

st Mary's Burghfield

Newsletter 2 Thursday 16th April 2020



Sunday 19th April 2020 - Join us for our 10am 'Virtual' service via Zoom.

Please find the link for this week's service:

To access this week's service please [email Revd Glynn](mailto:revd.glynn@stmarysburghfield.org) for access code

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Prayers at St Mary's going forward

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

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



Please pray for:

- Theale Road, Hose Hill, Bennett's Hill, School Road, The Rowans Community
- All involved in pastoral care, school pastors, Café B and the Befrienders, The Food Bank
- All working in local businesses; self-employed and unemployed
- Those who have died recently – Anne Hipwell (Known as Tricia), John Crowhurst.



In light of the coronavirus situation, the Bible course has not been able to continue here at St Mary's.

The *Bible Course* has been adapted so that you can [watch the session videos](#) online for free and you can download the manual [here](#).

These Videos will be available to watch for a limited time online (at least until the end of August).
We hope that this development will be helpful and encouraging to you at this challenging time.



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 remains 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:

SPONGE PUDDINGS, LONG-LIFE MILK (UHT), FRAY BENTOS TINNED PIE, INSTANT COFFEE
TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED FRUIT, DEODORANT, SHAMPOOSHOWER GEL



We'd love to hear from you!

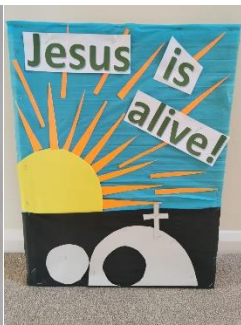
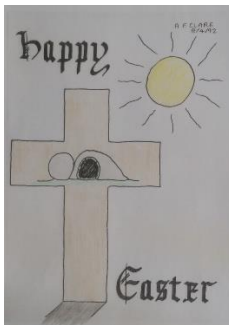
Do you have any pictures of your palm crosses?

Mike, Alison (Church Wardens) & Glynn have sent us their crosses



Have you made an Easter poster to put in your window?

Alison Claire-Dalgleish, Glynn & Margaret Thomas sent their lovely Easter Posters + Alison Eves bunting



Have you thought of making an Easter garden with your family?

Revd Lorraine sent us her Easter Garden



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.

News from 'Our Church Community'

Alison has been making scrubs bags (for workers to transport and wash their scrubs in, without having to open anything up, it all goes in the washing machine). Hopefully this cuts down the chance of hospital staff taking the virus home with them on their clothes. Great idea Alison, Well done!



Alison Eves – Church Warden

Brian has been taking advantage of the lovely weather to get on with the patio in our back garden, and Eileen has been helping by carry the paving slabs, pruning & weeding in the rest of the garden which now looks tidier than it's ever been. We are so grateful that we have a garden and can spend time in the fresh air while we are staying at home



Brian & Eileen Thatcher

Glynn has been busy making three more blankets. She normally makes these and gives them to the RBH.



Revd Glynn



Weekly Reminders

- Don't 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



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](#)

Coronavirus updates – [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

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