

st Mary's Burghfield



22nd April 2018 – 4th Sunday of Easter

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) usually meets every Sunday at 10.30am except the first Sunday in a month. It starts and ends in the Church and all are welcome to join in the fun. Today children's work takes place as part of the joint service



Toilets are situated in the Parish Centre next to the church



If you would like private prayer, please go to the chancel during communion



If you would like to receive a gluten free wafer, please speak to the person who greeted you at the door or a churchwarden

This Coming Week

Monday 23rd April	9am Morning Prayer 8pm Prayer Evening at The Rectory Parish Office closed
Tuesday 24th April	11am Holy Communion at The Hollies
Wednesday 25th April	7.30pm Alpha Course
Saturday 28th April	3.30pm Messy Church 5pm Church Cleaning
Sunday 29th April	5th Sunday of Easter 9am Holy Communion 10.30am Contemporary Communion 3pm Admission to Communion Course

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Chervil Way, Burdock Close, Field Close
- Our work to support Christian Aid
- People who live alone, all who are lonely or anxious

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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". We also have a "Messy Church Burghfield" page. Please visit, "like" and comment!

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

The PCC of St Mary's the Virgin Burghfield is a Registered Charity No.1167639

Services

10.00am Combined Service of Holy Communion – Acts 4.5-12 John 10.11-18

3.30pm TASTE BCP Communion followed by tea and cake

Today's Prayer:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

NOTICES

22nd April APCM after a joint 10am Service

A reminder that our Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place today, after the special joint service at 10am with children's work, which will be followed by tea/ coffee and cake. There will be provision for the children, so that the families with young children are also able to stay for the meeting. Do please come and show your support for the life, ministry and mission of our parish and hear about all the exciting events of the past calendar year, as well as thinking about future possibilities. ALL are welcome.

ALPHA COURSE

Our current Alpha course continues on Wednesday 25th April. Sessions will take place as normal in the Lower Parish Centre room from 7.30-9.30pm.

28th April Messy Church 3.30pm – 5.30pm

The theme for this month is "I am the True Vine". Please see fliers for more information. Please bring your children/grandchildren/Godchildren along to join in the fun: we always have an amazing time. Or you can come unaccompanied (if you are an adult!) and help with a craft, chat to people, or clear up. NB Normal church cleaning takes place after Messy, at about 5pm

28th April: Caring For Creation: Eco church (FREE – but booking Essential)

10.30am-3pm at St. John's and St. Stephen's, Reading, RG1 3JN

A time to explore how Eco Church is supporting churches' mission ... hear from renowned speakers how Christians in other parts of the world are caring for creation ... hear how we can work together ... and worship the Creator.

Book at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greening-our-churches-eco-church-event-with-rachel-mash-tickets-44629286397>

Food Bank

An App is now available for the Food bank advising of donations which are urgently required. You need to go to the Food Bank Redemption Media App and select West Berkshire, ideal while you're out and about. Items currently required are washing powder, sponge puddings, fruit juice (long-life), hot chocolate, deodorants, razors, shaving gel and strong carrier bags. Thank you.

May Fayre 13th May

The sign-up sheets are all at the back of church as we need help for the May Fayre for the following: refreshment tent; cakes; Messy Church crafts; car park and the setting up and taking down of the tent. Please do sign up for one or more if you are feeling enthusiastic. We would love to have as many of you as possible involved in this community event.

Festival of Prayer

Saturday 7th July, 10am to 4.30pm, £30 per person. A good day to explore different aspects of spirituality and prayer put on by the Diocese of Oxford with BRF. A group will be going from the parish. Do speak to Margaret Thomas if you are interested in joining in this very worthwhile day.

Sound System

We are in the process of updating and improving our sound system (including the loop system) and are currently getting quotes from various companies. I'm sure this will come as really good news for us all, since our current system has been causing so many difficulties. If

you would like to make a contribution to the sound system to enable us to do this as soon as possible, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Sound System' and hand it in with the offertory or pass it on to one of the wardens. Revd Glynn

175th Anniversary!

Preparations for the 175th Anniversary Celebration weekend are gathering pace! So far we have the following activities planned for the weekend 23/24 June:

1) Sunday 10 am joint celebration service; the preacher will be our archdeacon, Olivia Graham;

2) Refreshments available throughout the weekend to offer hospitality and raise funds for the Pepperpot tower;

3) Please contribute to our family photo exhibition. Bring copies, digital or physical, and let everyone enjoy the memories;

4) We hope to have photo albums from past events which are currently archived at the Berkshire Record Office. Also a postcard collection showing views of the village;

5) A celebration of creativity in our community. Individuals and groups from the local community are invited to showcase their creativity. This could be physical items made by drawing, painting, writing, sewing, knitting, crocheting, woodwork, clay modelling, Lego, jewellery making etc. Or it could be a creative idea, such as creating a community event (e.g. Burghfest). We want your item/idea to show: please don't be shy. We want to showcase what a wonderful creative community we live in and contribute to;

6) Children's poster competition entries. Margaret Thomas has launched this competition with our local schools: it will be great to see the winning entries displayed;

7) Malcolm Summers has written a really informative book about Henry George Willink, which includes lots of interesting local history. He has kindly agreed to be at church on Saturday 23rd to chat about the book and sign copies;

8) We have been given a stall on the Hatch as part of the Box Kart Bash, which takes place on 24 June. We hope to sell cakes and signpost our exhibitions to the local community in this way;

9) We are investigating whether we could run a children's version of the Box Kart Bash, for model karts. Talk to us if you're interested.

Please book the 23rd and 24th June as important dates in your diaries and talk to Alison Eves or Margaret Thomas about what you would like to do to help.

PMC (Partnership for Missional Church)

Please continue to pray for and think about YOUR role in PMC. Don't know what it is? Check out this link <https://www.churchmissionsociety.org/partnership-missional-church> and/or pick up the leaflet in church. **We need now to form a 'Steering Team' so if you are interested in being part of PMC please speak to Glynn or the wardens.**

Cleaning the church building Thank you to the dedicated team who regularly clean our beautiful church building. Do come and join us when you can: it is a great joy to add sparkle to our church! Please add your name to the rota at the back of church. The dates for your diary are:

- Saturday 28th April after Messy Church (about 5pm)
- Friday 11th May 7pm and Saturday 26th May 10 am
- Friday 15th June 7pm and Saturday 30th June 10 am