

st Mary's Church Burghfield

Welcoming all, growing faith, serving others

Friday 23rd December



Wishing you all a Happy & Blessed Christmas

Saturday 24th December 2022

Christmas Eve

2.00pm Christingle - Eventbrite Booking see link on page 2

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85879002370?pwd=ejN2T3Jwc3VQLlkcFFaSlV0elF5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 858 7900 2370 Passcode: 026597

4.00pm Christingle - Eventbrite Booking see link on page 2

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10 John 1.1-14

Today's Prayer: Eternal God,

in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Saturday 25th December 2022

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Day—All Age Family Service (no Communion)

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85889367180?pwd=UkdUb0ZRvVQybVIIQnhnMWpRRkFXZz09>

Meeting ID: 858 8936 7180 Passcode: 508863

Reading: Titus 3.4-7 Luke 2.8-20

Today's Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen

Sunday 1st January 2023

New Years Day

10am, Parish Communion, Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Readings: Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.15-21

Today's Prayer: Almighty God,

whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, To worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Advent and Christmas Events and Services 2022/2023

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

2.00pm and 4.00pm Christingle Services

Especially for families-come dressed as a Nativity character.

Zoom access available for the 2pm service only

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[\(please note these should be booked through Eventbrite—see links below:](#)

2.00pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2pm-christingle-service-2022-st-marys-burghfield-tickets-454882163797>

4.00pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4pm-christingle-service-2022-st-marys-burghfield-tickets-454884510817>

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December—Christmas Day

10.00am All Age Service – No communion -*Bring a Christmas gift to show*

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Sunday 1st January 2023

10.00am—Parish Communion— Join in our special service for New Years day

2.30pm— All Age Walk— Come and join in a walk together to start the New Year. People of all ages welcome. Opportunity to find

out about our new service coming in February ' Outdoor Church'.

Further details on page 4.



Please pray with us for those who have died recently:

Years Mind:

Maurice Reed, Gillian Margaret Etherington,
Leigh Lautenbach, George Perry & Oscar Rumsey

Here's What's Happening!

Saturday 24th Dec 2.00pm Christingle - **Eventbrite Booking see link on page 2**
4.00pm Christingle - **Eventbrite Booking see link on page 2**
11.30pm Midnight Communion

25th Dec 10.00am Christmas Day
All Age Family Service (no Communion)

2023

Sunday 1st January 10am Parish Communion
2.30pm Family Walk—**Details on page 4**

Sunday 8th Jan 10am Epiphany - Parish Communion

Monday 9th Jan 9am Morning Prayer

Wed 11th Jan Soup Lunch 12.30-2pm

Sat 14th Jan Fundraising Games Evening 7.30pm,
To be held in the Parish Centre

Sunday 15th 9am Breakfast @ Church
10am Reflective Communion

Monday 16th Jan 9am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd Jan 10am Parish Communion
12.15pm Baptism

Monday 23rd Jan 9am Morning Prayer

Friday 27th Jan 1.30pm Wedding

Sunday 29th Jan 10am Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)
Parish Communion

Monday 30th Jan 9am Morning Prayer



Further up and coming events currently placed in the diary for you to attend, or avoid the church when they are taking place

1st January 2023	10.00am Special Communion Service for New Years day 2.30pm All Age Walk. If you need to walk off the Christmas excesses or just need some fresh air then join us for a fun stroll around our local village. For young & old, families, couples & singles, friendly well behaved dogs welcome too. Meet in the Carpark by the Vets/Pharmacy, Chervil Way, Burghfield Common at 2.15pm for a prompt 2.30 start. Our route will take us through woods & sidewalks so please come suitably dressed for all weather conditions, walk will be about an hour with the return to the carpark followed by some refreshments. Further details please contact Glynn on 07979 151598.
11th January 2023	Soup Lunch & Raffle 12.30-2pm, held at Anne's house 14 Windmill Road, Mortimer
14 January 2023	Games Evening -Bingo & Beetle (Drive) 7.30pm £15 per person to include Cheese, Pate, Biscuits, Wine or Soft Drink
5th February 2023	First 'Outdoor Church' in the afternoon– Time TBC
17 February 2023	Family Film Night 7pm. Popcorn and Ice Cream
7 March 2023	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.

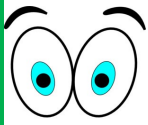
You may also wish to complete a **Gift Aid form to add 25% value to your donation**

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:



Would you like to learn more about Christianity, the Bible, and grow in your own faith in a group setting? See these opportunities below.



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 Loves Close. Just ask Margaret, Susan Potter, or Lesley Brigden about it. We'd love you to join in.

The Bible Course

An eight-session course helping you explore the world's bestseller!

Way back in 2020 we began 'The Bible Course' which had to pause due to the pandemic. We are thinking about starting it again next year on a Wednesday night. If you are interested in joining in and learning more about the Bible, please get in touch with either Don Sinclair or Revd Glynn.

Dates for the New Year

11th Jan, Fundraising Soup Lunch & Raffle.

To be held at 14 Windmill Road Mortimer

All are welcome for lunch, friendship & chatter.



14th Jan, Games Evening, 7.30 in the Parish Centre.

£15 per person to include cheese, pate, wine or soft drink.

Please let the Fundraising Team (Alison, Margaret, Lesley, Anne) know if you would like to join in the fun.

TICKETS ON SALE SOON!

**NEW
FUND-
RAISING
TOTAL!
£6304.88**





You might remember Revd Darrell Hannah coming to speak to us earlier this year about Operation Noah, and you will see from our Diocesan eNews the campaign to stop the new coal mine in Cumbria which is coordinated by Christian Aid and Operation Noah. To find out more follow the link. *Revd Glynn*

From the Diocesan eNews



Stop new coal

Over 450 Church leaders and Christian environmental campaigners have signed an open letter to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Secretary of State Michael Gove, calling on the UK government to rethink its approval of a new coal mine in Cumbria, which received the go-ahead this month but threatens the goal of limiting global heating to 1.5°C.

All four of our bishops signed the letter. The campaign is coordinated by Christian Aid and Operation Noah. [Find out more.](#)



Amaze your friends and neighbours with our annual Christmas Quiz.

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



**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 phoneline 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 are:

Saturday 7th January @10am

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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Mike Wood - mike.wood@stmarysburghfield.org



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

Office Mobile– 07979871608 Email: stmarysburghfield@outlook.com

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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