

st Mary's Burghfield

Newsletter 12 Friday 26th June 2020



Sunday 28th June 2020 - Join us for our 10am 'Virtual' service via Zoom.

Readings: Romans 6.12-end , Matthew 10.40-end

Today's Prayer: God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

3rd Sunday after Trinity – Proper 8

Please find the link for this week's service:

To join our service please contact Revd Glynn on:

glynn.lautenbach@stmarysburghfield.org

We have now made this a recurring link for Sunday services, till the end of August, so you can download and add the dates to your calendar or simply keep using the same link above



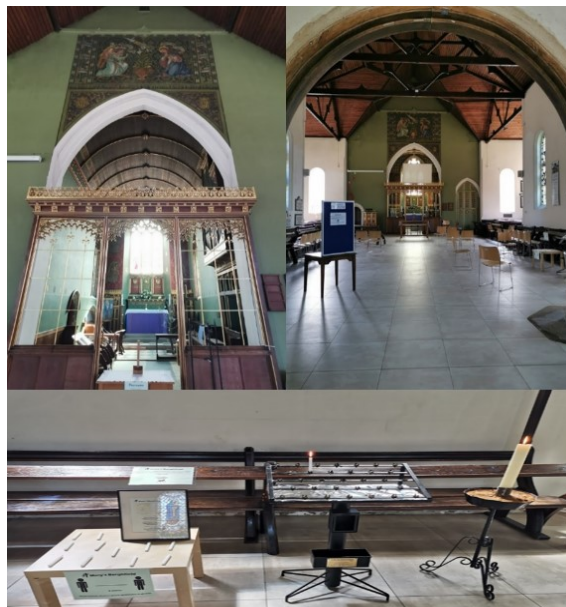
Worksheets for children and new 'Family Time' sheet attached
Weekly Children's message available on Sunday morning posted to Facebook/
website



Some really good news! We are now open for Private Prayer

Recently you will be aware that churches were given permission to open for private prayer by the government. Our Diocese is conscious that not all churches would be able to open and each has been given to permission to make their own decisions. I am delighted that our PCC agreed to this and together we have worked hard to put it all into place. It looks a little different inside (as you can see below) and is a temporary measure in order to follow the guidelines and requirements from both the government and the Diocese. These are all in place now in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Church is open from 10am -7pm daily, and regular daily cleaning is taking place.



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.



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

If you would like to donate, please click on the link:



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

Thank you for supporting our ministry and mission



Please pray for:

Reading Road, Hillside, Paddocks end and the Hollies nursing home.

Christingle services and our work for the Children's society

Those struggling for basic survival, without clean water and enough to eat.

Those who have died recently

Please also pray for the incident in Forbury Park last week. For the victims, their family and Friends, the perpetrator and all those involved in investigating the incident.

Prayers at St Mary's going forward



We will continue to publish prayers and reflections on Wednesday's and Friday's, which will continue to be available on our website and Facebook page.

However, we are trialling something new!

A small group of us used to always do Morning Prayer together every Monday morning at 9am and we are going to try and pick this up again through Zoom and you are invited to join in.

Please find the link which is also recurring.

To join our service please contact Revd Glynn on:

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

DAILY Bible Reading



Daily Readings for the week

Monday 29th June MP Psalms 71, Isaiah 49.1-6, John 21.15-22
Tuesday 30th June Psalm 73, Judges 9.1-21, Luke 15.11-end
Wednesday 01st July Psalm 77, Judges 9.22-end, Luke 16.1-18
Thursday 2nd July Psalm 78.1-39*, Judges 11.1-11, Luke, 16.19-end
Friday MP Psalms 92, Samuel 15.17-21, John 11.1-16
Saturday Psalms 76,79, Judges 12.1-7, Luke 17.11-19

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 is 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 Bible Course



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 you can watch the session videos online for free [here](#). You can download the manual for free [here](#). These videos will be available to watch for a limited time online (at least till end of August). We hope that this development will be helpful and encouraging to you at this challenge.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION



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 1938 until 1971, and remained in the parish until 1983. Jason would like to hear from anyone who remembers him and has drawn up a short questionnaire. If you remember Revd Nicholson please contact Colin Thompson on : colin@coltbus.plus.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

LONG LIFE JUICE, TINNED MEAT – CURRY, TINNED MEAT – CHILLI, TINNED MEAT – CASSEROLE,
NON-BIO WASHING POWDER, WASHING-UP LIQUID, SHAVING FOAM

The banks are low on the following:

CHOCOLATE BARS AND SWEETS, SPONGE PUDDINGS, RICE, SPAGHETTI HOOPS, KETCHUP

From West Berkshire Food Bank, Burghfield and Mortimer Food Bank Centre.

I hope you and those dear to you remain well.

Thank you for all the ways you have supported the West Berkshire Food Bank, Burghfield and Mortimer Food Bank Centre, in the past.

You will probably be aware that due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the number of people experiencing unemployment has increased and that this number is likely to continue to rise in the immediate future. As a result, the West Berkshire Food Bank is experiencing significantly greater demand for Food Parcels than normal. Could you please continue to donate food, bearing in mind these difficult circumstances, as you are able?

All types of the tinned and packaged food normally given out in a Food Parcel are needed.

In order to make food giving easier it is now possible, as well as giving via the collection points in Budgens - Mortimer and Tesco - Burghfield Common, to arrange collection from your doorstep. When you have food ready to collect you can arrange a collection appointment by calling 07955626621.

This is a new service so please be patient. Many thanks.

Allan Meakin, West Berkshire Food Bank, Burghfield and Mortimer Food Bank Centre.



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.





Fundraising initiatives: exciting news!

As you are all probably well aware we need to raise some money to enable the church to grow and thrive, and to meet our commitments for this year in the face of the loss of a significant proportion of Parish Centre income due to the COVID 19 crisis.

We have had some great ideas put forward already: ideas that hopefully we will all enjoy supporting, and that will raise those much-needed funds. We wanted to let you know what is planned, and to ask you to please get involved as much as you can. Whether you would like to help to organise future initiatives, or have a new idea to suggest, or are able to be a donor by buying/donating/participating: all these are essential and we would be very grateful for any offers.

These are the things we are aware of:

do please let us know if you have other ideas or we have overlooked anything.

1. Colin's quiz. Always a fantastic way to challenge yourself, your family, and friends, to have a good time and to learn some (more or less!) useful things into the bargain. Proving that quizzes are not just for Christmas, all the details are in this newsletter
2. Jigsaw jam. Another brilliant idea, this time from Lorraine. Again, the details are included elsewhere in the newsletter.
3. Amy's haircut. Amy has made this wonderful offer, which will help not only us but children suffering from cancer. She has written about it elsewhere in the newsletter.
4. Proposed auction of promises. In the past we have held auctions of promises, which have raised several thousand pounds. We hope to run an auction again this year. At this stage we need your promises. Do start to think about what you could promise. We need a whole range of promises. In the past we have had offers of baked goodies such as mince pies and fresh loaves, jars of jam and marmalade, through to catering for a dinner party or cooking a family meal. We have had offers of help from people with skills such as IT expertise, family history research, gardening. We have had objects, manufactured or homemade, such as planters, cushions, quilts. We have had offers of the use of holiday homes or a trip on a canal boat or.....Hopefully you get the idea and can use your imagination to see what you could offer. Watch this space for more details.
5. Book sale. If you have used this time to get some more reading done and are now keen to pass on books already read, and get some new reading material, we hope to provide you with that opportunity. Please keep any books you can donate to one side, and we will set up a stall as soon as it is safe and sensible to do so.

Further ideas, large or small, all gratefully received.

Thanks so much for your support,

Alison and Michael



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.

You can make you payment using this QR code (dedicated to the Quiz fundraiser) or this link or alternatively make arrangements through Colin.

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



Do you have jigsaw puzzles you have finished with?

Would you like new puzzles to do?

As a fun raising event we are exploring interest for a

"Jigsaw Jam".

Basically, you complete a Jigsaw you are willing to pass on, leave it on a board or piece of cardboard, to show it is complete. On a given date we will display all the jigsaws and you will have the opportunity to purchase new-to-you puzzles. And others have the opportunity to purchase your puzzle.

All money raised will help meet the financial needs of St Mary's Church.

If you have any puzzles, any size, for any age, any genre. Please contact Revd Lorraine at lorraine.colam@stmarysburghfield.org or phone 0118 943 2001

IMPORTANT

Email Address

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

stmarysburghfield@outlook.com



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.



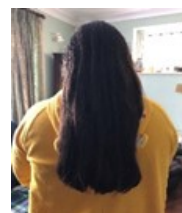
Hair raising!

Amy Legg is doing a fundraising item to raise money for the church!

Amy is having her hair cut and donating it to the Little Princess Trust that makes wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment.

The money that is raised will go towards the church and a code will be active for people to donate money. Amy does not have a date yet on when she will be having the 'chop' but as soon as we know we shall let you know!

You can make your payment using this QR code (dedicated to the Hair raising fundraiser) or this [link](#).





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.

[Alison has kindly sent us the following information:](#)

Sunday 21st was International Make Music Day. This started in France and has been celebrated in several European countries for upward of 20 years. It is celebrated in America and has been happening in Britain since at least 2017. I contributed to a video of "Bring me Sunshine" for this event (please find the [link](#)) with at least one of my WCB band mates and 190+ people from across the country. In the first frame I'm in the bottom left hand corner while clarinettist Gill is at the top. Later on I appear briefly playing a smaller instrument.

I didn't realise the size of the event until I picked up the livestream after church on Sunday or I might have told people about it. The following are [link one](#) and [link two](#) to the site with the other recordings. "Bring me Sunshine" is within the longer recording "Making Music in (or out of) Lockdown".

Alison Claire-Dalgleigh

[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?](#)



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