

st Mary's Burghfield



16th December 2018 – The 3rd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME!

You are very welcome at our worship. We hope you experience God this morning. If you are new or visiting, we would love to meet you.



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 at "Meeting Point"



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

9am - Holy Communion – Philippians 4.4-7
10.30am - Contemporary Communion
6:30pm - Nine Lessons and Carols

Today's Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.

This Coming Week

Sunday 16th December **9am Holy Communion**
 10:30am Contemporary Communion
 6:30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday 17th December **9am Morning Prayer**
 7:30pm PCC Study time at The Rectory

Tuesday 18th December **5:30pm Flying Solo**

Friday 21st December **7pm Church Cleaning**

Sunday 23rd December **4th Sunday of Advent**
 9am Holy Communion
 2pm Christingle Making (see notices for details)

Monday 24th December **2pm Christingle Service**
 4pm Christingle Service
 11:30pm Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25th December **Christmas Day**
 10:00am Joint Service of Holy Communion

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Oakdene Court, Badgers Glade, Blands Court Community
- Nurture and growth groups, Flying Solo
- Members of Oxford Diocesan, Deanery and General Synods
- Those that have died recently –Stephen Muster

Contact Details

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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

NOTICES

Sunday 16th December 3:30pm – Music and Reflections for Advent Douai Abbey.

Traditional Music and Reflections for Advent at Douai Abbey offer a wonderful opportunity – a little while of uplifting music and words in the beautiful surroundings of the Abbey Church amidst the busy onrush of Christmas. All are welcome.

Douai Abbey is situated between Reading and Newbury. Post-code RG7 5TQ

Wednesday 19th December 2.30pm Vivace Voices Christmas Concert

At St Catherine of Siena Church, Tilehurst, RG31 5LN. Tickets £5 and all proceeds go to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, www.vivacevoices.org.uk.

Wednesday 19th December – Advent Reflections 8pm – At the Rectory

Please come & join us as we spend some time together reflecting and preparing for Christmas.

Sunday 23rd December – 2pm Christingle Making

Christingles will be made in the parish centre on Sunday afternoon at 2pm and any help would be appreciated.

Church Cleaning

Thank you to those who help keep our church so beautifully clean. Please note that the next date for cleaning is Friday 21 December @ 7pm.

Berkshire Woman's Aid

Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to our Toy service last Sunday in aid of Berkshire Women's Aid. They are very grateful and asked us to pass on the following: 'Thank you so much for your support. Please can you pass on our thanks to all of those involved'. Penny Myers also mentioned that they are opening another refuge in Berkshire and we have asked if there was any way in which we could help. If anyone would like to contribute here is their reply. Please note only new bedding can be donated, please do not donate any used linen or bedding. 'One of our supporters has kindly set-up an Amazon list for all the items we need for refuge <http://amzn.eu/2FJNMUF> alternatively we need NEW bedding (single duvets, pillows, duvet covers & pillow cases – colours: teal, sky blue, plum or neutral colours).

Pew Sheet

You are welcome to take this pew sheet home with you. Alternatively, you can view online. Please go to our website: www.stmarysburghfield.org where they can be found under Church Life/Information for Regulars/Pew sheets

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 21st December 2018 until Friday 4th January 2019. Please direct all queries to Revd Glynn

Parish Giving Scheme

Did you know that St Mary's church like any other Church of England, receives no financial help from the government or Diocese? All our expenses have to be funded from our congregation and we are really grateful to those who give regularly to St Mary's church through Standing Order as it helps in planning our finances.

We recently decided we would, along with other parishes in the Diocese, join in with the 'Parish Giving Scheme'. You can find out more about it on the Diocesan website at www.oxford.anglican.org/support-services/parish-support/generous-giving/parish-giving-scheme/, (see extract below) or from the information packs at the back of church.

The scheme enables people to give to their church by direct debit, and there are significant benefits to this scheme compared to other ways of giving. Gift aid is automatically processed by the Parish Giving Scheme every month, saving the church considerable time and improving cashflow. Additionally, givers can choose to automatically increase their giving by the rate of inflation every year. This tackles the problem of static giving, where people's giving ordinarily remains the same year on year whilst the costs of the church rise continually due to inflation. Givers can also choose to give anonymously if they wish. Over 20 dioceses have adopted the Parish Giving Scheme, and all are seeing increases in giving as a result.

In response to our '**Generous living - Generous giving**' stewardship campaign over the last several weeks, if you have not already done so, we would like to encourage you to consider changing from giving by 'Standing Order' to joining the Parish Giving Scheme and contributing through direct debit. If you give through the offertory plate, we would also like to encourage you to formalise your offering to church by joining the PGS.

If you have any questions please speak to Mike Wood, Ollie Dillon or Revd Glynn

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 urgently needed are long life Milk (UHT). Instant mash, razors and custard are also low in stock. Thank you