

Welcome

**21st, 24th, 25th, 28th December 2025
4th 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.

	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

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and very Happy New Year



Services

Sunday 21st December 2025

4th 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 24th 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 25th 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 28th December 2025

1st 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 4th 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

19th Dec to 5th January – Jo our Parish Administrator is on annual leave

Sunday 21 st Dec	9am Breakfast@Church 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom with Bishop Mary Gregory 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 (No Zoom)
Thurs 25 th Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY 10am All Age Service (No Communion) in Church (No Zoom)

26th Dec to 3rd January – Revd Glynn is on annual leave

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

21st 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



28th 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

4th 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 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



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.Englefieldestate.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.

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=1vyzji&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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Find us on Facebook too! Photos and news of upcoming and recent events on our page "St Mary's Church Burghfield"

Address: Church Lane, Burghfield Village, Reading, Berkshire, RG30 3TG

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