

# **St Mary's Burghfield**

**Newsletter 5 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020**



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - Join us for our 10am 'Virtual' service via Zoom.**

**Readings:** Acts 7.55-end, John 14.1-14

**Today's Prayer:** Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Please find the link for this week's service:

For log on details please email Revd Glynn Lautenbach on [glynn.lautenbach@stmarysburghfield.org](mailto:glynn.lautenbach@stmarysburghfield.org)

## **For Children**

**There are two children's worksheets attached and there shall also be a message uploaded to our website or FB page prior to Sunday.**

## **Oxford Diocese Services**



### **Church at Home**

Live-streamed and 'as live' worship is available for everyone across the Diocese of Oxford, these services complement the prayers, meditations and worship offered by local churches.

Our principal Diocesan services take place at 10 am each Sunday.

Please click on the [link](#) for the Diocesan website link for any further information.

### **Daily Hope telephone line**

As well as the Church at Home weekly telephone service from the Diocese, a new national phoneline offers music, prayers, and reflections as well as full worship services. The line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044

### **Reflections for a Church in Lockdown**

A new series of reflective podcasts and online audio recorded by Bishop Steven. Each episode aims to resource the Church during the crisis. Episode 2 is a reflection on

[Psalm 2 and is available to listen to online now or download as a podcast.](#)

# IMPORTANT

## Email Address

For all future correspondence with the Parish Administrator please use the below email address:

[stmarysburghfield@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysburghfield@outlook.com)



## Daily Readings for the week

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Psalm 145, Numbers 9.15-end, Luke 4.38-end  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Psalm 19, Numbers 11.1-33, Luke 5.1-11  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Psalm 30, Numbers 12,, Luke 5.12-26  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – MP Psalm 16, I Samuel 2.27-35, Acts 2.37-end  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Psalm 138, Numbers 14.1-25, Luke 6.1-11  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Psalm 146, Numbers 14.26-end, Luke 6.12-26



## Prayers at St Mary's going forward

We are publishing three prayers and reflections per week (Mon, Wed, Fri) which we hope you will find helpful. These will be available on our website and Facebook page.

Thank you to those who have given feedback on how helpful you have found them.



## Please pray for:

- Wheeler CI, Thrush CI, Wren CI, Robin CI, Blackbird CI
- Our Priests Glynn & Rev Lorraine
- Bishop Steven and Area Dean Heather & Archdeacon Olivia
- Those who have died recently, Derek Newman, Doreen Chamberlain



When VE Day dawns tomorrow it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. Destruction had come to an end and millions of people took to the streets and pubs to celebrate peace, mourn their loved – ones and to hope for the future, but not forgetting those still in conflict until 15th August when it was announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, effectively ending World War II.

The 75th anniversary will provide our nation, and our friends around the world, with an opportunity to reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage, and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark and terrifying period.

**To celebrate the 75 years Revd Glynn has recorded prayers and we have uploaded to Facebook and our Website for you to join in as and when you are able to on VE day.**

Please click [here](#) to watch Revd Glynn conducting prayers and reflection.

**Do remember to join in with the Nations Toast to the Heroes of WW2 at 3pm using the following words:**

**‘TO THOSE WHO GAVE SO MUCH, WE THANK YOU’.**

**We can all use this unique opportunity to pay tribute to those who gave so much, to ensure that we can all enjoy the freedom we share today.**

**Please do not forget to send pictures of your wonderful efforts to share with our church community next week! It would be great if we can make bunting and decorate our homes to honour the people who lost their lives and celebrate the War ending.**

If you need help on how to make bunting click [here](#) for ideas and assistance!





**News from 'Our Church Community'**  
**We'd love to hear from you!**

Amy has kindly sent in a picture of the wonderful bunting she has made ready for VE Day on Friday!



*Amy Legg*

Brian has sent us a picture of the beautiful rainbow picture on his window. In addition, we have a mega blocks tower in rainbow colours and a rainbow smile made from Lego..

These masterpieces were created by their Grandson and was sent to them to be displayed for the NHS 😊



*Brian & Eileen Thatcher*

Do you have any stories which have helped your faith during our time of crisis which you might like to share?

If you have any prayer requests please let us know and we can forward on to our prayer team.

If you have a request for a favourite hymn, let us know and we can pass this on to Gill.

Please send in any photos of the wonderful things you are doing at home during this time.

Maybe you have seen wildlife and photographed on your daily walks?



## We'll sing again; don't know where, don't know when.....

At the recent Worship and Discipleship Committee meeting (held via Zoom from committee members' homes) we were looking ahead to the time when we can meet again in church to worship together. One thing we will really enjoy is singing together in our beautiful building, and we hope to hold a "Songs of Praise" service featuring some of our favourite hymns. **Now is your chance:** let us know **your** favourite hymns or songs (up to a maximum of five) and we will compile a list to see which ones are the all-time favourites. If you would like to say briefly why each of your chosen songs is special to you this would be great. Please let Eileen Thatcher know your choices, by email at [brianthatcher@btinternet.com](mailto:brianthatcher@btinternet.com), or by phone on 0118 933 3037. Let us be ready to sing again in church as soon as we can!



### Parish Administrator Hours

Please note that my working hours will be reduced from **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020**. I shall now be working from **08:00 – 11:00** until further notice. Anything sent after 11am will be replied to the following day.



### Weekly Reminders

- Do not forget to join in weekly at 8pm on Thursday nights, as we clap (or generally make a noise) to honour and show our support for everyone working so hard in the NHS as well as other keyworkers
- Reminder to place a candle in your window at 7pm on Sunday nights as a sign of hope and to show our prayer support for our neighbours and communities
- There will be a Zoom **PCC** meeting on the **18<sup>th</sup> May** – Details to follow
- **Ascension Day** is on the **21<sup>st</sup> May @ 7:30pm**– There will be a Zoom service in the evening – Details to follow



During this time of lockdown please do not forget to update your profile on iKnow! We still have a lot of people who unfortunately have not completed their personal details . If you have any issues, please contact Janey on [stmarysburghfield@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysburghfield@outlook.com)



## **Website**

We are updating our website daily to ensure communication is kept between us and yourself at home. Please find useful links within our website:

Home Page – [Link](#)

Resources and updates during Coronavirus – [Link](#)

Online Videos - [Link](#)

We are also updating our website where we are adding photos to the 'Gallery' tab. If you have any photographs from past events which we can place in our gallery. Please can you forward to [stmarysburghfield@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysburghfield@outlook.com)



The foodbank in Burghfield is closed and all food will now be delivered direct from the warehouse in Greenham Common to clients with vouchers. They have completed the last of their deliveries this afternoon and have crated up the remaining stock and it will go back to the warehouse early next week. So as of now the foodbank is closed.

Obviously, food should **NOT** be dropped off there.

The new collection point will now be at **Budgens** and a collection point on a Tuesday at the post office, with a drop off remaining at **Tesco** in Burghfield. Please can we ask for as many donations as possible to be dropped to assist our community during this difficult time.

Donations may be made directly to their bank account, with the following details:

**Lloyds Bank, Newbury: Sorting Code 77-95-05**

**West Berks Foodbank: Account No. 72784660**

Or, you may send a cheque payable to "West Berks Foodbank" and send to: The Treasurer, West Berks Foodbank, 23 Charter Road, Newbury, Berks. RG14 7EW.

You may also wish to complete a **Gift Aid form to add 25% value to your donation**

**The banks are urgently needing the following**

DEODORANT, SHOWER GEL, RAZORS, SPONGE PUDDINGS, TINNED FRUIT