

st Mary's Burghfield

Newsletter 8 Friday 29th May 2020



Sunday 31st May 2020 - Join us for our 10am 'Virtual' service via Zoom.

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 20.19-23

Today's Prayer: Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Its Pentecost!

On Sunday 31st May we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the 'Church'. So Come and join in the service and celebrations of the 'birthday of the church' on Pentecost Sunday at our 10am Zoom service. Wear something red, orange, or yellow to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. This photo was from a previous 'Pentecost Service' in our church and though scattered and unable to worship together physically, we can still most definitely celebrate together virtually and spiritually, because **we** are the church! We also pray for a time when it will be safe for us to return to our lovely church building!



Please find the link for this week's service:

'Did you know you can also phone into the service if you do not have access via other means'

To join our service please contact Revd Glynn for the access code and password on: glynn.lautenbach@stmarysburghfield.org



Worksheets for children and new 'Family Time' sheet attached

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



We at St Mary's now offer an online donation page!

If you would like to make a donation, please click on the link:



<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/77b371b3-68f6-4729-a808-8fd58d9c589f>

Thank you for supporting our ministry and mission



Daily Readings for the week

Monday 1st June – MP Psalms 85, I Samuel 2.1-10, Mark 3.31-end
Tuesday 2nd June - Psalm 132, Joshua 2, Luke 9.28-36
Wednesday 3rd June – Psalm 119, Joshua 3, Luke 9.37-50
Thursday 4th June – Psalm 143, Joshua 4.1-51, Luke 9.51-end
Friday 5th June – Psalm 142, Joshua 5.2-end, Luke 10.1-16
Saturday 6th June – Psalm 147, Joshua 6.1-20 Luke 10.17-24



Fellowship Study Group

We met via Zoom as a fellowship Study group for the first time on Tuesday 26th May (4th Tuesday) at 7.30pm. You might wonder what we 'did'? Many churches have 'Home Groups', 'Bible study groups', 'Fellowship Groups'- whatever the name, they all have a common purpose. A gathering of people to learn about and grow in faith together, centred around the bible, supporting, and encouraging one another as we do so.

So that is what we did! This first time we looked at Psalm 5 and had an opportunity to reflect on what was interesting/challenging/thought provoking about it and then we also listened to Bishop Steven's very relevant podcast on Psalm 5 (you can listen to it here <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/i-will-come-into-your-house/>). We had some good discussion and then continued by looking at Day 6 of 'Thy Kingdom Come- 'Let us Love' and concluded with a short time of prayer. I enjoyed it, and I hope those who joined in did too. Its non-threatening, there is no need to 'know' it all and its important for us all to grow and be challenged as we develop and journey in our faith.

Going forward our pattern will be 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month so our next Fellowship Study Group will be on **9th June at 7.30pm** – hope to see you there.

Revd Glynn

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 phonenumber 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.



To celebrate the return of normal schooling our 'Back to Skool' quiz (similar to the popular Xmas quiz) will be available from 1st June by e-mail or snail mail. You will receive 40 general knowledge and 20 picture questions together with two handouts and the answers in a sealed envelope.

Use them to challenge/amaze friends family and neighbours- genuinely compliant with social distancing!

No trips to Barnard Castle to test eyesight required! Cost of £10- all proceeds to Church funds.

Please contact Colin Thompson (9832603) colin@coltbus.plus.com



Colin has received a request from Jason Frost who is researching the life and ministry of the Reverend George Henry Nicholson who was Rector of Burghfield from 1938 until 1971, and who remained in the parish until his death in 1983. Jason would like to hear from anyone who remembers him and has drawn up a short questionnaire. If you remember the Rev Nicholson please contact Colin for further information.

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IMPORTANT

Email Address

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

stmarysburghfield@outlook.com



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:

- Dewe Lane, Mill Road, Green Lane, Pingewood Road, Burghfield Bridge Close
- 1st Burghfield NHS Responders
- Those who have died recently, Michael Cooper



Due to 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.



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

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.



Although no photographs this week Brain and Eileen Thatcher sent something that they felt would put a smile on your faces. Thank you for sending to me!

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?



The Year's Mind

It has long been our custom to remember in intercessions the names of those in our memorial book on the anniversary of their passing.

The list of names that we currently use is quite old and does not necessarily reflect the memories and needs of our current congregation. Although we will of course continue to remember the names in our memorial book in the chancel we thought we would invite you to add the names of your loved ones to the list, so that they too might be remembered on their anniversaries in our weekly prayers. The list would require your name, the name of the loved one, their relationship to you and the date of their anniversary.

For example

REQUEST MADE BY	NAME TO BE REMEMBERED	RELATIONSHIP	DATE OF ANNIVERSARY
Margaret Thomas	Oscar Rumsey	Grandson	1 st January



We have had a little book made for this purpose which will be kept in church, but if you would like to send names either to Margaret Thomas or to Jane our administrator, while we continue to meet via Zoom we can start recording and praying for these important names straight away.



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.

Reminder!



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



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



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

Looking ahead to the time when we can meet again in church to worship, we are hoping to hold a Songs of Praise service featuring some of our favourite hymns and worship songs. Thank you to everyone who has already sent their choices to Eileen Thatcher, **and it's not too late** to add **your** favourites (up to a maximum of five) to the list of our most loved music. If you would also like to say briefly why each of your chosen songs is special to you this would be great. Please email Eileen at brianthatcher@btinternet.com, or phone her on 0118 933 3037.



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

SHAMPOO, NAPPIES SIZE 6, RICE PUDDING, TOOTHPASTE ADULT/CHILD, SUGAR
KETCHUP, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

The banks are low on the following:

TINNED FRUIT, CUSTARD, SPONGE PUDDINGS, POT NOODLES, LONG LIFE MILK (UHT), MICROWAVE RICE