St Mary's Church Burghfield NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Welcoming all, growing faith, serving others

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.

THIS month



Sunday 1st Nov **ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY**
10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom
3pm All Souls Commemoration Serivce
Mon 2nd Nov 8am Morning Prayer
9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church
Sunday 8th Nov **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
9am Said Communion Service no Zoom or Hymns
10.45am Remembrance Parade & Service (Outside)
6pm Sunday@6 Service
Mon 9th Nov 8am Morning Prayer
9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church
Thurs 12th Nov Interment of Ashes, Zena Maye
Sat 14th Nov 10am-12noon Church car parks being used by local neighbour
Sunday 15th Nov 9am Said Communion & via Zoom
10am Sunday@10 Service
Mon 16th Nov 8am Morning Prayer
9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church
7.30pm PCC meeting in the Parish Centre
Thurs 19th Nov 11am Revd Glynn visits to The Hollies Care Home, Burghfield
Fri 20th Nov 6.30-8pm Youth Club in the Parish Centre
Sat 21st Nov 10-11.30am Crafty Church
1-4pm Private party in the Parish Centre
Sunday 22nd Nov **CHRIST THE KING** 10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom
11.45am Baptism in Church
Mon 23rd Nov 8am Morning Prayer
9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church
Tues 24th Nov 7pm Advent Wreath Making Evening in Church
Wed 25th Nov 9.30-11.30am Advent Wreath Making Morning in Church
Thurs 26th Nov 2-5pm Whist Drive held in Church
Sunday 29th Nov **ADVENT SUNDAY**
10am Parish Communion Service & via Zoom
6pm Taize Service
Mon 30th Nov 8am Morning Prayer
9.30-11am Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group in Church

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We thought you would like to see our beautiful Harvest flowers that were in Church.







Poppies now part of the Village Hall display







And a few snap shots of our Autumn Craft evening,
as you can see there where some lovely creations made. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it a wonderful evening.





All Souls Service – Sunday 1st November, 3pm

We would like to invite you and family members to our annual Commemoration Service of thanksgiving and remembrance for those who have died but are still very much in our thoughts. During the prayers we will read the names of those who have died whom we wish to remember & have an opportunity to light candles in their memory. Please fill in the name(s) of your loved ones on the cards at the back of church and pop them into the box provided. After the service there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre for all who would like to stay. There will be church members available to talk or pray with you privately if you wish.



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 8th November 2026 at 6pm



FUN - GAMES - ACTIVITIES - SNACKS

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Youth Club

6:30-8:00

Join us for our next club on

Friday

20th November

No club in December

YEARS 6, 7, 8 & 9

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Crafty Church

Saturday 21st November

10 - 11.30am

Everyone's welcome to come along and have a go at some fun Advent & Christmas themed Crafts.







FREE Tickets are available via this link

https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTEzMC0xOQ/t



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ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENTS

Tuesday 24th November, 7pm &

Wednesday 25th November 9.30-11.30am

Join us for our annual festive evening which is always very popular or we are having a Morning event also.

Atmosphere is sure to be very festive and always lots of fun so gather your friends & family, & come along to make your very own Advent Wreath to take home.

Mulled Wine & Nibbles available, donations welcome.

There is no charge to attend, but if you are able to make a donation to cover costs of £7.50, & perhaps an additional donation of £5 towards the upkeep of the church, that would be very welcome (payable on the door via cash or card)

Please bring along 4 tall candles & any extra foliage/decorations to personalise your Wreath, secatuears are useful too.

Reserve your places via

Morning event -https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTEzMC0xOA/t

Evening event - https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NTEzMC0xNw/t



Bumps, Babies & Toddler Group

runs every term time Monday morning in Church. Our last group of this term is Monday 14th December and we resume in the New Year on Monday 11th January 2027.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

Christmas CRAFT MARKET

Saturday 5th December 2026

12-4pm

FREE ENTRY

Find Gifts and scrumptious Goodies Galore

THE PARISH CENTRE, ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, BURGHFIELD, RG30 3TG

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Plenty of FREE Parking too

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READING PHOENIX CHOIR

An Evening of Music & Poetry with The Reading Phoenix Choir

Saturday 5th December 7.30pm

Enjoy Music & Poetry

amongst our Christmas Tree Festival Lights.

Admission is £10 to include

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine.

All funds raised will go to support the work of the Church







To reserve your tickets email fundraising @ stmarysburghfield.org

COME & SEE THE TREES AT OUR

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

5TH & 6TH DECEMBER

12-4PM

Trees creatively decorated & displayed in our beautiful Church by our local community.

Everyone is welcome, so gather your family & friends and pop along to have a browse around the trees beautifully decorated in Church.

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Vivace Voices

Director of Music: Ian Westley

Pianist: Mary Westley

Joy to the World

Wednesday 16th Dec 2.30pm

St Mary's Church, Burghfield RG30 3TG

A fabulous festive feast of music featuring 'Joy to the World' by Philip Lane & a host of 'join in' carols

Tickets £8 available on our website or from choir members

Refreshments & Raffle

All Profits to Hearing Dogs

Children's Society Christmas cards.



Pat Glover has the new Christmas Card catalogues which you will be able to look at in Church. There is no post or packing charge.
Payment by cash or bank transfer. If you would like to order, please contact Pat direct. Additional items can be viewed online @ childrenssociety.org.uk/christmas-cards.
Thank you for your support.Pat Glover, Tel : 9833812
email : patriciaglover52@btinternet.com

Toy Sunday – 6th December 2025

Our PCC are very excited to announce that we will again be supporting the 'Cowshed-Tree of Hope', see information below, and we would like to invite you to join in with us.
Our 'Tree of Hope' is up in church, to give you time to come and choose one or more tags to buy the gifts. You are welcome to bring them (the gifts along with their tags, though **unwrapped**) back to church at any time after that, or specifically in time for our Toy Sunday service on 6th December, where we will bless all the toys.
The Cowshed will then come and collect, wrap and distribute them all before Christmas.
Anyone is welcome to collect tags and please spread the word to your family and friends. We hope to support as many families as possible, so their children can receive a Christmas gift this year and enjoy some light and joy despite their circumstances.
If by any chance we run out of tags (I've ordered 100), please do still bring gifts of your choice as they will still be used and very much appreciated.
If you have any questions do get in touch. Revd Glynn and St Mary's PCC

What is The Cowshed Christmas Project?

At The Cowshed, we support people facing hardship with essentials such as clothing, bedding, toiletries and baby equipment. Since 2019 we have supported over 30,000 individuals in need.

At Christmas, we add a special touch by gifting children from vulnerable families (aged 0-18 years) with brand-new gifts presented in handmade sacks, so every child can experience the joy of Christmas.

These sacks are lovingly made by our Craft @ The Cowshed volunteers, creating something special for each child to keep.





The Cowshed Tree of Hope

We provide you with a pack of tags to hang on your workplace or community tree. Each tag represents a gift for a local child in need. Colleagues, friends, or customers can pick a tag, buy the suggested gift, and return it unwrapped. These gifts are then lovingly packed into handmade sacks and delivered to families who might otherwise go without. It's a simple, festive way to come together and share the joy of Christmas.

November's Eco Tips

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever.
(For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence). Why not gather your housemates, friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work
for you all - you'll go further together!



Contact Details

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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

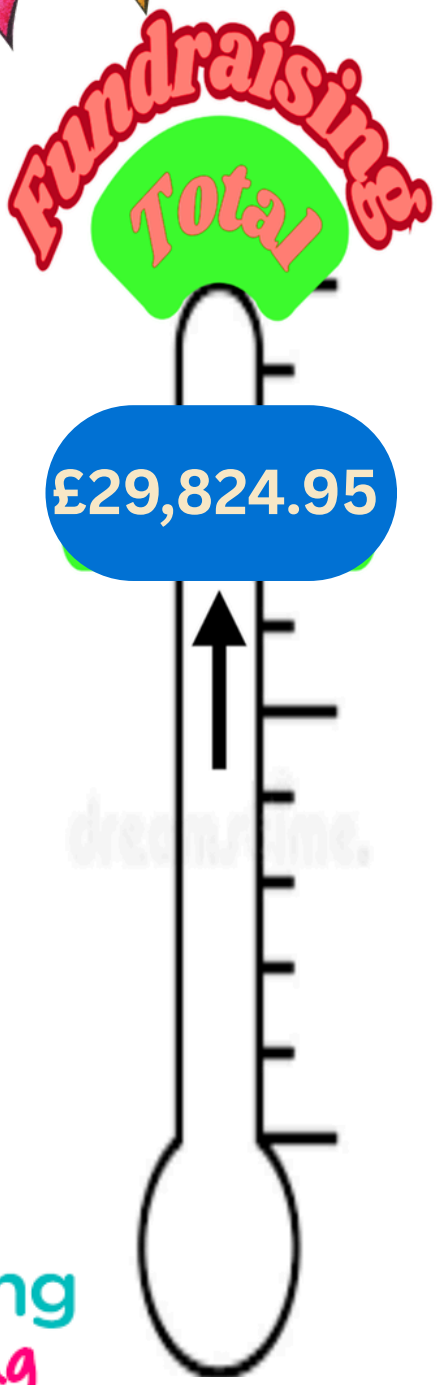
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Find us on Facebook too! Photos and news of upcoming and recent events on our page "St Mary's Church Burghfield".
Address: Church Lane, Burghfield Village, Reading, Berks, RG30 3TG
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Emmaus

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

St Mary's Church Fundraising



2026 Dates for your diaries

5th December 12-4pm
Christmas Craft Market

5th December 7.30pm
An Evening of Poetry & Music with The Phoenix Choir around the Christmas Trees

If you would like to get involved and join the fundraising team please contact Anne Pocock on the email below:-
fundraising@stmarys.org

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



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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/?char=49900&invite=1vyzji&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

Please ask Glynn, Jo, Anne, Michael or Alison if you would like any help with how to buy online via Easy fundraising.

This Quarter we have received £217.10 from Easy Fundraising. Thank you to Everyone who supports our fundraising by using this easy and free way to generate more funds via your OnLine shopping.
If you are changing Energy supplier or buying car insurance etc, please consider using Easy Fundraising as the donations received are significant. Thank you.