

### This Coming Week

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 8pm** PCC

Parish Office closed

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 11am** Holy Communion – The Hollies

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**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7pm** Churches Together Meeting

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.15pm** Concert Rehearsal

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10am** Church cleaning

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November** Remembrance Sunday  
**9am** Holy Communion (Short said service)  
**10.30am** Remembrance Service

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Kirkwood Crescent, Jordans Lane, Boldrewood, Goodwood Close
- People who visit our churchyard and garden of remembrance
- Local medical services, People with disabilities, long-term illness and addiction

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# st Mary's Burghfield



**5<sup>th</sup> November – All Saints Day**

## WELCOME!

You are very welcome at our worship. We hope you experience God this morning, and can stay for coffee and a chat after the service.

**KidZone** - (0-10 years) meets every Sunday at 10.30am (starting and ending in the Church) All are welcome to join in the fun at KidZone



*Hearing Aid users should turn to 'T' for assisted hearing*

*Toilets are situated in the Parish Centre next to the church*

*Please join us for Fairtrade tea or coffee between the 9.00am and 10.30am services*



*If you would like private prayer, please go to the chancel during communion at the 9am service, or ask a member of clergy after the 10.30am 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*

## Services Today

**9am** Reflective Service with Communion – Matthew 5.1-12

**10.30am** All Age Contemporary Communion – Matthew 5.1-12

**3pm** Memorial Service - Isaiah 65.17-end and John 20.1-10

### Today's Prayer:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **NOTICES**

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm for 8pm start**

Our next PCC meeting is in the Parish Centre.

### **Advent Course**

You might remember I spoke several weeks ago about the Bishop of Oxford's call to us all in Oxford Diocese to join in with his vision for the next year. Together, we are called to be more Christ-like: to be the Church of the Beatitudes: contemplative, compassionate and courageous for the sake of God's world. (The letter is still on the church notice boards if you wanted to read all about it.)

As part of Bishop Steven's invitation, a three-session course has been produced in time for Advent. We will be running the course at St Mary's on Wednesday evenings in Advent. We will meet in the parish centre from 8 to 9.30pm (approx.) on 6th, 13th and 20th December. Each participant will need to purchase one of the booklets which cost £2.50 each. I have ordered some so please let me know if you would like one, so that I will know whether I need to order any more. I do hope you will come and join in, so we can spend some time in Advent not just practically preparing for Christmas, but also preparing ourselves spiritually. Revd Glynn

### **ALPHA course coming soon!**

Do you have questions about God, faith and Christianity? Would you like to explore your own faith further? Or maybe you would like a refresher course. We will be running a course early next year to explore these areas and your questions further. Please speak to either Revd Glynn or Don Sinclair if you are interested so we can draw a list together of those who are interested.

### **Cleaning the church building**

Thank you very much to all those who have come along to our recent cleaning sessions; many hands have indeed made light work, and it has been good to work together to "tickle the feet of the saints" (!) among other joys. We hope that everyone is enjoying the beauty of the clean church, as it starts to sparkle once more!

We will continue with this pattern of 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 7pm and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 10am for the next few months, and then review the arrangements in the spring. The dates for your diary are:

- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10am (moved from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> due to a concert rehearsal in church) and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 10am
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7pm and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10am
- Friday 12 January 7pm and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 10am
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 7pm and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 10am

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7pm and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10am

Please do come and join us if you can: it is very satisfying way to show your love for this wonderful building we are blessed with. Sign up on the rota if you think you can spare a short time. Thank you in anticipation, Alison and Michael.

### **Kitchen Project**

The new electric cooker has now been installed in the Parish Centre and our grateful thanks go to Stuart Stanley who very kindly donated his time, which brought our anticipated costs down enormously.

Thank-you so much for all your support. Once we have the full cost of the project, which may possibly have to include new flooring as well, we will provide an update.

### **Toy Service Sunday 3rd December**

On Advent Sunday we will be holding Toy and Gift Services at both the 9am and 10.30am services in support of Berkshire Women's Aid (BWA). BWA is a charity that provides a Refuge, and support in the community, for women and their children who have had to leave their homes to escape domestic abuse. The time of leaving is often one of high risk and children may have to leave their homes without taking any toys or pets with them and sometimes without even saying goodbye to their friends. BWA provides both emotional and practical support to these families and also tries to give them happy experiences and new memories. The provision of new and very good quality toys for boys and girls of all ages, including teenagers, and toiletries for their mums makes it possible for BWA to offer Christmas gifts to enable families to enjoy the celebrations as we are all privileged to do. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **Christmas Tree Festival 2017**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tree Festival will be on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December. We will again be offering community groups and businesses the opportunity to decorate a tree; then of course we will invite our friends and neighbours to come and enjoy the beautiful trees. This event is a joyful celebration of just some of the good things that happen in and around our parish. Please save the date, and start thinking about whether your group/club/workplace could be represented, and how to decorate your tree to amuse and inform and impress! Please spread the word to anyone you think could be interested. Any questions, please talk to Michael or Alison.

### **Amazing Advent Wreath Making Evening: can YOU help make it happen?**

We are very much hoping that this much-valued community event will take place later this month...but it can't unless we have plenty of (old and new!) volunteers for our "twinkle team". We have broken the work down into small tasks: please let Alison (Eves) know if you would be willing to help before, during or after the event. The suggested date for twinkly fun is the evening of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.