

St Mary's Burghfield

Newsletter 22 Friday 11th September 2020



Our service will be in church as well as the opportunity to join the service via Zoom.

Sunday 13th Sep 2020 - Join us for our 10am service.

14th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 19

Readings: Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18.21-35

Today's Prayer: Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please find the link for this week's service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85889367180?pwd=UkdUb0ZRVVQybVlIQnhnMWPpRRkFXz09>

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

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Worksheets for children attached

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:

- ◆ The Pingewood community, Berry's Lane, Searles Farm Lane, Kirton's Farm Road
- ◆ Our neighbours and friends in other local churches
- ◆ Political prisoners, those without freedom of speech or living under oppressive regimes
- ◆ Those who have died recently - Elizabeth Lautenbach, Christine Beazley
- ◆ Years Mind Prayer - Steven Potter

THANK YOU

Wayne and I would like to thank you all, for your love and support since Wayne's Mom, Elizabeth, died in August. We have so appreciated your prayers, messages, cards and offers of help. It really is wonderful to be part of such a caring community. For those who weren't in church last week, I gave an update on Elizabeth's funeral service which took place on Saturday 5th September. Our prayers were answered, and several difficulties were overcome, as we were able to 'attend' the service via Zoom, along with close family from both the UK and Australia. It has been a difficult time for us as a family and we have felt upheld and enfolded in love and care by both of our church communities and by our heavenly Father. Thank you once again

Wayne and Glynn Lautenbach



Can you Help?

We are looking for volunteers who might be able to help us in the following areas:

Church Archivist: Are you interested in the history of our church and parish life? Would you like to help keep a record of these events for the future? Our dear Arthur Mole previously took charge of this area for us and we now need someone else to take on this role. Incidentally we displayed quite a bit of our archive material at our 175th celebrations in 2018.

What would it entail?

Someone with time to sort through quite a bit of material which has been accumulated. Possibly someone who has been part of the church for a while though not necessarily a requirement cataloguing photographs and adding descriptions writing summaries of events collating and sending material to the Berkshire Records office where our other historical material is stored.

Churchyard Recorder: A couple of years ago we received records from the Berkshire Family History Society (BFHS), who had photographed and catalogued all the graves in our churchyard up to 2016. Colin Thompson singlehandedly tries to keep this up to date, however there is quite a bit to still do and we are looking for someone to help Colin. We also need to send all the updated information

What would it entail?

Firstly, full support would be given and help from both Colin and Revd Glynn. Someone with time to spend in the churchyard photographing (doesn't need to be a special camera as many mobile phones have excellent cameras) and comparing current records with alterations and additions since 2016. Updating these records collating and sending material to the Berkshire Family History Society so they can also update their records.

Both of these are ongoing roles and could be done by one person or several people working together.

If you are interested, or would like to know more, please speak to Glynn or one of the wardens for the Archivist role or Colin or Glynn about the Churchyard role.



Daily Readings for the week

Monday 14th September MP Psalms 2,8,146 , Genesis 3.1-15, John 12.27-36a
Tuesday 15th September Psalm 5,6 (8), I Kings 1.32-2.4:2.10-12, Acts 13.44-14.7
Wednesday 16th September Psalm 119.1-32, I Kings 3, Acts 14.8-end
Thursday 17th September Psalm 14,15,16, I Kings 4.29-5.12, Acts 15.1-21
Friday 18th September Psalms 20,21,23, I Kings 8.1-30, Acts 15.36-16.5
Saturday 19th September Psalms 20,21,23, I Kings 8.1-30, Acts 15.36-16.5

9am Monday Morning Prayer (weekly)



You are welcome to join us in church as we read the bible and pray together



Fellowship Study Group Returns!

Our next meeting in on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm

At this time we feel it is best to continue meeting on Zoom till further guidelines are available .

Please join us through the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82029314513?pwd=bFhnNGZPSVINWIAvQVg4dlh2QkdyUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 2931 4513

Passcode: 746158

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

Monthly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZYtdeCrrz8vG9eNww_Z1te1krHLLJFq_3yc/ics?](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZYtdeCrrz8vG9eNww_Z1te1krHLLJFq_3yc/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGqrjkjGdWRtRiERpwQAojoXenzmCIYjfpYsgjyPBoCdganPfbQhp5VNsnnv)

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More Information:

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 began this group on Zoom earlier this year and took a break over the summer break. Going forward our pattern will continue to be 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Its non-threatening, there is no need to 'know' it all and it's important for us all to grow and be challenged as we develop and journey in our faith.

Look forward to seeing you there. *Revd Glynn*

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

Our favourite hymns and songs – a preview!

Our favourite hymns and songs – so far.....

Here as promised is a list of the most popular hymns and songs that you have chosen; we hope to be singing these and many other favourites when we are allowed to sing together again. Out of a very wide range chosen, the leaders so far, in alphabetical order, are:

- Amazing grace (traditional version)
- Be still, for the presence of the Lord
- Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
- I, the Lord of sea and sky
- In Christ alone
- Let us build a house (all are welcome)
- Make me a channel of your peace
- Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven
- Tell out, my soul
- The Lord's my shepherd (Stuart Townend version)



Is your favourite there? If not, send me the details now!!

By email at brianhatcher@btinternet.com, or by phone on 0118 933 3037. We're going to enjoy some lovely music together just as soon as we can, and your choice could still be the top song.

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 next cleans will take place on **Fridays at 7pm: 11 September** and **9 October** and **Saturdays at 10 am: 26 September** and **24 October**

All are welcome to join in the fun of keeping our beautiful church building spick and span, no previous experience required! Please come and help with this very important task, more vital than ever at present of course. You may notice many details of the wonderful building that have escaped your notice before. See you there: any questions please ask Michael or Alison

Alison Eves - alison.eves@stmarysburghfield.org

Or Mike Wood - 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.



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.

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?



Ride & Stride 12 September 2020

Ride and Stride is an annual fund raising event in the Deanery with participants invited to get sponsorship for visiting churches in the Deanery. The money raised is equally divided between the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust, and the home parish of the participant. Anyone who would like to take part should contact Colin Thompson for more details or check the following website:

<http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride-2/>

The churches taking part will be open between 10am and 6pm. At present we have no local entrants but one of the organisers (Torquil Montague-Johnstone) who hopes to visit every participating church by (e)bike has generously offered to donate the local share to the parish that nominated him. To sponsor Torquil go to their JustGiving page:

<http://www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust>

Remember to nominate Torquil and Burghfield St Marys!

Many thanks, Colin Thompson, (01189832603) colin@coltbus.plus.com



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

The plans and preparations for our exciting fund raising auction on 13 November are continuing apace, and we have had some wonderful offers and donations.

Thank you to all who have already generously offered a lot (such alot!!) If you have not yet told us about something you'd like to give, please do so as soon as possible, as we are compiling the catalogue. The deadline is the end of September.

The other important thing to do is to mark that date in your calendars, and to get your tickets, and to encourage your friends and family to come along too.

You can attend in person (obviously limited to a safe number who can socially distance) or virtually: tickets are now available from Eventbrite. Or please let Alison Eves know if you want to attend but don't have access to Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/118169101965>

Many thanks in anticipation, it is going to be a wonderful event, thanks to all your generosity.

Date for your diaries: Sunday 27th September 2020



Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in [The Trussell Trust](#) network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

If you are happy to drop off food donations, our local food collection points are as below:

Tesco Express in Burghfield – opening hours 6.00am –11pm

Budgens in Mortimer—opening hours 7.00 am –9pm

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

BAKED BEANS, CUSTARD, RICE PUDDING, SPONGE PUDDINGS, SUGAR, DEODORANT, TINNED FRUIT
MEAT MEALS IN A CAN (CHILLI, STEW ETC.)

The banks are low on the following:

SHAMPOO, CLEANING PRODUCTS, INSTANT MASH, TINNED POTATOES, CHILLI MIX, CUP-A-SOUP

IMPORTANT

Email Address

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

stmarysburghfield@outlook.com



Amendment to Parish Administrator Hours

Please note that my working hours will be reduced from **Wednesday 13th May 2020**. I shall now be working from **08:45– 11:45** until further notice. Anything sent after 11:45am will be replied to the following day.

I will return to working from the parish office in church from Tuesday 8th September



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

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