>12-4pm Christmas Craft Market in the Parish Centre<br>7pm Music & Words, Canapes & Wine around the Christmas Trees |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom – <b>TOY SUNDAY</b><br>12-4pm Christmas Tree Festival in Church   |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | 8am Morning Prayer in Church<br>9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church  |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 8.30am BSM School Nativity rehearsal in Church<br>1pm Funeral Service in Church, RIP Patricia Salmon (known as Patsy)  |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 8.30am BSM School Nativity rehearsal in Church<br>6pm BSM School Nativity in Church  |
| Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 6-10.15pm SBCB rehearsal in Church   |
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 3-10pm SBCB Rehearsal & Concert at 7pm in Church   |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom<br>12-3.30pm Private party in Parish Centre<br>6pm Sunday@6 Service in Church, Theme 'Rejoice'                        |

### Please Pray For:

Southwood Gdns, Stones Walk, Sandbrooke Walk & Brookside Walk.

Lesson readers, Intercessors & the Prayer Chain. The traveling community, refugees & asylum seekers.

**Years Mind** - Elinor Cooper & Maurice Reed

**For Those that have died recently –**

Patricia Salmon (known as Patsy)



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

### Christmas Tree Festival – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December

Everyone is welcome to come along & see the wonderful spectacle of our communities Christmas Trees, we have the Garland school choir singing on Saturday 12noon & The Hurst Singers performing at 2.45pm on Sunday.



**Advent Sunday Cake Sale** What a wonderful display of cakes, mince pies & Christmas puddings. A total of £155 was raised for The Children's Society. Thank you to everyone who provided items to sell & the congregation who were so generous with their purchases. Pat Glover

### **The Cowshed Charity - Tree of Hope**

All gifts purchased for our Tree of Hope need to be returned to Church before our Toy Service on 7<sup>th</sup> December please. 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.

### **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

### **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 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)

# **Fundraising**

## **Christmas Craft Market, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 12 - 4pm**

Our Craft Market takes place this weekend, please spare some time to pop along and have a browse around the wonderful variety of stalls we have, there will be something to tempt everyone, from scrumptious food treats to gifts for all the family. So please come along to support this community event. Mulled Wine and refreshments too!

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

## **Music & Words, Canapes & Wine – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 contact Anne Pocock on 07713 911748

### **Contact Information**

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Office & Homebased.

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