

# **St Mary's Burghfield**

**Newsletter 17 Friday 31st July 2020**



*For the first time since lockdown we will be having our service in church as well as the opportunity to join the service via Zoom.*

**Sunday 2nd Aug 2020 - Join us for our 10am service.**

**8th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 13**

**Readings: Isaiah 55.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21**

**Today's Prayer:** Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please find the link for this week's service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85889367180?pwd=UkdUb0ZRVVQybVlIQnhnMWPpRRkFXZz09>

**This link will continue to be used as a recurring link for Sunday services, for those who would like to join us virtually. Please 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=98tyKuGtpjMjGdKSsRGHRpwMGoqgXenwpmZcj7dsyTXuPDRcMwTXEspoFqBeP93g](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZElF-CrQDwrEtQ5Jk_to1gADHJDrAOeZGRk/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtpjMjGdKSsRGHRpwMGoqgXenwpmZcj7dsyTXuPDRcMwTXEspoFqBeP93g)

Meeting ID: 858 8936 7180

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**Worksheets for children attached**

## **9am Monday Morning Prayer (weekly)**



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:**

- ◆ Hunter's Hill, Omers's Rise, Clayhill Road, Pinchcut, The Close, Cooper's Place & the 43 Clayhill Rd Community
- ◆ Our efforts to meet our financial commitments and our fundraising.
- ◆ Uniformed youth organizations and their leaders
- ◆ Those who have died recently - Linda Phillips



### **Daily Readings for the week**

Monday 3rd Aug Psalms 27,30, I Samuel 14.24-46, Luke 23.13-25  
Tuesday 4th Aug Psalm 32,36, I Samuel 15.1-23, Luke 23.26-43  
Wednesday 5th Aug Psalm 34, I Samuel 16, Luke 23.44-56a  
Thursday 6th Aug MP Psalm 27,150, Kings 19.1-16, John 3.1-3  
Friday 7th Aug Psalms 31, I Samuel 17.31-54, Luke 24.13-35  
Saturday 8th Aug Psalms 41,42,43, I Samuel 17.55-18.16, Luke 24.36-end

## 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**

## Summer Holidays

Over the summer we will be taking a break in some areas so we can all refresh ourselves

- While the weekly recorded 'Children's message' will not be available there is plenty of material available for families over the Summer, made freely available to anyone by 'Roots'. Please follow this link <https://www.rootsontheweb>
- Fellowship Study Group will resume from Tuesday 8th September
- As previously mentioned there will be one weekly reflection available each Wednesday on Facebook with the link also available on our website.

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

### Our favourite hymns and songs – a preview!

Many thanks again to those who have already sent me their list of favourite songs. We still hope to have a "Songs of Praise" service in church, but it seems likely that singing together is something that will still have to wait a while. To give us a taste of what's to come, I shall in a couple of weeks be putting a list of our top titles so far in the newsletter.



### Will your favourite ones be there?

There's still time to add them (up to a maximum of 5): let me know by email at [brianthatcher@btinternet.com](mailto:brianthatcher@btinternet.com), or by phone on 0118 933 3037.

### Some clear leaders are already appearing.....

Best wishes, Eileen.

## Church Cleaning Resumes!

### Can you help?

Would you like to help keep our beautiful church clean? As we resume church services we are moving back to our regular pattern of cleaning church twice a month, one Friday night and one Saturday morning.

The first clean will take place on Friday 14th August at 7pm and then Saturday 29th August at 10am. It's great fun, doesn't take long and if you need any further information please contact our church wardens,

Alison Eves - [alison.eves@stmarysburghfield.org](mailto:alison.eves@stmarysburghfield.org)

Or Mike Wood - [mike.wood@stmarysburghfield.org](mailto:mike.wood@stmarysburghfield.org)



# Fund Raising

**You will remember our letter about our finances and we still need to work together so our parish can be financially viable. If we all play our part this is something we CAN achieve together.**

Please pray about how you can contribute, whether financially, to the lots needed for the auction, through the Jigsaw Jam, or through some other fund raising idea.

Have a look below at how Amy has made her own contribution!



## **A note for your diary Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:lorraine.colam@stmarysburghfield.org) or phone 0118 943 2001



## 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.



## Hair raising!



Our wonderful Amy Legg has had her hair cut, and doesn't she look fabulous! Amy has donated **78 inches of hair** to the Princess Trust to make wigs for children being treated for cancer, and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment.

She has also been sponsored to raise funds for our church and its not too late to make your own donation by using the QR code above (dedicated to the Hair raising fundraiser) or this [link](#).

**Before**



**The cut begins**



**After**



**Donated hair**



## 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 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 <sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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

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The banks are low on the following:

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

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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.

# IMPORTANT

## Email Address

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

[stmarysburghfield@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysburghfield@outlook.com)



## Parish Administrator Hours

Please note that my working hours will be reduced from **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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](mailto:stmarysburghfield@outlook.com)