



JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our monthly newsletter, which we hope will

keep you informed of what's happening in our parish life, the community and also more widely.

Sat 4 th July	2pm Connor's Ordination at Christchurch Cathedral 2-7pm Church car parks being used by a resident
Sunday 5 th July	10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom
Mon 6 th July	8am Morning Prayer 9.30am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group held in Church
Tues 7 th July	11am Interment of Ashes, RIP Anthony Martin
Sat 11 th July	10-11.30am Crafty Church
Sunday 12 th July	9am Breakfast@Church 10am Parish Communion & via Zoom 6pm Sunday@6 Service
Mon 13 th July	8am Morning Prayer 9.30am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group (last of this term)
Wed 15 th July	9-10am Mini Oaks Preschool Graduation Service in Church
Thurs 16 th July	11am Revd Glynn visits to The Hollies Care Home, Burghfield
Fri 17 th July	6.30-8pm Youth Club, held in The Parish Centre
Sat 18 th July	2pm Interment of Ashes, RIP Ivor Lorch
Sunday 19 th July	9am Said Communion Service & via Zoom 10am Sunday@10, All Age Service (No Zoom)
Mon 20 th July	9am Morning Prayer 7.30pm PCC meeting in The Parish Centre
Tues 21 st July	9.30am Burghfield St Mary's School Leavers Service in Church
22nd July - 3rd Sept SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
Wed 22 nd July	9.30am Ecumenical Service held at Burghfield Methodist Church
Fri 25 th July	2pm Whist Drive held in The Parish Centre
Sunday 26 th July	10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom 6pm Taize Service in Church
Fri 31 st July	7pm Summer Craft Evening held in The Parish Centre
Sunday 2 nd August	10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom
3 rd - 7 th August	Parish Centre Closed for Annual Maintenance to take place

Goodbye Connor

Connor during the
2024 Christingle
Service,
always brings a
smile to our faces!

At Connors last assembly 4th June, he was presented with a lovely card and best wishes from each class in the school. Mrs Sarah Clifford, Head Boy and Head Girl did the presentation and a beautiful poem was read for Connor.



Connors last service
sunday@6
Playdough 'Sending Out
Prayers'



Our Farewell Bring & Share Lunch





The presentation of gifts to Connor & Lois during our 10am Service. Through your generosity, our gift from our parish was Connor's White Stole & a further monetary gift.

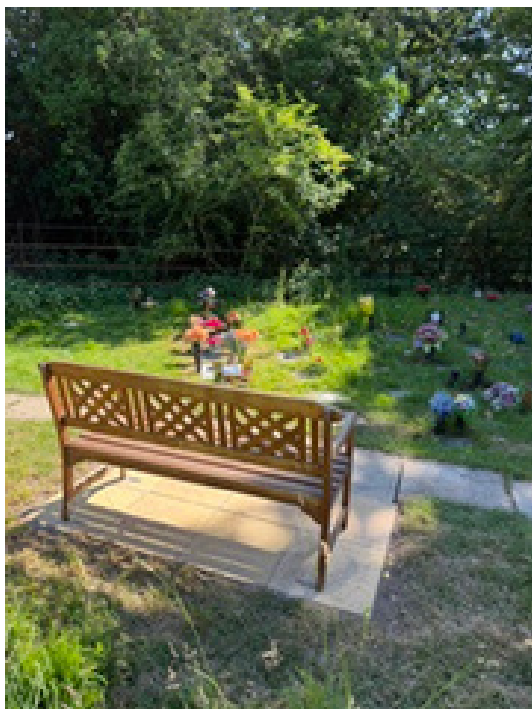


A few photo's from last month

The blessing of the updated playground equipment,
that Revd Glynn did at Burghfield St Mary's School
on 1st June



Youth Club in June



We recently had an application to add a new Memorial Bench by our Ashes Graves in the Churchyard. Permission was granted and this lovely bench remembering Shannon Owen was installed by local Company H D Landscapes.





**17th - 21st |
August**

Lighthouse is a non-residential week long holiday club for children run by Christians from local churches working together, bringing churches and communities together around children.

We are passionate about seeing children from all walks of life and abilities encountering God in a fun-filled week with teaching, sport, craft, and music.

Many people describe Lighthouse as 'the best week of the summer holidays'



We welcome children of school age from 5 to 11 (Reception to Year 6).

Our day runs from 09.30 drop off to 2.30 pick up

Lighthouse is staffed and run entirely by volunteers from the age of 12 to 100!



There are jobs for everyone - our Lighthouse Keepers who look after small groups of children, Lamplighters who are young helpers who support the Lighthouse keepers, Discovery (teaching), Craft, Sport, music, site management, cleaning, refreshments, admin, tech support prayer & pastoral, additional needs



to register: app.signmeup.org.uk or scan QR code

**A local Lighthouse is not just a church
summer holiday club
It's an investment in the whole community with
long term results!**

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Join us for our new informal
Sunday @ 10 Service

3rd Sunday of each month

Let's celebrate the gift of family
and grow together in Christ!

This is our new interactive
service which will include

Singing Prayer Teaching

All Ages Welcome

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Crafty Church

Saturday 11th July
10 - 11.30am

Everyone's welcome to come along
and have a go at some fun
Summer Crafts.



FREE Tickets are available via this link
<https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTEzMC0xNQ/t>

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SUMMER CRAFT EVENING

FRIDAY 31ST JULY
7-9pm

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER OF
OUR POPULAR CRAFT
EVENINGS.

ONCE AGAIN THERE WILL BE LOTS
OF THINGS TO MAKE AND NEW
IDEAS TO TRY.

TICKETS ARE £15.00,
THIS WILL COVER ALL THE
MATERIALS YOU NEED &
INCLUDES
REFRESHMENTS.

Reserve your places via Anne Pocock
07713 911748 or bannepocock@aol.com
Let's celebrate the summer together by making beautiful
crafts & having a natter

FUN - GAMES - ACTIVITIES - SNACKS

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Youth Club

6:30-8:00

2026 Dates
All Friday Nights:

16th January
27th February
20th March
No club in April
15th May
12th June
17th July
No club in August
18th September
16th October
20th November
No club in December

YEARS 6, 7 & 8



2-5pm
Friday 24th July
Friday 28th August
Thursday 24th September (in Church)
Friday 30th October
Thursday 26th November (in Church)

Enjoy a friendly game of cards and tasty refreshments.

If you would like to learn how to play, please contact Anne.



Held at The Parish Centre, St Mary's Church,
Church Lane, Burghfield, RG30 3TG
All donations in aid of much needed church funds
Book your place via Anne Pocock on 07713 911748
or bannepocock@aol.com



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**Do you need a venue for a
Work Lunch Meeting, Venue for Training,
Childs Birthday Party,
Social Occasion or a Community Class?
St Mary's Parish Centre could be the ideal
location for you.**

We have plenty of FREE Parking.



Downstairs Room



Upstairs Room



Upper Room Mobile Servery

Please contact our Parish Administrator if you would like to book or have a look around our facilities.

Either by calling 07979 871608 or email to stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

**Hire charges are:- Weekdays up to 6pm £14.65 &
Weekdays after 6pm & Weekends £17.40**



Monday's
9.30-11am
(term time only)



**To find out more take a look at our
Facebook page, Website or notice
boards in Church.**

**St Mary's Church,
Church Lane, Burghfield, RG30 3TG
Tel : 07979 871608, www.stmarysburghfield.org**

A Service every second Sunday of the month.
An informal service for all ages including
worship, teaching, prayer and of course
refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you!

Our next service is
on Sunday 12th July 2026 at 6pm

Contact Details

Rector -Revd Glynn Lautenbach

07979 151598 or Email: rector@stmarysburghfield.org

Parish Administrator Tuesday –Friday 08:45 –12:45 Office
location & Homebased

If you need a face to face meeting please email or call on the
below to arrange a date and time

Office Mobile– 07979 871608 Email:

admin@stmarysburghfield.org

To Contact the Churchwardens:

Michael Wood– Email: mike.wood@stmarysburghfield.org

Alison Eves–Email: alison.eves@stmarysburghfield.org

Website: www.stmarysburghfield.org

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, Berks, RG30 3TG

The PCC of St Mary the Virgin Burghfield is a Registered Charity
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July's Eco Tips

It's Plastic Free July and this year we're thinking about laundry, a top source of microplastic pollution. Fibres from synthetic clothes (polyester, nylon, and acrylic for example) shed tiny fibres during washing and drying.

These enter the sewage systems and are hard to filter out. Use a microfibre bag or ball to catch the fibres.

Learn more about reducing plastic pollution in the laundry process at plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry/ and more about this year's campaign at plasticfreejuly.org.

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**Silver Eco Church
Award Certificate**

This is to certify that

St Marys Church Burghfield

has won a Silver Eco Church Award in recognition of their efforts to care for God's earth in each of the following areas (as applicable):

Worship and Teaching
Management of Buildings and Land
Community and Global Engagement
Lifestyle

Signed *Andy Atkins* Date **26 January 2025**
CEO, A Rocha UK



ecochurch.arocha.org.uk
arocha.org.uk



Emmaus

What's Emmaus about?

It's a group of friends who meet twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday mornings of the month (10-11.30am) to enjoy reading & talking about the Bible

together, drinking coffee, munching biscuits & generally have a good chat. You don't need to be a Bible scholar because we all learn together & help each other along the road.

We usually meet at Margaret's house in Loves Close.

Just ask Margaret, Susan Potter or Lesley Brigden about it.

We'd love you to join in



2026 Dates for your diaries

September: Games Night

27th September: Harvest Lunch

9th October: Autumn Craft Evening

13th November 7pm: Pudding Club and Silent Auction

5th December 12-4pm: Christmas Craft Market

5th December 7pm: Christmas Evening around the Christmas Trees

If you would like to get involved and join the fundraising team please contact Anne Pocock on the details below.
bannepocock@aol.com or 07713 911748

Fundraising
Total

£27,519.65

The cost to run
our Church in
2025
was £8643
per month
which is
£284
per day !!



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 up or refer friends & family to the scheme,

then search **St Mary's Burghfield**

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?>

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