

St Mary's Burghfield

Newsletter 6 Thursday 14th May 2020



Sunday 17th May 2020 - Join us for our 10am 'Virtual' service via Zoom.

Readings: Acts 17.22-31, John 14.15-21

Today's Prayer: Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Please find the link for this week's service:

Please contact Revd Glynn on glynn.lautenbach@stmarysburghfield.org

For Children

There are two children's worksheets attached

Weekly Children's message available on Sunday morning posted to Facebook/website

Thursday 21st May 2020 Ascension Day – Join us for a 7.30pm Zoom service

Please find the link for the Ascension Service

Please contact Revd Glynn on glynn.lautenbach@stmarysburghfield.org

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.

IMPORTANT

Email Address

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

stmarysburghfield@outlook.com



Daily Readings for the week

Monday 18th May – Psalms 65, Numbers 16.1-35, Luke 6.27-38

Tuesday 19th May - Psalm 124, Numbers 16.36-end, Luke 6.39-end

Wednesday 20th May – Psalm 132, Numbers 17.1-11, Luke 7.1-10

Thursday 21st May – MP Psalm 110, Isaiah 52.7-end, Hebrews 7. (11-25) 26-end

Friday 22nd May – Psalm 20, Numbers 20.1-13, Luke 7.11-17

Saturday 23rd May – Psalm 21, Numbers 21.4-9, Luke 7.18-35



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:

- Burnthouse Lane, Amners Farm Rd, New Rd Cottages
- Burghfield Residents Association & our outreach in the local community
- MPs, local and parish councillors
- Those who have died recently, Doreen Chamberlain, Daphne Cowie



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

With the sun shining on VE Day it meant people within the community were holding 'social distance street parties'. Even though we are in this terrible time, the sense of community is outstanding.

We have some lovely photos below which have been sent in to us to share.

Colin & Elaine Thompson with their neighbours!



Revd Glynn & Wayne with their neighbours!



Janey's husband enjoying afternoon tea!



Revd Lorraine's beautifully decorated house

In the centre we have Revd Glynn's house beautifully decorated too!

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, 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 13th 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 **18th May** – Details to follow
- **Ascension Day** is on the **21st May @ 7:30pm**– There will be a Zoom service in the evening



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



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



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