

St Mary's Church Burghfield

Welcoming all, growing faith, serving others

Friday 13th January 2023

Revd Glynn is away from Thursday 12th to Friday 27th Inc.

Any queries please contact the Parish Administrator or our Church Wardens



EPIPHANY

Sunday 15th January 2023

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10am Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7 John 1.29-42

Today's Prayer:

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:

bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages

and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Click [HERE](#) to access Zoom for 10.00am service.

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.

Click [HERE](#) to add to calendar Meeting ID: 858 8936 7180 & Password: 508863

The Bible Course

Our course is starting on **Tuesday 24th January**, 7.30pm
in the Parish Centre.

An 8 week programme from the Bible Society. It covers the whole Bible, describing the different types of literature (e.g. books of history, prophecy, wisdom & good news etc.) & explains how best to approach these.

Each session lasts approx. an hour and includes a short video followed by discussion.

Further details please contact Don Sinclair sinclairhartlands@gmail.com



Please pray with us for those who have died recently:

Years Mind:,

Robert Charles Rice, Ivy Monica Smith,
Arthur Mole



Emmaus



What's Emmaus about?

It's a group of friends who meet twice a month on the first and third Wednesday mornings of the month (10 am – 11.30 am) to enjoy reading and talking about the Bible together, drinking coffee, munching biscuits and generally have a good chat.

You don't need to be a Bible scholar because we all learn together and help each other along the road. We usually meet at Margaret's house in LovesClose. Just ask Margaret, Susan Potter, or Lesley Brigden about it. We'd love you to join in.



**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MONDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WHILST REVD GLYNN IS AWAY**

Sat 14th Jan	Fundraising Games Evening 7.30pm, in the Parish Centre
Sunday 15th Jan	9am Breakfast @ Church 10am Reflective Communion & via Zoom
Sunday 22nd Jan	10am Parish Communion & via Zoom 12.15pm Baptism
Thurs 26th Jan	11am Funeral
Friday 27th Jan	1.30pm Wedding
Sat 28th Jan	10.30-12 RSPB Big Bird Watch & Crafty Church
Sunday 29th Jan	10am Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple) Parish Communion & via Zoom
Mon 30th Jan	9am Morning Prayer
Sunday 5th Feb	10am Parish Communion & via Zoom 2.30pm Outdoor Church
Sunday 12th Feb	10am Parish Communion & via Zoom
Wed 15th Feb	Coffee Morning 10.30 at Alison's house - 29 Clayhill Road
Fri 17th Feb	Fundraising Film Night 7pm
Sunday 19th Feb	9am Breakfast @ Church 10am Parish Communion & via Zoom 6pm Taize
Wed 22nd Feb	9.30am Burghfield St Mary's School Ash Wednesday Service 7.30pm Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion with Ashing
Sunday 26th Feb	10am Parish Communion & via Zoom
Sunday 5th March	10am Parish Communion & via Zoom 2.30pm Outdoor Church
Tues 7th March	Spring Craft Evening



Did you know that the Foodbank now has its local outlet back at St Oswald's Church on Fridays between 1-3pm

local food collection points are as below:

- ♦ **St Mary's Church-** collection point in our church porch.
- ♦ **Tesco Express** in Burghfield – opening hours 6.00am – 11pm
- ♦ **Co-op** 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**

Please click [Here](#) to find out what food donations are urgently needed at the foodbank.

St Marys Food Bank contact person:

Anne Eatwell - 07747 535540 or 0118 9832666
If you have any questions or would like to offer help in any way please get in touch with Anne.



Foodbank have this [link](#) that you can follow and add to your Instagram feed:



Colin's Quiz has raised £140 so far!

You can still get a copy to entertain your guests at an upcoming event you might be holding.

40 general knowledge questions for the family,

24 picture questions and 2 handouts.

Available in paper form or by email.

Only £10 per copy from Colin Thompson

(0118 9832603) or colin@coltbus.plus.com

Let's get fundraising!

January Individual Initiative

Please clear out any old Currency and any Foreign Currency that you have hanging around and Donate it to Church Funds. Please encourage your Friends and Family to join in too. It's a good way to have a clear out and our combined efforts will be a welcome boost to our Fundraising Total. It will also be interesting to see all the places that we have visited over the years!

Please hand your Currency Donations to Colin or any of The Fundraising Team.

Thank you



GAMES NIGHT

BINGO and BEETLE DRIVE with RAFFLE

Saturday 14 January

7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Bring yourselves, your friends & family for the chance to have some fun playing good old fashioned games and to enjoy cheese, pate, wine and friendship too!



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW - £15 per person - in Church or contact Anne Pocock on 07713 911748 /

bannepocock@aol.com



**NEW
FUND-
RAISING
TOTAL!
£6504.88**





Saturday 28th January

10.30—12

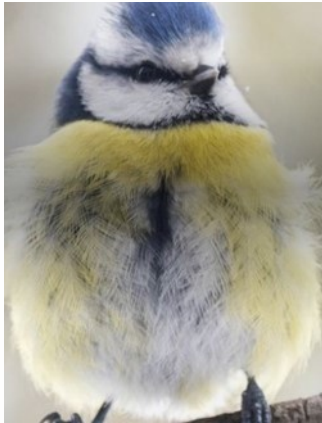
Please join us at
The Parish Centre for

The RSPB

BIG Garden Birdwatch

&

Crafty Church



Living in Love and Faith

Late last year our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, published an essay 'Together in Love in Faith' as a personal response to the last several years of the discussion and searching within the Church of England as regards human sexuality. Many will already be aware of it and if you aren't I would like to bring it to your attention. As background, churches across the country last year were invited in 2020 to participate in discussions and study groups, using the resources 'Living in Love and Faith'. This time frame was extended due to the pandemic and a small group from our own church participated in the course earlier last year.

My apologies as I should have drawn your attention to + Steven's response earlier, but like so many succumbed to the cold/flu going around and then Christmas was upon us. However I feel this is too important to ignore and that it would be good to bring to your attention. You will have your own thoughts and opinions on the subject and whichever way your conclusions draw you, I recommend you at least listen to + Steven's address to Diocesan Synod. Furthermore I would commend his essay to you for further reading as it is (in my opinion) a courageous and honest account of his own journey, as he has explored this topic, through encounter, prayer, and pouring over the scriptures, and come to his conclusions.

If anyone would like to talk to me further about this, please feel free to get in touch. *Revd Glynn*

From the Diocesan eNews (17th November 2022)

Wisdom from above



Presidential address to Diocesan Synod

Following the publication of his essay, Together in Love and Faith, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, offers a commentary and reflections on the next stage of the Living in Love and Faith process. This includes the way in which we might approach that process together, both as a diocese, and more widely as the Church of England. [Worth a watch.](#)

+Steven's essay

Bishop Steven's essay is now available on Kindle free of charge and printed copies are available in pack quantities for home groups and congregations. [Details of how to obtain a copy here on the website.](#)





**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



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

Church Cleaning

Please join our happy band in cleaning the church

Our next cleaning dates (all at 10am) are:

Saturday 21st January

Saturday 4th February

Many hands make light work and it is a joy to care for our beautiful building.

Please don't forget to come and help. Thank you in anticipation!



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Working Hours



Contact Details

Rector -Revd Glynn Lautenbach

07979151598 or 0118 983 2115 or Email: RectorSMB@outlook.com

Parish Administrator Tuesday –Friday 08:45 –12:45 Office location & Homebased

If you need a face to face meeting please email or call on the below to arrange a date and time

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To Contact the Churchwardens:

Michael Wood– Email: mike.wood@stmarysburghfield.org

Alison Eves—Email: alison.eves@stmarysburghfield.org

Website: www.stmarysburghfield.org

Find us on [Facebook](#) too! Photos and news of upcoming and recent events on our page “St Mary's Church Burghfield”.

Address: Church Lane, Burghfield Village, Reading, Berks, RG30 3TG

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