

st Mary's Burghfield



29th April 2018 – 5th 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) 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.



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

9.00am Holy Communion – Acts 8.26-end John 15.1-8

10.30am Contemporary Communion - John 15.1-8

Today's Prayer:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This Coming Week

Monday 30th April Glynn away all week on Clergy Conference until Saturday

Parish Office closed

Wednesday 2nd May 7.30pm Alpha Course

Sunday 6th May 6th Sunday of Easter
9am Reflective Service with Communion

10.30am All Age Service

3pm Admission to Communion Course

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Alison Close, Sun Gardens, Tanners Close
- Our website and all who are making the church visible in the community. Our Parish Administrator
- HIV/AIDS sufferers, their carers, all who campaign, educate and provide treatment during all epidemics.

Contact Details

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Find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysburghfield) 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!

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NOTICES

Advance Notice

Please note the times for the following services:

10th May 8pm Ascension Day Service

13th May 9.30am at The Hatch for the May Fayre;

16th May 7.30pm Churches Together Service - come and join us for the "Thy Kingdom Come" call to pray for our communities;

20th May 10am Joint celebration of Communion with Admission to Communion for Pentecost Sunday.

ALPHA COURSE

Our current Alpha course continues on Wednesday 2nd May. Sessions will take place as normal in the Lower Parish Centre room from 7.30-9.30pm.

Thursday 3rd May 7.30pm – Spiritual Development Group

Derek Spears will be talking about the origins of the Bible from writing to printing; a 2,500-year Odyssey. Victory Hall, Beenham, Reading RG7 5NT

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.

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

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:

- Friday 11th May 7pm and Saturday 26th May 10 am
- Friday 15th June 7pm and Saturday 30th June 10 am

Abstinent for Yeldhall Manor

Thank-you to all who generously supported me during Lent. The total raised was an amazing £311.50, most of which was gift-aided. Anne Greaves.

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 Peppercot 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.**

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 tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard, coffee, long-life fruit juice and sponge puddings. Thank you.