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Showing and Sharing God's Love

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And a very special welcome if it's your first time here!

- You are very welcome to stay for refreshments at the end of the service if you can.
- If you would like to know about other things that happen in our church life, please see our website – www.cofebishopstoke.com
- During one of the songs in our service a collection is normally made. If you are able to use one of the Gift Aid envelopes, it really does make a difference and is most appreciated. At St Mary's we are also able to take card donations following the service. If you would like to find out about regular, tax-efficient giving, please let us know or take a look at <https://www.cofebishopstoke.com/giving-to-our-church>.

Today

St Mary's

8 am Holy Communion

Service starts on p.229

Collect on p.494

10.45 am Church Together

3.30 pm All Souls service

St Paul's

9.15 am Holy Communion

Bible Readings

[Psalm 104.1-10]

Job 38.1-7,34-41 (p.538)

Mark 10.35-45 (p.1015)

Contact: Revd Richard Wise on 8061 2192, email. rwise@talktalk.net

Collects / Prayers for this week

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Items for prayer...

- **the unwell** – Tim, David, Fiona, Robert, Denise, Pauline, Edna, Joy, Chris, Margaret, David, Tom, Jocelyn, Shane, Julia, Amelia, Margaret, Glyn, Finn, David, Karen, Joan, Tracy, Maureen, Liz, Charlotte, Janet & Michael, Brenda, Tommy
- **our parish** – Bishopstoke Scouts and Guides (in West Drive & at St Paul's)
- **All Souls service** – for everyone who comes; for God's continued presence with them
- **Share Your Story** – the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury and members of the College of Evangelists to our Diocese this weekend; that we may continue to share our stories of faith
- **Rotary shoe boxes** – the children and young people who will receive them; their families and communities
- **the ecological and climate emergency** – those suffering most from this; the decisions and actions of world leaders; for the Church Commissioners to be open to rewilding more of their land; for each of us to do whatever we can to make a positive difference

- **peace** – for all whose lives have been shattered and for a just, lasting peace in Israel-Palestine, Lebanon, and across the Middle East; for other parts of the world where there is conflict

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This Week

Mon	2.30 pm	Prayer Healing Fellowship (St Paul's)
	3 pm	Holy Communion (Bishopstoke Park)
Tues	9 am	Morning Prayer (Methodist Church)
Wed	8 pm	Compline / Night Prayer (Zoom)
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion – BCP (St Paul's)
Sun	10.45 am	Parish Communion (St Mary's)
<i>All Saints</i>	4 - 6 pm	Messy Church (St Paul's)

All Souls Our All Souls service is THIS AFTERNOON at 3.30 pm at St Mary's. Anyone will be most welcome to come to remember departed loved ones and light candles in their memory. Refreshments will be served following the service for those who wish to stay.

Rotary shoe boxes A huge thank you to everyone who bought items for and packed one of these.

Café @ St Mary's Many thanks to everyone who helped with or supported last week's café in any way. We raised £227.50 towards the Urgent Repairs.

Remembrance Sunday The 10.45 am service on 10 November will not be Church Together, but an Act of Remembrance followed by worship for all ages. It will start at 10.45 am promptly and last about 55 minutes. There will be refreshments following the service.

Quiz We will be holding a quiz at St Mary's on Friday 15 November at 7 pm, and the quiz master will be Roy LeMarechal, our Belltower Captain. If you'd like to come, please sign up on the list at the back of church. You're very welcome to invite friends, as long as you add them to the list. Teams should be of 4 - 6 people, and you may sign up as a

team, or we can place you in a team. The cost will be £5 per head, and basic refreshments will be available, but you're very welcome to bring your own food and drink (including alcohol). All proceeds will go towards the Urgent Repairs.

Winter Hymnathon On Saturday 30 November, the day before the start of Advent, we will be holding another hymnathon. It will be at St Mary's, from 2 – 4 pm, and there will be refreshments, a raffle, and the opportunity to donate to the Urgent Repairs fund. You are invited to select one or two favourite hymns for this, and we will try to include at least one from each person. You may wish to think of hymns related to the time of year, but please don't feel limited to them. You may also wish to say a few words about your chosen hymn. To request a hymn, please fill in a slip from the back of either church and place it in the box. Alternatively, please email music4bishopstoke@gmail.com Please come, enjoy, and sing to the roof – or the walls!

St Mary's Urgent Repairs Fund Thank you so much for all your giving and fundraising so far for this. We have now raised over £16,600. If you would like to make a gift, please see the leaflets or poster at the back of church, or simply put your donation in an envelope marked 'Urgent Repairs'. We would also be very grateful if you can Gift Aid it – there are Gift Aid forms at the back of church. Alternatively, please go to <https://www.cofebishopstoke.com/urgent-repairs> Many thanks!

Grant finders If you would be willing to help the church by applying for grants for the Urgent Repairs, please have a word with Richard. We will be able to give you all the information you need, as well as some ideas of where to apply to, and a PCC member will be able to support you in doing it. You would need to be able to access the internet.

Your contact details If you come to church regularly but have never completed a Church Contact Consent form, we would really encourage you to do so. There are copies at the back of each church.

Autumn Bazaar Bishopstoke Methodist Church are holding an Autumn Bazaar THIS SATURDAY – 2 November – from 10 am - 2 pm. There will be cakes and preserves; books, puzzles and toys; nearly new clothes and bags; craft jewellery and cards for sale. Refreshments will also be available. Free admission; cash only payments; all proceeds to church funds. You'd be very welcome!

Looking ahead...

Café @ St Mary's will take place on:

November 23 – 'Christmas' café

All 10 am – 12.30 pm

There will be a Cream Tea on:

November 16

All 2.30 – 4.30 pm

Other dates for your diaries:

November 15 – Quiz – 7 pm, St Mary's

November 30 – 'Winter' hymnathon – 2 - 4 pm, St Mary's

December 20 – *The Maddening Crowd* Christmas performance –
7.30 pm, St Mary's

All proceeds to the Urgent Repairs

Eco Actions for October - What's on the menu?



Could you manage to do some of these this month – where relevant? They could soon become habits – good ones! Some might save you money, but even more important, they will all really help in caring for the world and its people.

1. Think about your food before it reaches your table. 45% of the carbon emissions from food comes from production (on the farm), 28% in food processing, 7% in packaging, and 19% from transport. Home grown has the lowest carbon footprint!
2. Learn how to cook a new vegetarian or vegan meal each week. Why? Switching to plant-based protein is better for your health and carbon budget. 1kg weight: beef/lamb 19kg CO₂e (cows and

sheep burp methane); chicken 4.5kg CO₂e; beans 2kg CO₂e; and lentils 0.9 kg CO₂e.

3. Cut back on cheese and dairy products. Cows burp methane, a very strong greenhouse gas. Eat more plant-based alternatives, such as oat or soya “milk”, hummus, olives, nuts and seeds.
4. Stick to tap water. Bottled water comes with a 320g per litre carbon footprint, whereas tap water is a mere 0.24g CO₂e per litre. If you don't like the taste of your home tap water, install an under the sink water filter.

Safeguarding in our church If you have any concerns about a child / young person or vulnerable adult in our church, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Margaret Ward, on 07778 691302 or by emailing cofebishopstokesafeguarding@gmail.com.

You can find out more about Safeguarding and other people who may be contacted on the posters at the back of each church or [on our website](#).



Eastleigh Basics Bank are always very grateful for our support, and at the moment, due to the rise in the cost of living, the need is greater than ever. Donations of food can be made at many local supermarkets, the Basics Bank in Wells Place, or brought to church. You can see the most up-to-date list on their [website](#) as well as the supermarkets which receive donations. ***They would also be very grateful for unwanted carrier bags, which are becoming scarcer! You can bring them to church.*** Many thanks for whatever you are able to give.

Church compost bins We have compost bins in St Mary's churchyard (near the hedge on the east side of the church) and at St Paul's (behind the hedge in the far corner of the grass). You are very welcome to put the following items in them: cut flowers, vegetable peelings, fruit cores and peel / skin, nettles, compostable cups. Please do not put plastic, dog poo, hedge cuttings, grass cuttings, horsetail weed or other food waste in the bin. If you have any queries, please contact Jenny on compostjen@gmail.com Many thanks.

Online giving to our church If you would like to give a one-off or regular gift online to St Mary's & St Paul's, our bank details are:

Account name: Bishopstoke PCC
Sort Code: 40-46-39
Account no.: 91780646

If you would like us to claim Gift Aid, you can download our Gift Aid declaration form from [this page](#) on our website. If you can't print it off, just let us know and we'll get a copy to you. We really encourage you to Gift Aid donations if you can – if you need any help with this, please contact our Gift Aid Secretary, Natasha Redfern, on 07739 322584.

Parish Giving Scheme This enables you to give a regular or one-off gift to our church. If you wish to Gift Aid your donations, this can be done without filling in an additional form. You can also give anonymously (if you wish), whilst still enabling us to claim Gift Aid. To join the scheme, please go to our page at [PGS](#).

Many thanks for whatever you are able to give or already give!

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