

st Mary's Burghfield

Newsletter 3 Thursday 23rd April 2020



Sunday 26th April 2020 - Join us for our 10am 'Virtual' service via Zoom.

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 36-41, Luke 24.13-35

Today's Prayer: Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Please find the link for this week's service:

To access this week's service please [email Revd Glynn](#) for access code

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Daily Readings for the week

Monday 27th April - Psalm 96, Exodus 19, Luke 1.-25

Tuesday 28th April - Psalm 98, Exodus 20.1-21, Luke 1.26-38

Wednesday 29th April - Psalm 105, Exodus 24, Luke 1.39-56

Thursday 30th April - Psalm 136, Exodus 25.1-22, Luke 1.57-end

Friday 1st May - MP Psalm 139, Proverbs 4.10-18, James 1.1-12

Saturday 2nd May - Psalm 108, Exodus 29.1-9, Luke 2.21-40



Monthly Prayer Meeting

Prayer is so important so please come and join us as we pray together for the world, our country, our community, and church. It is for everyone and anyone and no need to be a 'prayer expert'. As we are still in 'lockdown' we will do the same as we did last month and offer the meeting through 'Zoom'. Please find the link below to join in.

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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:

- 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)



News from 'Our Church Community'

We'd love to hear from you!



We are so proud of Gill Sinclair who has composed a beautiful poignant song called 'Here'. It is based on her experience as a key worker at RBH and is well worth listening too. Please find the [link](#) to the song and where you can also hear an interview with Gill and the BBC radio Berkshire. God has blessed Gill with an amazing gift and we just give thanks that she has used and shared it with us all.

Revd Glynn



Hi Everyone. I did not really believe that I could write a song and share it. But it was Spirit led and I was amazed last night when radio Berkshire asked if they could play it and talk to me. If you listen in at 2 hours and 31 minutes for 10 minutes you can hear my interview and the song. Without our church's lovely congregation encouraging me Sunday after Sunday I am sure this would never have happened.

Gill Sinclair



At noon on November 13, 2010
these unsuspecting shoppers got a
surprise while enjoying their lunch...

Although the [link](#) relates to a Christmas song it is very uplifting and worth a watch.
(Should you get an advert come up first just press skip add.)

Brian 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.

Alison has kindly sent in pictures of her beautiful spring flowers in her garden this week.



Alison Clare-Dalgleish

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?

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The Bible Course



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

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.



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



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 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 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

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