

St Mary's Burghfield

Newsletter 16 Friday 24th July 2020



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

Readings: Romans 8.26-end , Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Today's Prayer: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

7th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 12

Please find the link for this week's service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85889367180?pwd=UkdUb0ZRVVQybVlIQnhnMWpRRkFXZz09>

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

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZElf-CrqDwrEtQ5Jk_to1gADHJDrAOeZGRk/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtpjMjGdKSsRGHRpwMGogqXenwpmZcj7dsyTXuPDRcMwTXEspoFqBeP93g

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



Important Services Update

I wanted to let you all know where we are up to with the latest permissions and guidance from both government and the church.

You will all be aware that apart from permission to open for private prayer, we also recently have been permitted to open for services from 4th July by the government.

The government released guidelines earlier this week and there are now also guidelines from the church which you can view here

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Bishop Steven (our Diocesan Bishop) is quite clear there is no pressure to return to services in church immediately and that churches should think carefully and prayerfully about the whole process. Practically, we can also only return to Sunday services after we have completed an updated risk assessment. You will also remember we were required to give the nursery 'sole occupation' in order for them to return, which our clergy and PCC all agreed to and they will be closing for the end of the academic year from 17th July. It seems sensible then, to only consider returning to church once they have vacated the parish centre. The new academic year will be another consideration later on.

In the meantime we are investigating provision for online access to services in church. I think it right that we only begin our church services again once we can provide this option, since not everyone will feel comfortable returning, or be able to return if they have been shielding or are in a vulnerable position. I would not want anyone to feel excluded from our Sunday worship which they have been able to join in over these last several months.

As I mentioned last Sunday my own feeling and several agree so far through informal discussions, is to take it slowly and carefully, to consider how and when we return to church for services and this will be further discussed and agreed through the PCC. Our chief concern is to keep everyone as safe as possible, while of course we would want to return to worshipping together again as soon as we can put all these things in place.

In short going forward :

- Zoom Sunday services will continue till further notice
- Zoom links for our services and Fellowship Study Group will all be available on the website and our Facebook page from now on.
- Church is still open for private prayer from 10am-7pm daily
- **9am Monday Morning Prayer** will be the one service we will start back in church for anyone to attend, with provision for online access through Zoom as well.
- From the 20th July we will provide one weekly 'Prayer Reflection' on a Wednesday, available on Facebook and our website

Thank you for all your support during this time of crisis and please continue to keep myself, Lorraine and the PCC in your prayers, as we pray for discuss and make decisions about the future life of our parish. Please do get in touch if you have any concerns or contributions to add to our discussion and decisions. *Revd Glynn*

Emerging from Coronavirus Your Input Please!

We have had a document from the Diocese entitled "Emerging from Coronavirus", which we could use as a tool to aid for reflection in our parishes. It is a long document and you can download it in full here <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/emerging-from-coronavirus/>.

In essence it asks us to reflect on what's happened over the last few months through the pandemic and how that has affected us and how we respond and look to the future. I have shortened the document below.

It is based on the Anglican Five Marks of Mission and Bishop Steven in his introduction to the document says, *'The Five Marks of Mission connect very closely with our calling to be a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world. These are five different aspects of the work and character of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus does these things, so do we, his Church.'*

We would greatly value your thoughts and responses on any, just some or all of the sections. Your responses don't need to be detailed, just your thoughts and reflections would be helpful in a sentence or few words. If it's easier to respond, this information is also attached as a separate document and if you could please send it back to our admin email at stmarysburghfield@outlook.com or alternatively reply to me at glynn.lautenbach@stmarysburghfield.org

The Anglican Five Marks of Mission

- 1 To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- 2 To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- 3 To respond to human need by loving service
- 4 To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- 5 To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

There **are five sections** loosely based on these Anglican Five Marks of Mission. These sections are:

Prayer & Worship: return to church buildings, online provision, services provision

Catechesis (which means Christian teaching nurture) for new and previously hidden sheep

Pastoral Care: local community, occasional offices, memorials, continued shielding

Social Justice: economic crisis, poverty, abuse, mental health

Environment: carbon neutral, opportunities coming from C-19

Six questions are applied to each section- again please feel free to respond to all or a few of these questions for **each** of the sections.

- What has been lost that we need to grieve?
- What has been paused or reduced that we have an opportunity to let go of?
- What has been paused or reduced that we need to work at to renew?
 - What has been discovered that we will need to respond to?
- What is positive, new and emerging to be developed and resource?

What might we now need to do next?

Thank you so much for your help and responses, it will all be collated to help our discussions and reflections as a PCC and the way forward for St Mary's in our mission and ministry.

Revd Glynn



Fellowship Study Group

Our next meeting in on **Tuesday 28th July at 7.30pm**

After Tuesday 28th July we will be taking a break over the summer till September.

Every month on the Fourth Tue,

Please download and import the following iCalendar files [here](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84287157491?pwd=T2x1Y2hTZ3U3Yk82N2crUmhiQWoxZz09>

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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.

We have now started another group in the evenings (*Margaret Thomas already leads an Emmaus group during the day*), and we began our first meeting at the end of May. Going forward our pattern will be 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Its non-threatening, there is no need to 'know' it all and it is important for us all to grow and be challenged as we develop and journey in our faith. Look forward to seeing you there.

Topic: 2nd Tuesday Fellowship Study Group -7.30pm

Every month on the 14 of the month, until Aug 14, 2020, 2 occurrence(s)

Aug 14, 2020 19:30

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files [here](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

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9am Monday Morning Prayer (weekly)



A small group of us used to always do Morning Prayer together every Monday morning at 9am. From **Monday 6th July** we will return to church for this service. You are welcome to join us either in church or through Zoom on the link below.

Please find the link which is also recurring.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88314699164?pwd=a0xISUIPSm52RVEvSVINTzRHdHR5dz09>

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Please pray for:

- ◆ Blands Close, Oak Drive, Springwood Lane, Bunces Lane, Springwood Close
- ◆ People recently married or preparing for marriage
- ◆ Christian Community Action, Berkshire Women's Aid Refuge; work with the homeless
- ◆ Those who have died recently - Linda Phillips



Daily Readings for the week

Monday 27th July Psalms 1,2,3, I Samuel 10.1-16, Luke 22.24-30
Tuesday 28th July Psalm 5,6, (8), I Samuel 10.17-end, Luke 22.24-30
Wednesday 29th July Psalm 119.1-32, I Samuel 11, Luke 22.39-46
Thursday 30th July Psalm 14,15,16, I Samuel 12, Luke 22.47-62
Friday 31st July Psalms 17.19, I Samuel 13.5-18, Luke 22.63-end
Saturday 1st Aug Psalms 20.21,23, I Samuel 13.19-14.15 Luke 23.1-12

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



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

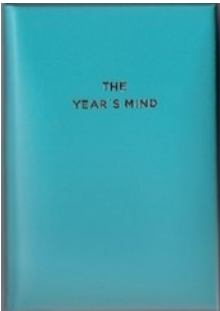


Due to the coronavirus situation, the bible course has not been able to continue here at St Mary's
 The Bible course has been adapted so you can watch the session videos online for free [here](#)
 You can download the manual for free [here](#).
 These videos will be available to watch for a limited time online (at least till end of August).
 We hope that this development will be helpful and encouraging to you at this time of challenge



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.

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.



Volunteers Needed!

Now people are starting to go back to work the Foodbank are struggling to find people to assist them. A shift would normally be 9:00am - 1:00pm and would help the local community a great deal. If you think you could assist in volunteering please contact them by clicking on the [link](#).

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

MEAT MEALS IN A CAN (CHILLI, STEW ETC.), SPONGE PUDDINGS, TOOTHPASTE, KETCHUP, SUGAR

The banks are low on the following:

MAYONNAISE, GARLIC PUREE (TUBE), TOMATO PUREE (TUBE), CHILLI MIX, SHAVING FOAM

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.



A note for your diary Friday 13th November – A GRAND AUCTION!

Owing to the suspension of our services in church and the closure of our Parish Centre, St Mary's is facing a sizeable deficit in the region of £17–£20k this year, we urgently need to consider ways of raising funds.

In the past we have had lots of fun holding our church auctions of good and promises, so a group of us have been putting our heads together to organise an event later in the year.

We need your help to make this a success and so we are asking you to put on your thinking caps to help us put together between 50 and 60 lots to make this possible.

We'd love to have a really wide range of lots to suit everyone's pockets and talents.

To get you started here are some of the ideas that we have had in the past.

From the Kitchen

Homemade jam or marmalade A favourite cake ... mince pies ... Meringues ... a posh pudding ... Christmas puddings or cake ... a casserole meal for a family ... homemade bread ... some bottles of wine ... an afternoon tea ... an Indian or Italian meal for 6 ... a poached salmon ... a Christmas hamper.

Maybe the green fingered amongst you might offer

A hanging basket ... a planter of spring bulbs ... a floral table decoration ... an afternoon's help in the garden ... watering someone's garden while they are on holiday

Something practical is always appreciated

An evening's babysitting ... dog walking car washing ... a taxi service for someone's night out ... a lift to the airport ... some handy man service, like putting up a shelf, or mending a tap ... laying a garden path ... a few hours ironing

Perhaps you have a particular skill

Some computer help Some tutoring in maths or English ... a dance lesson ... personal training or a yoga or Pilates session.

Are you a knit wit or sew and sew?

Some hand-made baby clothes ... a child's jumper ... a patchwork cushion ... a prom dress
Run up a pair of curtains ... help in how to use a sewing pattern

Perhaps you simply have an unwanted gift that someone else might find a use for.

Maybe you have a holiday home you might be willing to lend for a week.

Perhaps you might be able to donate cinema or theatre tickets.

If you have contacts with a local shop or firm perhaps you could ask for a donated item.

The list is as long as your imagination.

Please start thinking about what you could offer and have a word with Alison Eves, Margaret Thomas, Carol Doerge-Jackson or Rev Lorraine and keep watching this space.

It's going to be GRAND!



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



Hair raising!

Amy Legg is having the chop Saturday 25th July!

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 you payment using this QR code (dedicated to the Hair raising fundraiser) or this [link](#).



IMPORTANT

Email Address

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

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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.

PLEASE NOTE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEEK AS ADMINISTATOR IS ON ANNUAL LEAVE